

## **Station Number Seven: Jesus takes up the Cross**

“And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.” (Mark 15:20)

Trees which are buried deep into the earth over many centuries create fossil fuels oil and liquid natural gas. Now these rich deposits of transformed trees have become resources for human development. Jesus is carrying the cross of our excessive use of mother earth’s resources. We, too, are carrying this cross of excessive use of fossil fuels as Mother Earth and all creation is suffering.

The degradation of the boreal forest is devastating for both our climate and the wildlife that call the forest home.

Our northern boreal forest is biologically diverse and ecologically important. It is home to threatened caribou herds, grizzly bears, lynx and billions of birds.

**We Pray:** Jesus, help us learn to balance our use of Mother Earth’s resources and be respectful of all creatures on our planet. Help us be mindful of the air, the water and our use of energy when we make decisions, and when we advocate for justice for all. Jesus, help us carry this cross by working together for sustainability of this planet.