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Station 1: Jesus is condemned to death.

Reader: *Christ, we adore you and we praise you.*

All: *Because by your holy cross You have redeemed the world.*

Verse: Mark 15:1-5, 15

First thing in the morning, the chief priests, together with the elders and scribes and the rest of the Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They bound Jesus and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He replied, 'It is you who say it.' And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But, to Pilate's surprise, Jesus made no further reply. So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, after having Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.



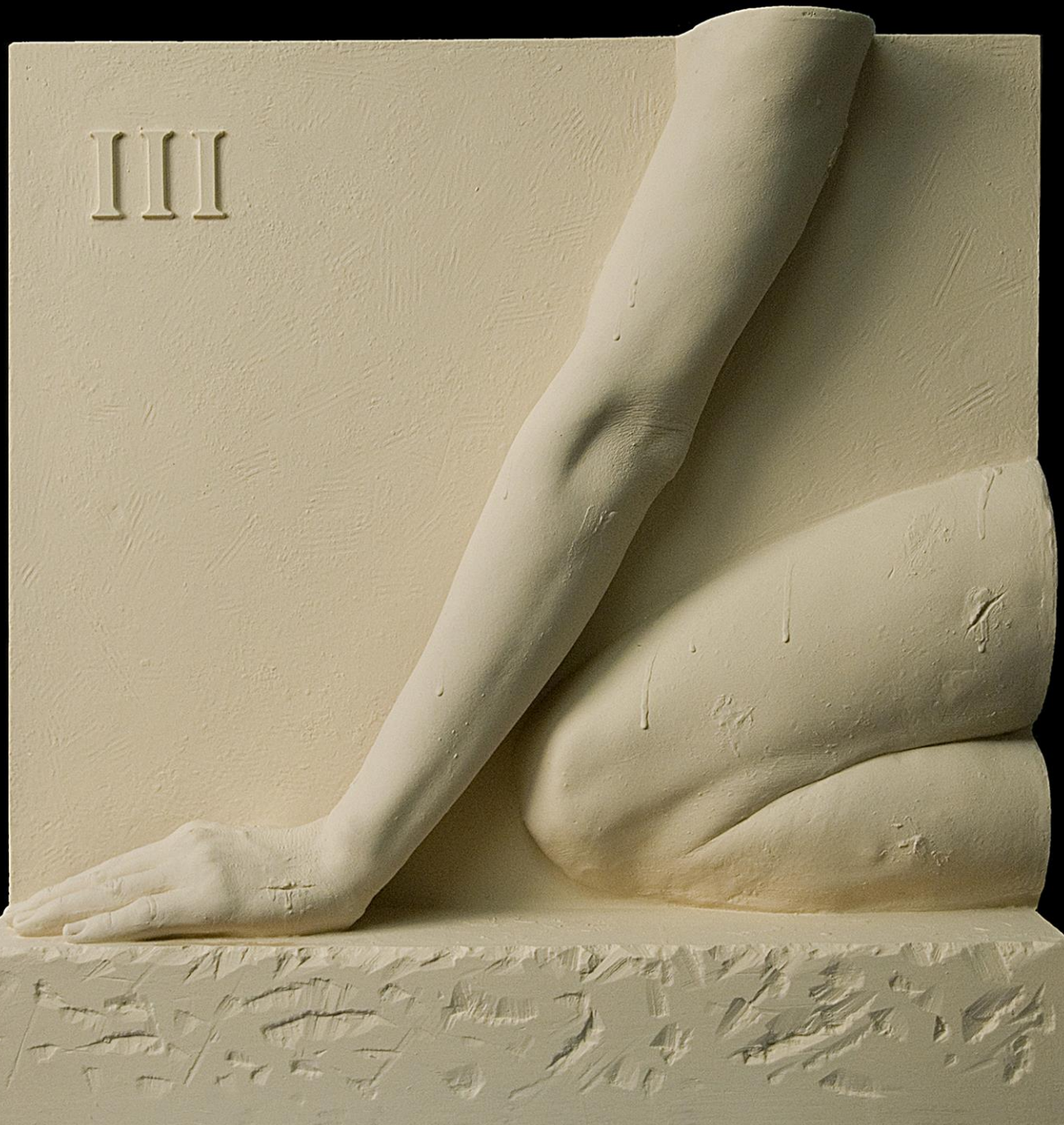
Station 2: Jesus carries His cross.

