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CATHEDRAL  
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST



## ***The Last Hour at the Cross***

**Good Friday**

**2.00 pm**

**GREETING:** *The Dean or Bishop welcomes the people*

## **MEDITATIONS AT THE CROSS**

Behold the cross,  
on which hung the Saviour of the world.  
**Come let us worship.**

Lord Jesus Christ, we glory in your cross,  
**and we praise and glorify your resurrection victory over death;  
for by the virtue of your cross  
joy has come to the whole world.**  
May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
shed the light of the divine countenance on us, and come to us.  
**We adore you O Christ and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Let us pray.

*Silence*

Holy and everliving God,  
look graciously on this your family  
for which our Saviour Jesus Christ  
was willing to be betrayed,  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
and grant us to grow  
into the fullness of new life in Christ  
who now is alive and glorified  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**HYMN:** ***Rejected and despised** - tune: ST PETER*

1: Rejected and despised by men and women of our race,  
he bears transgression's wounding weight  
and anguish mars his face.

2: This man of Sorrows, born to loss, acquainted with our grief:  
this Christ of God now crucified astonishes belief.

3: In all the victims of our age, the battered and the bruised,  
Christ lives again alike with them by human sin abused:  
Ascending on a cross to die, descending into hell,  
in torment, suffering, scorn, and pain, we meet our God as well.

4: Forgive us, Lord, as you forgave with your expiring breath  
the ones whose guilty hands, like ours, required a guiltless death.

5: O mystery of such costly love, O depth of grace revealed:  
in scourge-marked flesh we find our Christ,  
and by his stripes are healed.

*Mary-Louise Bringle*

#### **FIRST READING:**

**Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12** *in two voices*

#### **THE COVENTRY LITANY OF RECONCILIATION:**

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class  
from class, **Father, forgive.**

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not  
their own, **Father, forgive.**

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste  
the earth, **Father, forgive.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others, **Father, forgive.**

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the  
refugee, **Father, forgive.**

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,  
**Father, forgive.**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,  
**Father, forgive.**

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another,  
as God in Christ forgave you.

*Pause*

**Kororia ki a koe, e te Ariki.**

**SECOND READING:**

**Hebrews 4: 14-16 & 5: 7-9**

**HYMN:        *My song is love unknown.* Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN**

1: My song is love unknown, my saviour's love to me;  
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be:  
but who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

2: He came from heaven's throne, salvation to bestow;  
but they refused and none the longed for Christ would know:  
this is my friend, my friend indeed  
who at my need his life did spend!

3: With angry shouts they have my dear Lord done away;  
a murderer they save: the prince of life they slay.  
Yet willingly he bears the shame  
That through his name we might be free.

4: In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth may have;  
In death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? heaven was his home  
but mine the tomb in which he lay.

5: Here might I stay and sing my story so divine,  
never was love dear King, never was grief like thine!  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

*Samuel Crossman (adapted)*

*Following the hymn all remain standing as able*

# THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

*(The customary responses are not used)*

*At the conclusion of the Passion Narrative, all sit and remain in silent meditation*

## REFLECTION

*In silence, symbols are taken from the altar and placed around the cross, and a bowl of water and towels are provided for personal devotions*

## HYMN: *O sacred head, surrounded*

1: O sacred head surrounded  
by crown of piercing thorn;  
O royal head so wounded,  
reviled and put to scorn:  
death's shadows rise before you,  
the glow of life decays,  
yet angel hosts adore you  
and tremble as they gaze!

2: Your youthfulness and vigour  
are spent, your strength is gone,  
and in your tortured figure  
I see death drawing on:  
what agony of dying,  
what love, to sinners free!  
My Lord, all grace supplying,  
O turn your face on me!

3: What language shall I borrow  
to thank you, dearest Friend,  
for this your dying sorrow,  
your mercy without end?  
O, make me yours for ever:  
your servant let me be;  
and may I never, never  
betray your love for me.

## **THE REPROACHES:**

*During the singing of the reproaches you are invited to come forward (if you wish) and reverence the cross as is appropriate for you. This may be touching the wood, kneeling, placing a nail in the bowl, silent presence, or other appropriate devotion.*

*The refrain is sung by the Cantor (The Dean or other singer) the first time, and repeated by the congregation. Subsequently the refrain is sung by all after each verse.*

**My people, my people, what have I done to you?  
Or in what have I offended you? Answer me.**

I led you, my people out of Egypt,  
and for your Saviour you have a cross.

***My people...***

I opened the sea before you,  
yet with a lance you have opened my side.

***My people...***

I fed you with manna in the desert,  
and you have given me gall to drink.

***My people...***

I gave you a royal sceptre,  
and you have given me a crown of thorns.

***My people...***

With great power I have lifted you up,  
and you have raised me upon this tree.

***My people...***

*Tune: POPULE MEUS JOE WISE*

## **THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION:**

*After each silence the following bidding and response is used:*

God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins,  
as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### **HYMN:**     *When I survey the wondrous cross*

1:  
When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2:  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the cross of Christ my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3:  
See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
when did such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4:  
Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all!

*Isaac Watts, Tune: ROCKINGHAM*

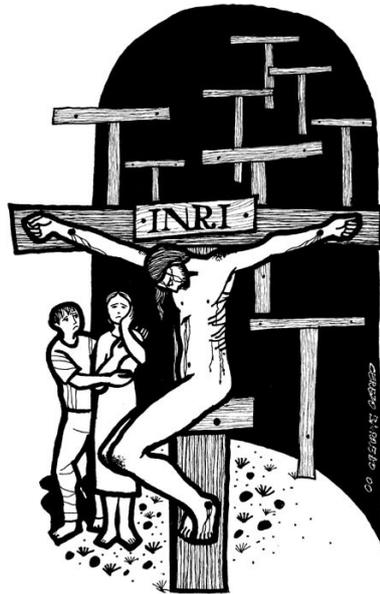
### **CONCLUSION:**

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.  
**Because by your holy cross  
you have redeemed the world.**

God of our redemption,  
abundantly bless your people  
who have devoutly recalled the death of Christ;  
grant us forgiveness, renew us, strengthen our faith,  
and increase in us the fullness of life;  
we ask this through Christ our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

*A bell may be rung to indicate the conclusion of the vigil*

*If it is not yet 3.00pm, we remain in silent vigil, then all depart in silence*



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