



LENT



# Today We Will:



- Today we will use some Modern Images of the stations of the cross painted by the artist Sieger Koder to help us to reflect on the passion of Christ.
- Usually I love looking at these images with groups of students as you are always so insightful and your interpretations always help me to see new perspectives on Jesus' life and message.
- I will miss doing this activity with you, but maybe you will encourage your families to reflect on the images with you.
- You could even print out the images and place them around the house to recreate the way you would traditionally move around, stopping at each "station"
- The booklet is designed to help create a prayerful and reflective accompaniment to the images

# Making the sign of the cross:



Lord, you invite us to unite your journey with ours. Help me to make sense of my life through yours. Let each of these images become a step towards our mutual fulfilment in this love we share. Lord Jesus, show me the way. Amen.

*Stand before each image. Allow yourself to be drawn into the picture, open yourself to the characters or the events. Does it remind you of anything in your own life or the events of the world around you? What is it teaching you?*

# Surrender



We Pray...  
*Jesus, you didn't hesitate  
to pay the price  
of our wrongdoing.  
Give us the courage  
to face the truth  
when we fail.  
Give us strength  
to be true  
to your gospel  
and to be true  
to our brothers  
and sisters.*

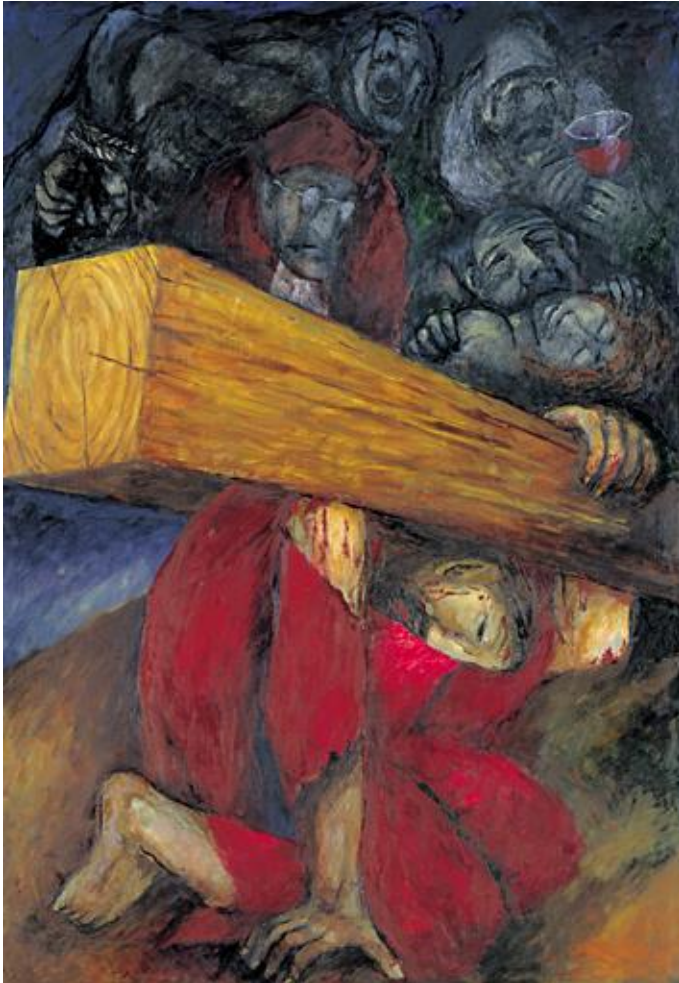
# Embrace.



