

Station 4: (stripped of dignity, vulnerable)

Jesus is stripped of clothes

Scripture: Matthew 27:33-35

When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And they divided his garments among them by casting lots. This was to fulfill the scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing."



The Baptismal Covenant in the Episcopal church describes who and what we believe in and how we will live our lives as followers of Christ. Read through, noting the questions in bold.

Celebrant:Do you believe in God the Father?

People:I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant:Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People:I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant:Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People:I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant:Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People:I will, with God's help.

Celebrant:Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People:I will, with God's help.

Celebrant:Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

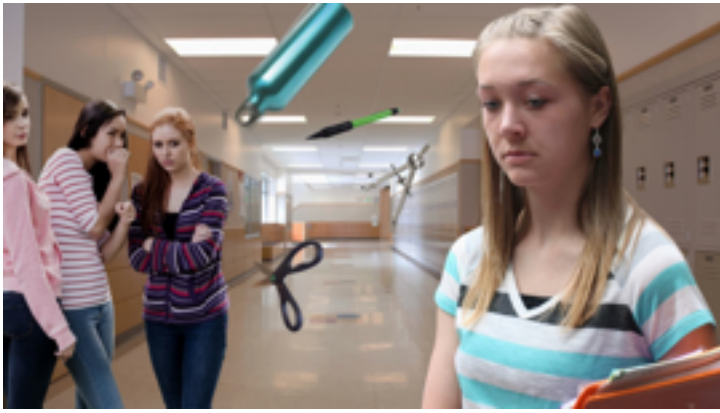
People:I will, with God's help.

Celebrant:Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People:I will, with God's help.

Celebrant:Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People:I will, with God's help.





THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE THINGS WE DO TO SHAME OTHERS OR TAKE AWAY A PERSON'S DIGNITY.

REMEMBER A TIME WHEN YOU MIGHT HAVE DISREGARDED ANOTHER'S DIGNITY.

REMEMBER A TIME WHEN YOU HAVE FELT VULNERABLE YOURSELF OR FELT STRIPPED OF YOUR DIGNITY, SHAMED, FELT LESS THAN....

interactive directions:

1. Find two twist ties, two pieces of string, or two ribbons.
2. One represents a time you were cruel to another human being and humiliated them or took away their dignity. The other represents a time when you felt like your dignity was stripped.
3. Tie or twist the two together. Place where you can see.

Closing prayer:

*I ask forgiveness for the times I've demonstrated and had thoughts that have not shown acceptance and kindness for all the people on earth. *With God's help, I will seek to serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself. Each day striving for justice and peace among people; acknowledging and respecting the dignity of EVERY human being.*

Amen