Reader: Christ, we adore you and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

Verse: John 19: 16-17

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha.



Station 3: Jesus falls the first time.

Reader: Christ, we adore you and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

Prayer:

We reflect on ourselves for a moment, when we have fallen and in times we have started something but became tired of it. We pray for that every individual may be a measure of support, inspiration and channel of peace during this challenging time. We pray for the clergy, those in religious life and others who serve in the Church that they may continue to pastorally care for the Church.



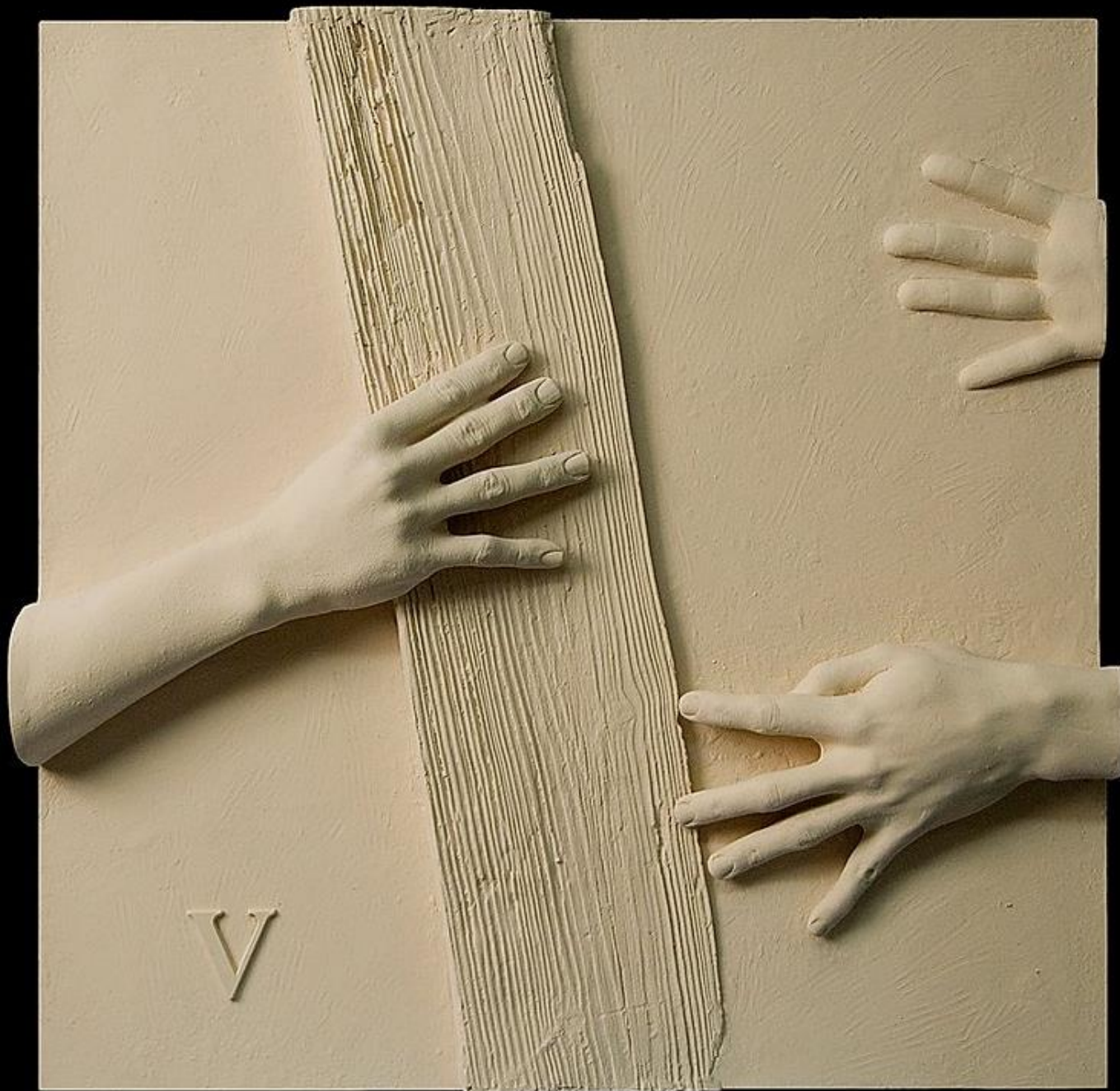
Station 4: Jesus meets his mother.

