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GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

A Three Part Passion Journey from Northwest Anglican

Preparation before Good Friday: Make some crosses from the things you have at home. If you have art supplies, you could draw, paint or sew a cross. You could collect twigs and leaves from your garden, or arrange household objects (eg cotton reels, books, cutlery). What do your different crosses say to you about Christ's presence in your life and in the world.

Haere mai

As we journey through Good Friday in this an Easter of staying at home please utilise this resource in the best way for your bubble. If it works to do it in one sitting do that...if two or three is better for your bubble that's great. This Easter journey is perhaps the most surreal ever as we cannot gather to remember the greatest act of love ever witnessed. (if you are in a bubble with others perhaps divide up the bible readings. Parents please be aware some of the sections of Jesus' journey are quite graphic)

Preparation Prepare your space for worship....gather the things you might need –A bible, a candle and on this of all days a cross. Also have some pens or crayons and some paper and/or your journal. Prepare any extra music you might want to include.

Entering Light the candle acknowledging the light of Christ with you. Breathe deeply acknowledging God is with us.

God showed his love for us in this: while we were still sinners Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

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Part One

Betrayal, Abandonment, Accusations and Taunting.

Matthew 26:47 – 27:10

Read the gospel story out loud allowing yourself to visualise and imagine what the scene is like.



Active Reflection

- Note down who are the people identified and what are the activities and behaviours and attitudes that they engage in as Jesus is moved closer to the cross.
- Ask yourself whether you have any similar attitudes and behaviours towards people and offer them to Jesus, seeking forgiveness – and let it go.

Prayer

Precious Saviour, we see you arrested and abandoned.
Soften our hearts toward all who are left to suffer alone.
We see you accused and abused.
Cleanse us from pride so that we may see you for who you really are.
and recognize your right to rule in our lives.
Precious Saviour, we see you denied by one close to you.
Give us the courage to claim you in the face of fear.
We see how selfishness divides and hardens hearts.
Teach us to see the value of every life: innocent or guilty, family or foreign. Amen

Part Two

Innocence, Flogging, Mocking, Crucified.

Matthew 27:10 - 44

Read the gospel story out loud allowing yourself to visualise and continue imagining what the scene is like.

Active Reflection: Draw a large cross on a sheet of paper or in your journal. Write your name in the Cross. Then think of some people you love. Draw or write them in the Cross too. Then think of some others who you struggle to like and write their names. Write some words like forgiven and freedom and released in red across the page.



Song



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIW_uIQ_-QQ
Calvary—Hillsong Worship

Prayer

Precious Saviour, we see your lordship even when it is denied.
Fill our hearts with wonder and surrender.
Precious Saviour, we see you innocent, but condemned.
Cleanse our hearts of the jealousy and ignorance that drive injustice.
Precious Saviour, we see you wounded and rejected.
Reform our hearts to repent of violence and to renounce derision and scorn. Amen.

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Part Three Death, Caring, Burial, Guarding.

Matthew 27:45 – 66

Read the gospel story out loud allowing yourself to visualise and continue imagining what the scene is like.

The action of Holy Saturday is waiting. It is all we can do. We know how the story ends, but this in between day is a time unresolved - Christ has descended to the dead and ... we wait. Time holds its breath. Our lives are driven by impatience, by a desire to resolve and achieve 'closure'. (Rev Clare Barrie)

Active Reflection: Collect some things from around your house or garden that you could create a tomb with (or draw a picture) – let the things somehow represent the parts of your life that need to be buried with Jesus in the tomb. Fear perhaps or judgement of others. Lack of compassion and mercy or an addiction of some kind.

Song



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tkx8WAYcYAc>
When I Survey The Wondrous Cross - Fernando Ortega

Prayer

We pray in Response with one another:

Giver of Life, in these troubled days, we pray that in life and in death we will see Your love at work.

We see suffering all around us that we are unable to alleviate.

We watch as breathing in the world becomes more and more laboured.

We long to touch, to hold and to embrace but we cannot.

We bow our heads and we hold onto the only hope we have that even in death and sadness and sorrow there is more than our eyes can see and our hands touch.

Help us to be your hands and feet even in isolation offering your love and care.

In the Cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love.

In humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are.

May we leave buried in the tomb all that we worry and fuss about and all that causes us and others pain as we look forward to the hope of the resurrection to new life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

"Hope is being able to see there is light despite all of the darkness." —Desmond Tutu

Extra Resources

The Resurrection Life of Easter – Auckland Anglican Diocese.

<https://resurrection.nz/>

NT Wright on Lamenting

<https://ntwrightonline.org/five-things-to-know-about-lament/?>

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