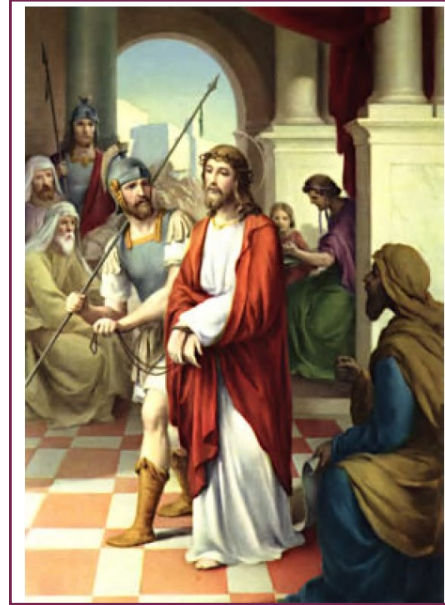


The First Station

Jesus is condemned to death



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

The play--acting that has been taking place is a perfect example of the weak-minded judge.

Pilate is frightened— of the Jews ,of Caesar, of Christ.

The hand-washing is the crowning sign of his weakness.

He had power, but would have no power at all were it not given from above.

‘Judge not and you shall not be judged.’

Yet I often judge others... sometimes needlessly and rashly.

Is it ever for me to judge another person or their motives?

Can I ever do so rightly?

Perhaps sometimes I have to make a judgement.

Then, Lord let me do so with real justice, and with mercy.

Let my motive always be love... love of God and neighbour and not of self.

Help me always to judge others as I would have them judge me.

Teach me to judge others as I would have you judge me.

**I love you, Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again.
Grant that I may love you always; and then do with me what you will.**