Reader: Christ, we adore you and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

Prayer:

We reflect on the times when we feel overwhelmed and are looking for those things that keep us going. Let us pray for those in the NHS, key workers and everyone doing their part to manage this pandemic. May we all see the glimpses of hope that God shows us.



Station 5: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross.

Reader: Christ, we adore you and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

Verse: Mark 15: 21

They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

Station 6: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

*Reader: Christ, we adore you
and we praise you.*

*All: Because by your holy cross
You have redeemed the world.*

Prayer:

We pray for all those who are in a caring role, whether that is a professional role or an informal one. For a moment we remember those who support the unwell, the elderly, family or friends and those who experience physical or emotional suffering. Let us remember the oppressed and asylum seekers and those who are supporting them.



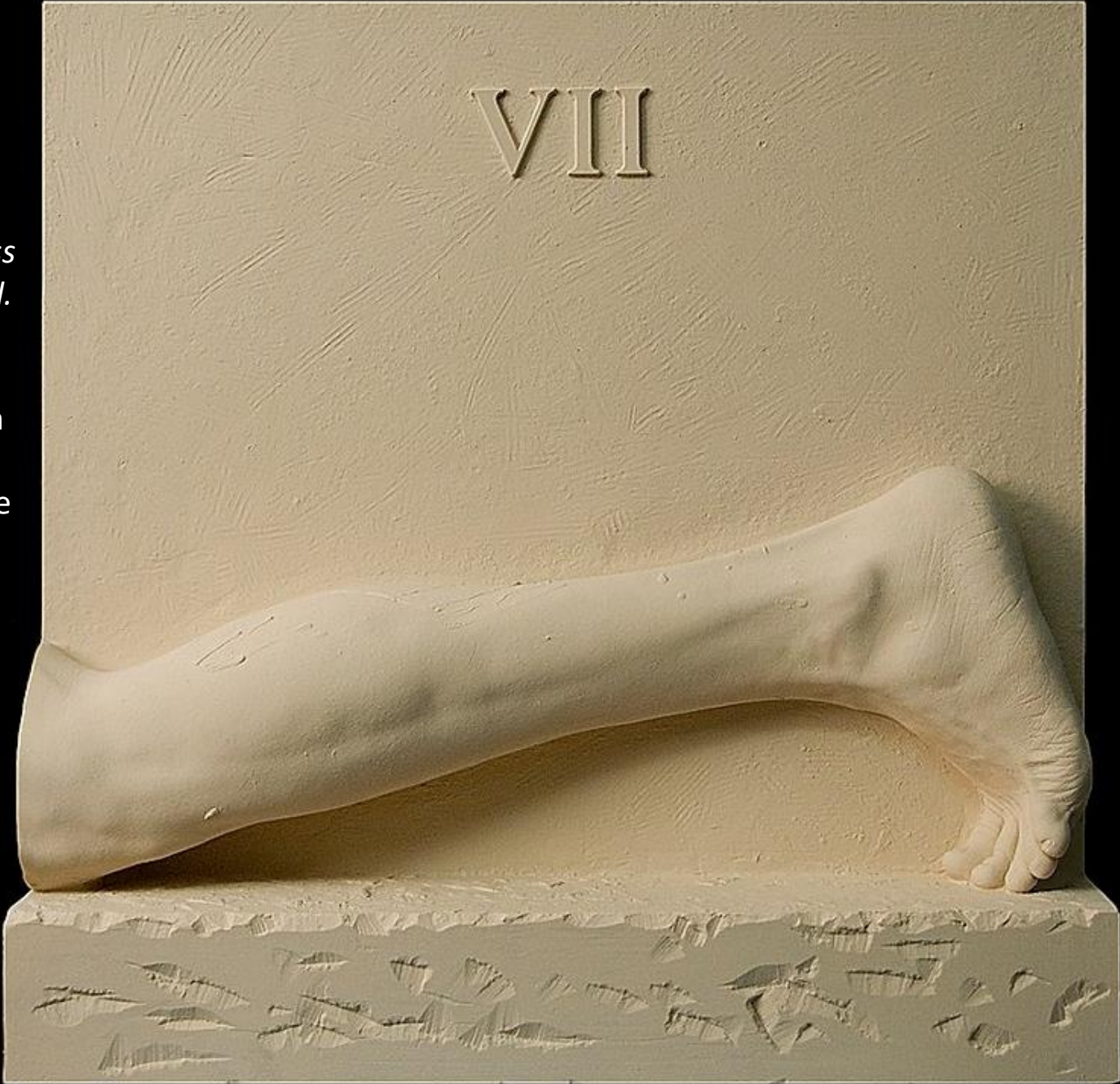
Station 7: Jesus falls the second time.

