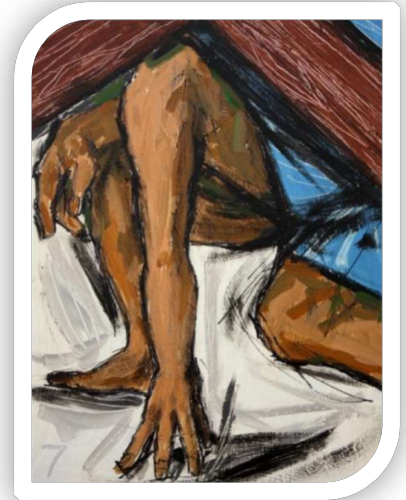


7: Jesus Falls for the Second Time

We Remember the Cross of Jesus:

Stretched to breaking point by awful scourging, bowed under the weight of the cross, worn out by the abandonment of all his friends, Jesus stumbles again.



Response: *We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world*

We Name the Crosses of Today: All around us people are overburdened by the crosses they carry; they struggle and sometimes fall. There are those who have lost their jobs and feel that they have little hope of finding another, those who live with the prospect of unemployment, and those who struggle to keep others in work. There are those who suffer because of failures in our financial, health and political systems. Jesus is with each one of us however we fall and there he chooses to love and save us.

We Pray: Jesus, from deep within yourself, you found the courage and strength to get up once again and continue the journey. Give us your strength to keep going even when hope is dim.

Spoken Response: *Glory be to the Father...*

Sung Response: *Were you there when Jesus fell again?*