We Pray...  
*Lord Jesus,  
the mystery  
of your cross is  
at the heart of our lives.  
Help us embrace  
the world as you did.  
Give us the perseverance  
we need to make  
our world a better place.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done.*



# Cornerstone.



We Pray...  
*Jesus, you bore our sin  
so that we might live.  
You are the rock  
of our strength.  
Do not allow us  
to neglect those  
who are crushed  
by their own mistakes, those  
who feel rejected,  
the sinful.*

# No words.



We Pray...  
*Lord Jesus,  
your mother shared  
your pain,  
your destiny.  
As so often we hurt  
those we love,  
and fail  
those we hold dear,  
help us to share  
in the healing power  
of your love.*

# Unison.



We Pray...  
Lord, as we journey  
help us to see  
those who stagger along the  
path of the cross:  
the refugees,  
the homeless,  
the lonely.  
We ask for  
strong shoulders  
on which to ease  
the load of others  
and a heart  
filled with love  
for all.

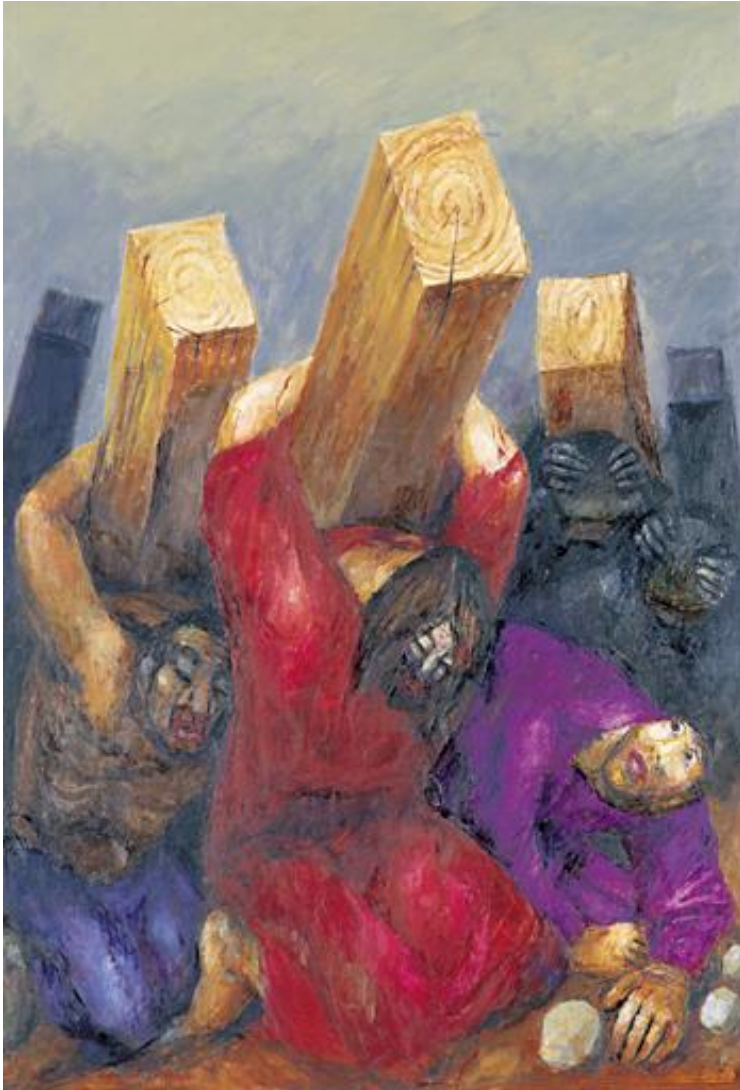


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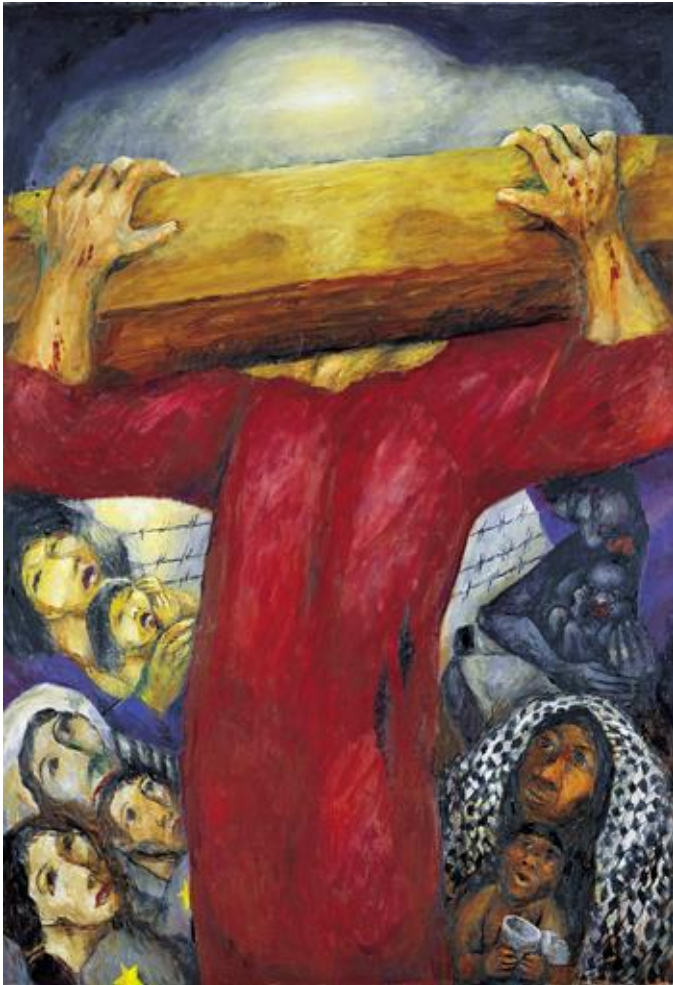
We Pray...  
Lord, help us  
to recognise you  
in the hidden corners  
of our world.  
In the forgotten ones,  
those who mean  
so little to the world,  
whose presence  
is never greeted  
with a smile.  
We ask that we might  
reflect your love  
for all people in  
everything  
that we do.

# With Us.



We Pray...  
Lord,  
to pick up our cross  
and follow you  
is a difficult request.  
It may be that  
in today's world  
our responsibilities  
are our crosses.  
Whatever the cross  
may we understand  
that only  
with you  
the burden  
is light.

# Nurturing.



We Pray...  
*Jesus, you are  
the beginning  
and the end,  
the one who leads us  
out of death into life.  
Help us be people  
who nurture,  
giving life to those  
who feel abandoned  
or let down in any way.*

# Amen.



We Pray...  
*Lord Jesus, when all  
looks to be too much,  
when we feel  
overburdened  
by life,  
when nothing  
makes sense any  
longer,  
allow the warmth  
of your love to touch us.  
Give us the strength  
to say our AMEN  
to God and to trust  
in the Father's care.*