Reader: Christ, we adore you and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

Prayer:

We reflect on the times when we have been challenged in our faith. Let us pray for those who are challenged in their faith particularly those who are reconciling their faith and sexuality.



Station 8: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.

Reader: Christ, we adore you and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

Verse: Luke 23: 27-31

A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children, for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time, people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?"



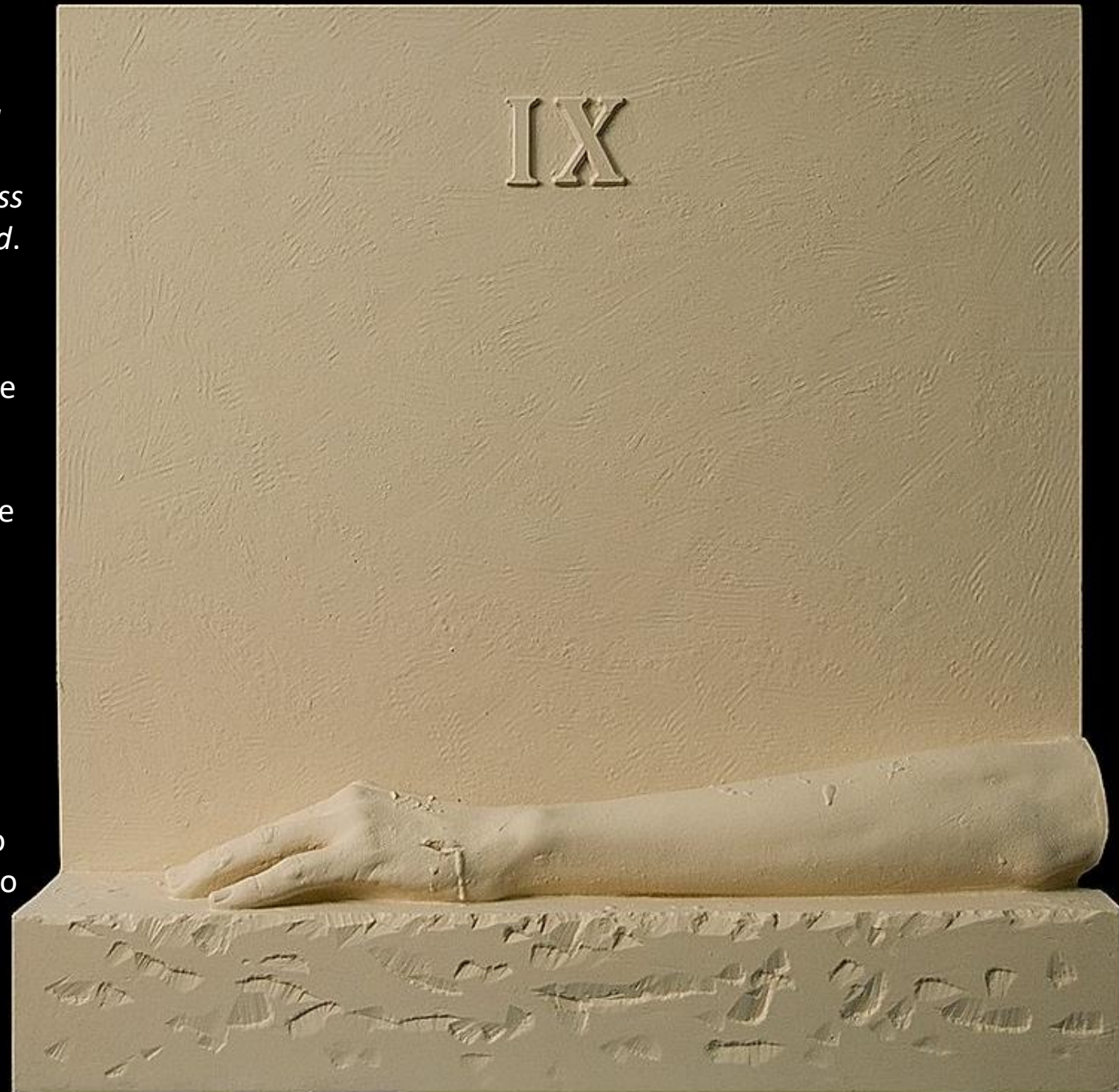
Station 9: Jesus falls a third time.

*Reader: Christ, we adore you
and we praise you.*

*All: Because by your holy cross
You have redeemed the world.*

Prayer:

As Jesus falls this third time,
we remember times when we
have lost focus on building
community. We remember
the Farm Street church where
we as members have been
unable to come together for
Mass and for the community
of LGBT+ Catholics
Westminster whose
fellowship we miss but
continue to appreciate and
value. We think of those who
want social connection but do
not have the accessibility,
such as the internet, that
others have.



