

## Dramatis Personae

Group Characters	Single Characters	
<b>First Sorrowful Mystery:</b> Jesus Agonizes in the Garden of Gethsemane		
CHIEF PRIESTS AND JEWISH LEADERS	NARRATOR	JESUS
JESUS' DISCIPLES	JUDAS	PETER
<b>Second Sorrowful Mystery: Jesus is Scourged</b>		
CHIEF PRIESTS AND JEWISH LEADERS	NARRATOR	JESUS
SANHEDRIN	WITNESS	MAID 1
BYSTANDERS/CROWD	HIGH PRIEST	MAID 2
	PILATE	PETER
	PILATE'S WIFE	JUDAS
	JEREMIAH	
<b>Third Sorrowful Mystery: Jesus is Crowned with Thorns</b>		
SOLDIERS	NARRATOR	JESUS
CHIEF PRIESTS AND JEWISH LEADERS	PILATE	
<b>Fourth Sorrowful Mystery: Jesus Carries the Cross</b>		
CHIEF PRIESTS AND JEWISH LEADERS	NARRATOR	JESUS
CROWD	PILATE	
<b>Fifth Sorrowful Mystery: Jesus Dies on the Cross</b>		
CHIEF PRIESTS AND JEWISH LEADERS	NARRATOR	JESUS
SOLDIERS	LEFT CRIMINAL	PSALMIST
JESUS' DISCIPLES	RIGHT CRIMINAL	ZECHARIAH
BYSTANDERS	PILATE	CENTURION

## The Sign of the Cross

ALL: (Participants cross themselves with the crucifix of the rosary while saying the following:) In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LEADER: For whom and for what shall we pray? (While holding the crucifix, participants announce their intentions aloud. The LEADER gives the last petition; then begins the Creed.)

## The Apostles' Creed

(While holding the crucifix, participants pray the following:)

LEADER: (1.) I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, (2.) and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (3.) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, (4.) suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; (5.) he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; (6.) he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; (7.) from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

ALL: (8.) I believe in the Holy Spirit, (9.) the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, (10.) the forgiveness of sins, (11.) the resurrection of the body, (12.) and life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers to the Holy Spirit

(While holding the first bead, participants pray the following:)

LEADER: Holy Spirit, renew us in all of your charisms, virtues, gifts, and fruit. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven

ALL: Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

(While holding the second bead, participants pray the following:)

LEADER: Holy Spirit, renew us in your theological virtue of faith. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

ALL: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

(While holding the third bead, participants pray the following:)

LEADER: Holy Spirit, renew us in your theological virtue of hope.

Hail Mary...

ALL: Holy Mary...

(While holding the fourth bead, participants pray the following:)

LEADER: Holy Spirit, renew us in your theological virtue of love.

Hail Mary...

ALL: Holy Mary...

(While holding the space after the fourth bead, participants pray the following:)

LEADER: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

ALL: as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

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(While holding the fifth bead, participants sing:)

ALL: “At the Cross her station keeping, stood the mournful Mother weeping, close to Jesus to the last.” (Stabat Mater Chant)

(The LEADER announces:)

**THE FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY**

**Jesus Agonizes in the Garden of Gethsemane.**

Scriptural Meditation (Mt. 26:1-56)

NARRATOR: When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples,

JESUS: “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

NARRATOR: Then the chief priests and the elders of the people

gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Ca'iaphas, and took counsel together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said,

CHIEF PRIESTS AND JEWISH LEADERS: "Not during the feast, lest there be a riot among the people."

NARRATOR: Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head, as he sat at table. But when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying,

JESUS' DISCIPLES: "Why this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for a large sum, and given to the poor."

NARRATOR: But Jesus, aware of this, said to them,

JESUS: "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. In pouring this ointment on my body she has done it to prepare me for burial. Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

NARRATOR: Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

JUDAS: "What will you give me if I deliver him to you?"

NARRATOR: And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him. Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

JESUS' DISCIPLES: "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the passover?"

