

Station Nine - Jesus falls a third time



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

*“For the love of Christ urges us on, because we
are convinced that one has died for all;
therefore all have died. And he died for all, so
that those who live might live no longer for
themselves, but for him who died and was
raised for them.” 2 Corinthians 5:14-15*

I am the man who has seen affliction under
the rod of his wrath; he has driven and
brought me into darkness without any light.
He has besieged me and enveloped me with
bitterness and tribulation; he has made me
dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago.

Though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer. He has made my
teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes. “Remember, O Lord, my
affliction and bitterness, the wormwood and the gall!”

Meditation: Consider how Jesus Christ fell for the third time. He was
extremely weak and the cruelty of His executioners was excessive; they tried
to hasten His steps though He hardly had strength to move.

*He was led like a lamb to the slaughter:
And like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth.*

*O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death
to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may
gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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