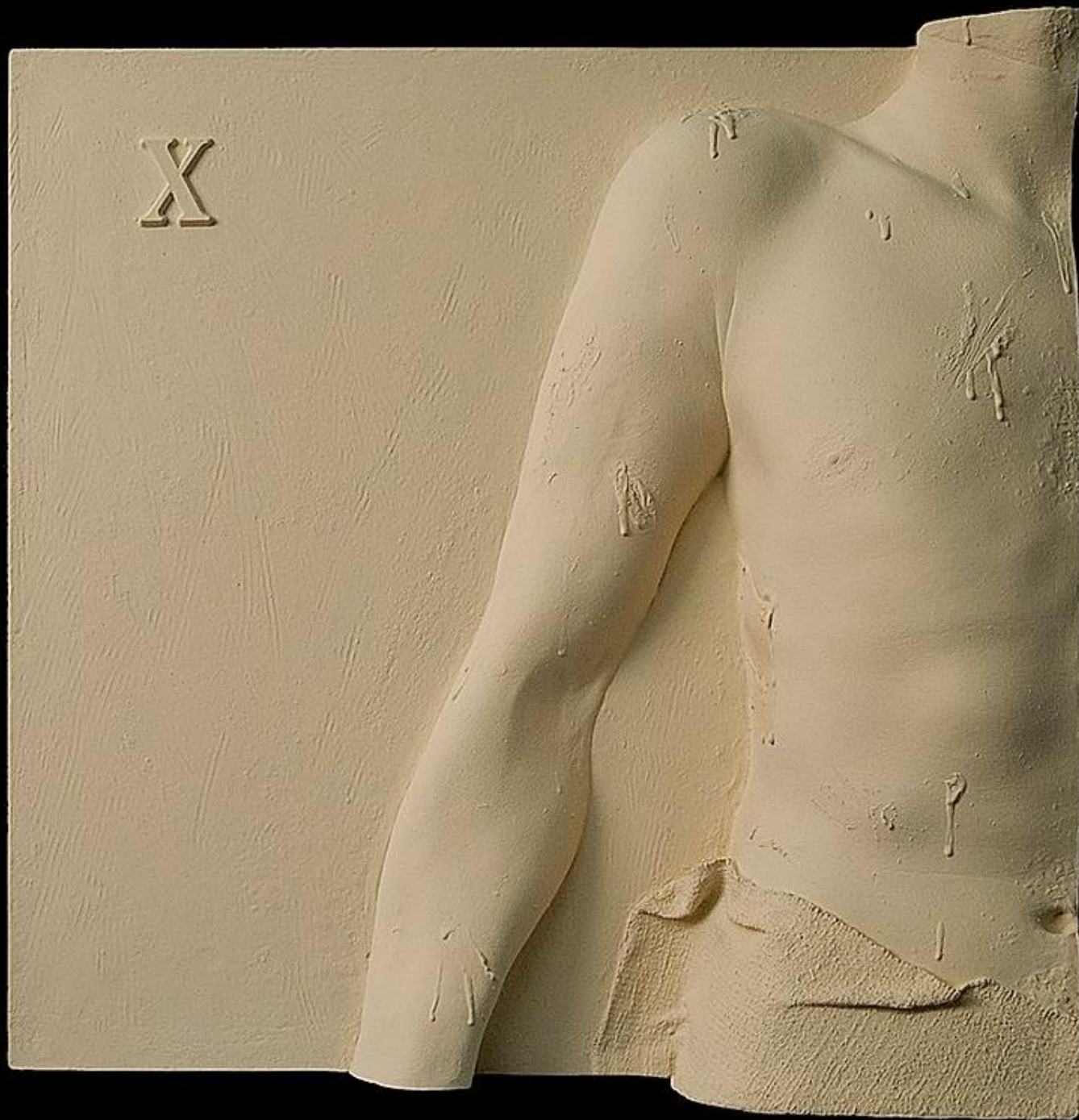
Station 10: Jesus clothes are taken away.

*Reader: Christ, we adore you
and we praise you.*

*All: Because by your holy cross
You have redeemed the world.*

Verse: John 19:23-24

When the soldiers had finished crucifying Jesus they took his clothing and divided it into four shares, one for each soldier. His undergarment was seamless, woven in one piece from neck to hem; so they said to one another, 'Instead of tearing it, let's throw dice to decide who is to have it.' In this way the words of scripture were fulfilled: They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothes. That is what the soldiers did.



XI



Station 11: Jesus is nailed to the cross.

Reader: Christ, we adore you and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

Verse: Luke 23: 33-34

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."]



XII

Station 12: Jesus dies on the cross.

Reader: Christ, we adore you and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

Verse: Luke 23: 44-46

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.



Station 13: The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross.

Reader: Christ, we adore you and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

Prayer:

We pray for the Christian community as a whole. We pray for all Christians in preparing our hearts to experience loss but also the joy that is yet to come. Let us remember those who have passed away and the families and friends that mourn their loss.



XIV

Station 14: Jesus is laid in the tomb.

Reader: Christ, we adore you and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

Verse: Matthew 27: 57-60
When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it [in] clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed.

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