JESUS: "Go into the city to a certain one, and say to him, 'The

Teacher says, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at your house with my disciples.”

NARRATOR: And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the passover. When it was evening, he sat at table with the twelve disciples; and as they were eating, he said,

JESUS: “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”

NARRATOR: And they were very sorrowful, and began to say to him one after another,

JESUS’ DISCIPLES: “Is it I, Lord?”

JESUS: “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me, will betray me. The Son of man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

JUDAS: “Is it I, Master?”

JESUS: “You have said so.”

NARRATOR: Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said,

JESUS: “Take, eat; this is my body.”

NARRATOR: And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: “Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

NARRATOR: And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to

the Mount of Olives.

JESUS: "You will all fall away because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

PETER: "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."

JESUS: "Truly, I say to you, Peter, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

PETER: "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you."

NARRATOR: And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsem'ane, and he said to his disciples,

JESUS: "Sit here, while I go yonder and pray."

NARRATOR: And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zeb'edee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled.

JESUS: "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me."

NARRATOR: And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed,

JESUS: "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt."

NARRATOR: And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS: "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

NARRATOR: Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed,

JESUS: “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, thy will be done.”

NARRATOR: And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

JESUS: “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

NARRATOR: While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

JUDAS: “The one I shall kiss is the man; seize him.”

NARRATOR: And he came up to Jesus at once and said,

JUDAS: “Hail, Master!”

NARRATOR: And he kissed him.

JESUS: “Friend, why are you here?”

NARRATOR: Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

JESUS: “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to

my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so? Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has taken place, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”

NARRATOR: Then all the disciples forsook him and fled.

### SILENT PAUSE

(While holding the fifth bead, participants pray the following:)

LEADER: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven

ALL: Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

(While holding the first bead past the union, participants pray the following:)

LEADER: (1.) Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

ALL: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

(While holding the second bead past the union and so on, participants pray the following:)

LEADER: (2.) Hail Mary...

ALL: Holy Mary...

LEADER: (3.) Hail Mary...

ALL: Holy Mary...

LEADER: (4.) Hail Mary...

ALL: Holy Mary...

LEADER: (5.) Hail Mary...

ALL: Holy Mary...

LEADER: (6.) Hail Mary...

ALL: Holy Mary...

LEADER: (7.) Hail Mary...

ALL: Holy Mary...

LEADER: (8.) Hail Mary...

ALL: Holy Mary...

LEADER: (9.) Hail Mary...

ALL: Holy Mary...

LEADER: (10.) Hail Mary...

ALL: Holy Mary...

(While holding the space after the tenth bead, participants pray the following:)

LEADER: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

ALL: as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

#### Prayer for Mystical Fruits

LEADER: Heavenly Father, through the Body and the Blood of Your Son, give us Your Spirit of courage

ALL: so that we do not betray Our Lord and Friend, Jesus, to the demons of money, influence, or cowardice. Amen.

#### The Fatima Prayer

LEADER: O, my Jesus,

ALL: forgive us. Save us from the fire of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need.

#### The SJHF Vocation Prayer

LEADER: God our Father,

ALL: by your Spirit of Life and Love, send us holy, wise, and evangelizing bishops, priests, and deacons, consecrated religious, lay men and women, and families all for the Sacred and Eucharistic

Heart of Jesus, all through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, all in union with St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse. Amen.

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(While holding the first bead of the second decade, participants sing:)

ALL: "At the Cross her station keeping, stood the mournful Mother weeping, close to Jesus to the last." (Stabat Mater Chant)

(The LEADER announces:)

## THE SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY

### Jesus is Scourged.

Scriptural Meditation (Mt. 26:57 - 27:26)

NARRATOR: Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Ca'iaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter followed him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. Now the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin sought false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

WITNESS: "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.'"

NARRATOR: And the high priest stood up and said,

HIGH PRIEST: "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?"

NARRATOR: But Jesus was silent.

HIGH PRIEST: "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

JESUS: "You have said so. But I tell you, hereafter you will see the