

## The Procession

You will need

### The Way to Calvary by Ugolino di Nerio

A procession is a group of people walking together for a special purpose. It could be a wedding procession to a church, or a funeral procession to a grave. It could be a carnival procession through a town. Processions can be joyful or sad.

### Activity

Read the story of the way to the cross. Look at the painting. Is this a happy or a sad procession?

Create a sad procession. Walk slowly while you count '1-2-3-4, 1-2-3-4, ...'.

Jesus looks back even though he walks forward. You can express this in music. Walk to the count of '1-2-3' but after '3' stop and look back. Looking back acts as the (silent) fourth beat:

1-2-3-(look back), 1-2-3-(look back), ... .

Take two notes – F and E, for example. You could use chime-bars or a keyboard.


One person can play the two notes while another walks to the count of '1-2-3-(look back), ...'. Hold the note played on '3' while the walker looks back. You could use a different note for the third beat and looking back.


#### Example

1-2-3-(look back)

F F E —————

Your music could be written like this: 

 This note is one beat and can be used when you count '1-2'.

 This note is held for two beats. It could be used when you count '3' and held while the people in the procession look back.

You can make your procession sound as if it is getting nearer by having more people playing the notes each time they are repeated. Start with one person playing them, then two, then three, etc. How will you end your piece of music?

#### Christian Belief

In many towns and villages across the world, there are sad processions on Good Friday, for that is the day when Christians remember Jesus' death.