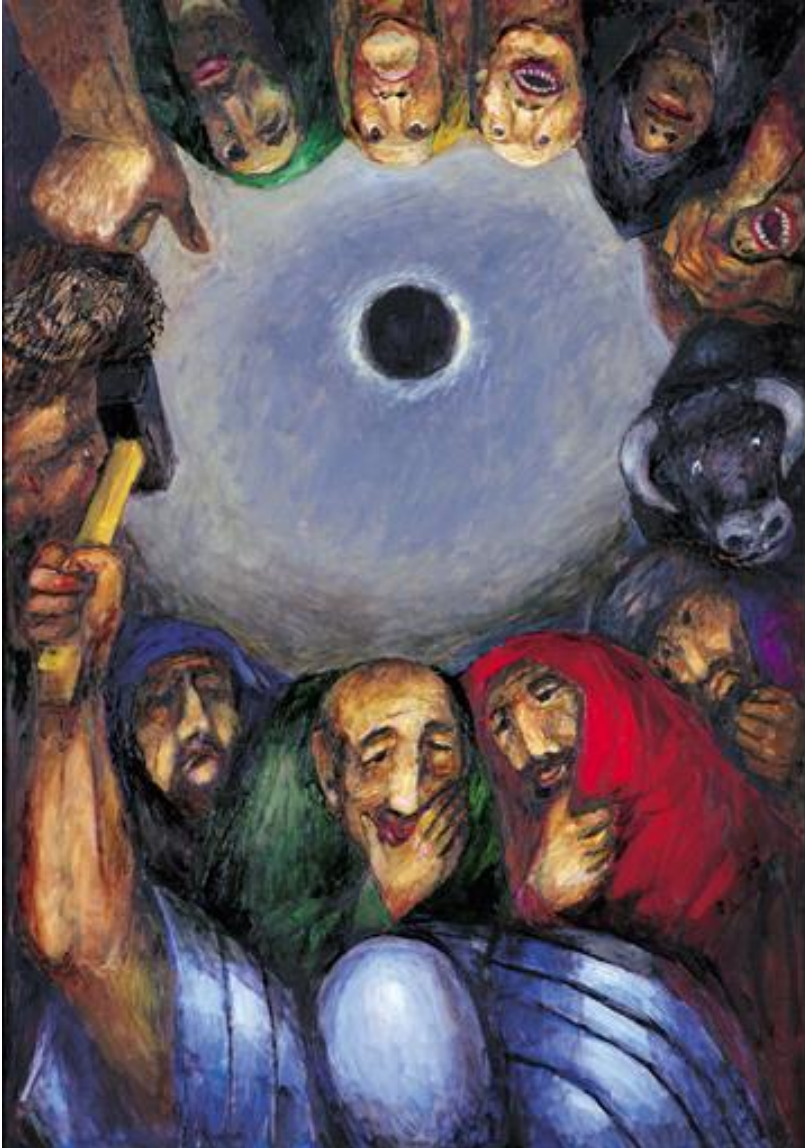


# Whose?



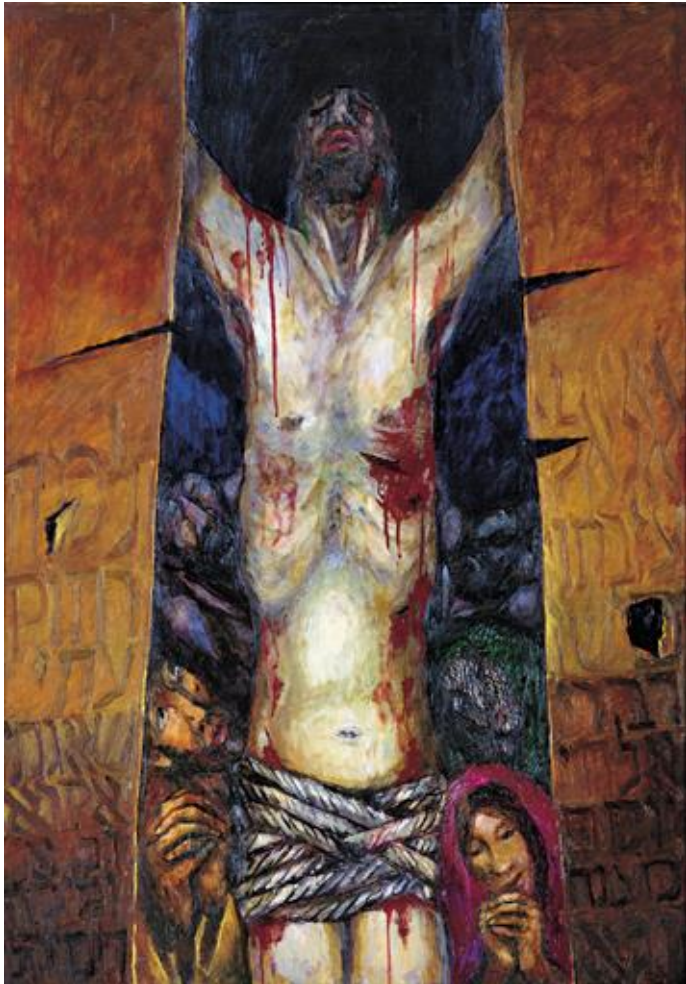
We Pray...  
*Lord, our ways  
are not peaceful  
ways.  
Fill us with your Spirit,  
that we may truly  
become your people,  
the one body of  
Christ.  
Heal our divisions  
and give us courage  
to work for unity  
and peace.*

# Face to face.



We Pray...  
Lord of love  
and compassion,  
help us to be true  
to ourselves  
and to others.  
Give us a  
sensitive heart  
to ease the burden  
of those  
who can't help  
themselves.

