

## Station Four - Jesus meets his afflicted mother



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the  
world.

*“Then Simeon blessed them and said to his  
mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the  
falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to  
be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner  
thoughts of many will be revealed—and a  
sword will pierce your own soul too.’ His mother  
treasured all these things in her heart.”*

*Luke 2:34-35, 51b*

To what can I liken you, to what can I  
compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem?  
What likeness can I use to comfort you, O  
virgin daughter of Zion? For vast as the sea

is your ruin. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. The  
Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be  
ended.

**Meditation:** Consider how the Son met his Mother on His way to Calvary.  
Jesus and Mary gazed at each other and their looks became as so many  
arrows to wound those hearts which loved each other so tenderly.

*A sword will pierce your own soul also: And fill your heart with bitter pain.*

*O God, who willed that in the passion of your Son a sword of grief should pierce the  
soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary his mother: Mercifully grant that your Church, having  
shared with her in his passion, may be made worthy to share in the joys of his  
resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.