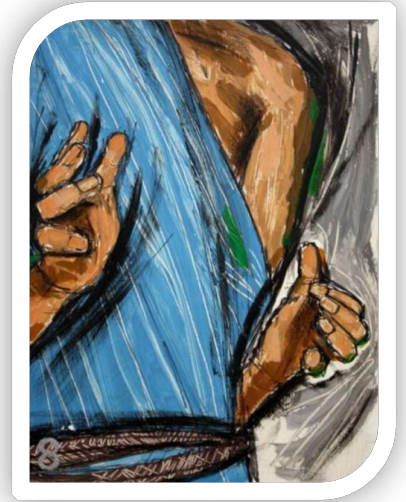


## 8: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

We Remember the Cross of Jesus:

The women of Jerusalem wept when they saw how Jesus suffered. Jesus recognised their distress, he broke his silence for the first time, spoke to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem do not weep for me. Weep for yourselves and for your children.'



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:

Look at Jesus and listen to his message for us today.  
Weep for the children who are abused.  
Weep for the women who are victimised.  
Weep for men and women who suffer from the tyranny of today's body image that controls their lives and prevents them from feeling lovable.  
Weep for the young who cannot find a job or a way in life.  
Weep for the old who are forgotten.  
Weep for people who starve in the shadow of abundance.  
Weep for people who are homeless, in exile or seeking refuge.  
Weep for them.

We Pray:

Lord, open our hearts to the suffering of all people in our world. Give us the generosity of spirit to help us recognise their pain, the courage to challenge the systems that place intolerable burdens on them and the compassion to support them.

Spoken Response:

*Glory be to the Father...*

Sung Response:

*Were you there when the women wept for him?*