# Holocaust.



We Pray...  
Lord,  
dying you destroyed  
our death,  
rising you restored  
our life.  
Fill our hearts  
with your courage  
so that we no longer  
remain bystanders  
but can be counted  
among those  
who work  
for justice  
and peace.



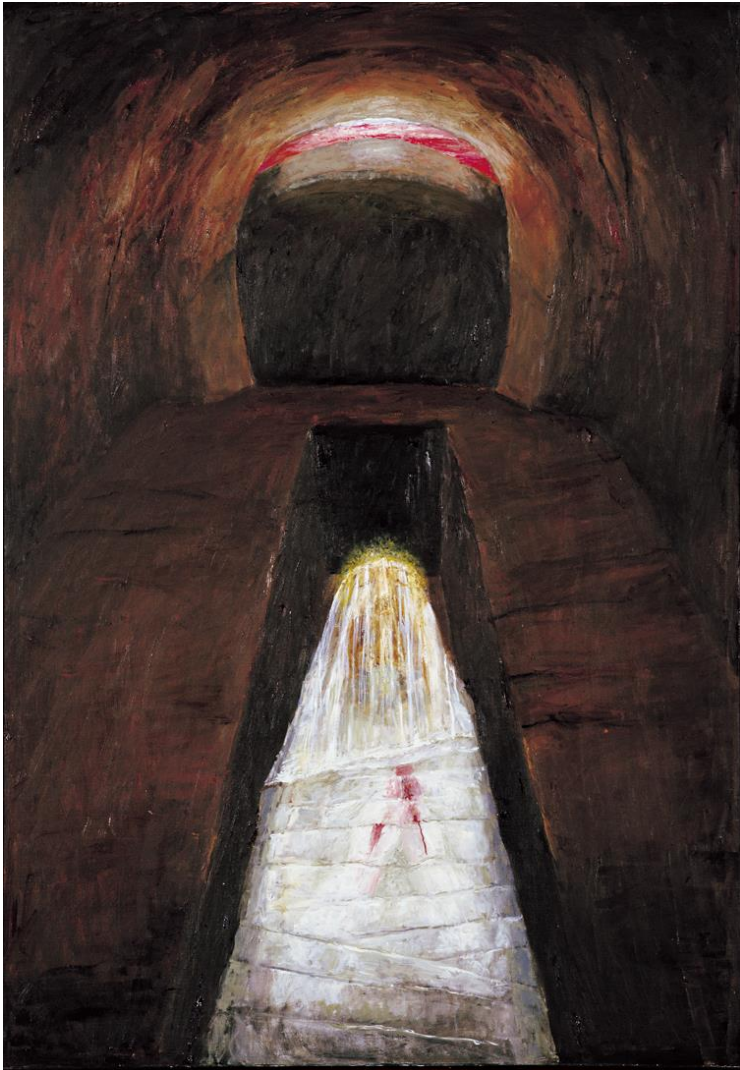
# Maternal.



We Pray...  
*Lord of life,  
we pray with Mary,  
give us faith to love  
when our hearts feel cold.  
Give us hope  
when all seems lost,  
and trust  
when we feel bereft.  
In Jesus, may we  
Find the source  
of our new life  
and our peace.*



