

## The 7<sup>th</sup> Station: Jesus Falls The Second Time



**All:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

**Reading:** *But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.*

**Reflection:** Earlier in the Gospels, we see images of Jesus as the centre of attention: some ascended trees to see him; others reached out simply to touch his garments; still others dismantled a roof to lower their sick friend down to Jesus. Jesus had once been surrounded with love and acclaim; now he is rejected and scorned.

**Pause For Thought:** Has the 'tide ever turned' for you? Have you ever felt cast aside or unwanted? How did, or might, it make you feel? How can you make others in your life feel wanted? How difficult is it to show others just a little gratitude and appreciation?

**Prayer:** Jesus, give us the grace to identify with those who are rejected. Inspire in us compassion for the anyone who is, or feels, cast aside or marginalized. May our love of you become a force that heals and unifies.