

# **GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTIVE SERVICE**



**10TH APRIL 2020**

*Ngaala kaaditj Noongar moort keyen kaadak nidja boodja.*

[We acknowledge Noongar People as the original custodians of this land.]

**This is the day where we remember the sacrifice of Jesus, God's own son. It is a time of listening and reflecting, a time to think deeply of what Jesus did for the world.**

**In this service, there will be times of silence - embrace it, let it flow over you, let God speak to you in the deep quiet. Do not be afraid of it, still your hearts and minds.**

**You will be lead during this next hour so don't worry about what will come next, just sit in God's presence.**

**Rev'd Oliver**





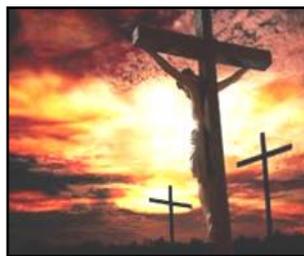
### **Gather in silence**

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and has given him the name that is above every name.

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Merciful God,  
who gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross:  
save us from hardness of heart,  
that, seeing him who died for us,  
we may repent, confess our sin,  
and receive your overflowing love,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The choir sing : Above All*



**REFLECTION**  
**SILENCE**

**The darkness deepens.**

**“Crucify Him”**  
**(John 19 : 1-16) (18.1—19.42)**

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe.

They kept coming up to him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, ‘Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.’ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, ‘Here is the man!’ When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, ‘Crucify him! Crucify him!’ Pilate said to them, ‘Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him. The Jews answered him, ‘We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.’

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, ‘Where are you from?’ But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, ‘Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?’ Jesus answered him, ‘You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.’ From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, ‘If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.’

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha.

Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, 'Here is your King!'  
They cried out, 'Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Shall I crucify your King?'  
The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but the emperor.'  
Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

**REFLECTION**  
*SILENCE*



**“Save Yourself”  
(Mark 15 : 21-32)**

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

**REFLECTION**

***SILENCE***

**“Darkness Over the Land”**  
**(Matthew 27 : 45-56)**

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

**REFLECTION**

***SILENCE***

*Choir: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*



## **PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

God the Father, maker of heaven and earth:

**have mercy on us.**

God the Son, redeemer of the world:

**have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, giver of light and life:

**have mercy on us.**

For accepting life yet living it without you:

**forgive us, Lord.**

For living without concern for others:

**forgive us, Lord.**

For tolerating oppression, injustice and wrong:

**forgive us, Lord.**

For disobeying your will and commandments:

**forgive us, Lord.**

For refusing to love and forgive others:

**forgive us, Lord.**

For turning the world to our own purposes and desires:

**forgive us Lord.**

That in all things we may hold to your will and purpose:

**Lord, hear us. Amen.**

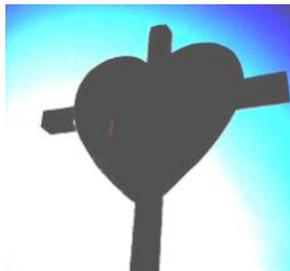
## **ABSOLUTION**

We have turned our hearts to God in repentance  
and our sins are laid bare before the cross of Jesus Christ.  
In the name of the living God, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray

**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 forever. Amen.**



## THERE IS A GREEN HILL FAR AWAY

There is a green hill far away,  
outside a city wall,  
where the dear Lord was crucified,  
who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell,  
what pains he had to bear,  
but we believe it was for us  
he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,  
he died to make us good,  
that we might go at last to heaven,  
saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough  
to pay the price of sin,  
he only could unlock the gate  
of heaven, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved,  
and we must love him too,  
and trust in his redeeming blood,  
and try his works to do.

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***We leave the church silently  
to gather again for the  
Easter Dawn Service on  
Sunday at 5.30am***