# Chrysalis

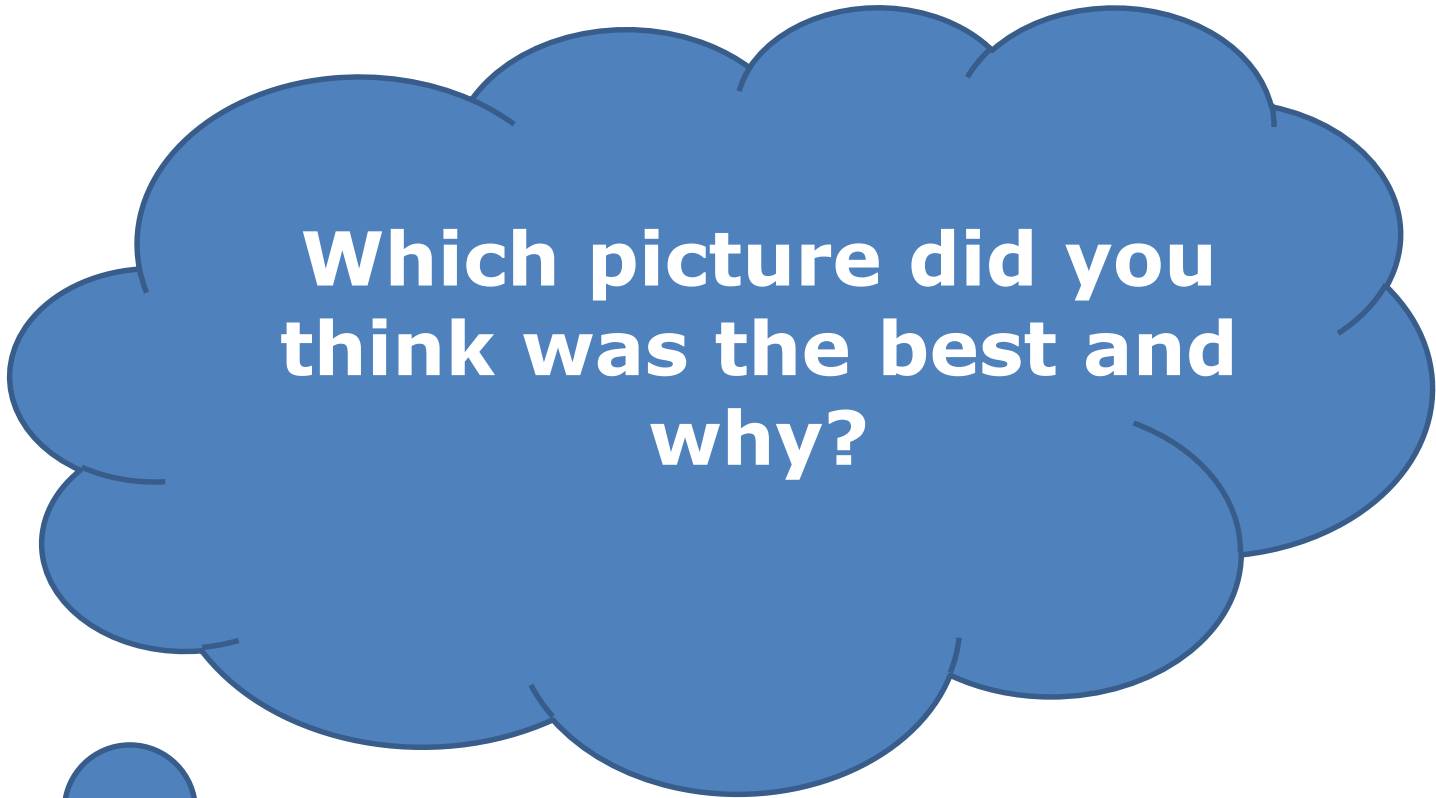


We Pray...  
*Help us to believe,  
Lord,  
that ends  
are but beginnings  
and that graves  
are but the  
doorway  
to a new life.  
For you are  
the Lord  
of the living  
and the dead.*

# Final Thought...



**Which picture did you  
think was the best and  
why?**



# Let Us Pray...



**Lord,**

**you invite us to unite your journey  
with ours.**

**Help me to make sense of my life  
through yours.**

**Lord Jesus, show me the way.**

**Amen.**