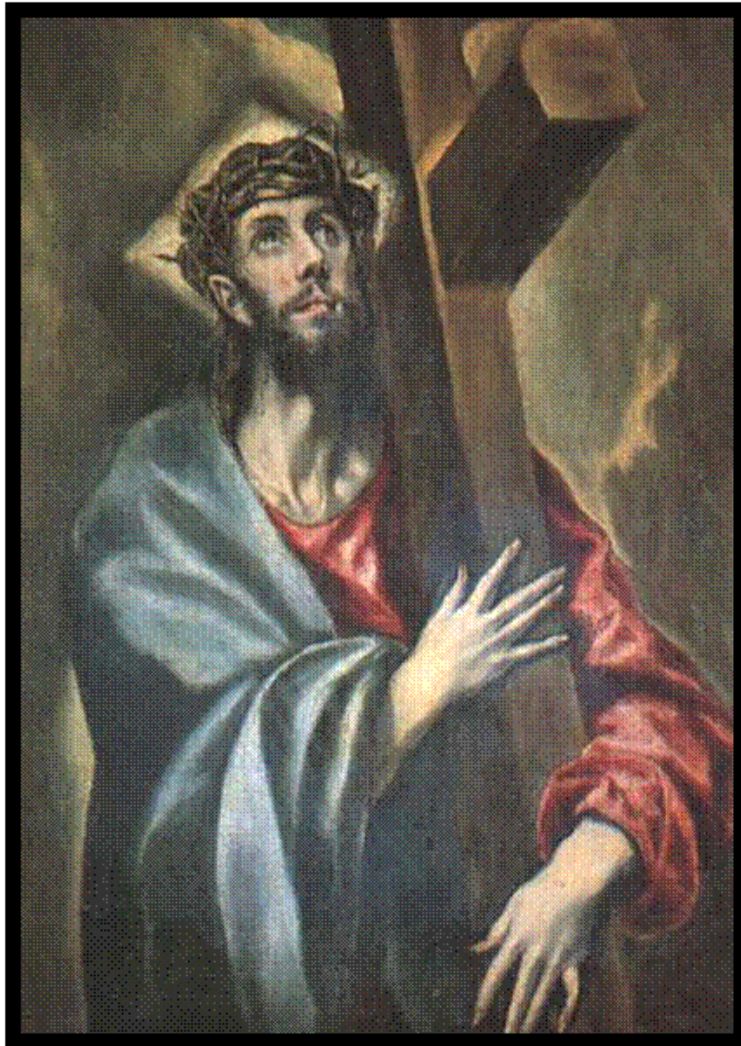


Walk with the Cross



10am, Good Friday, 2024

St Matthew's to St Andrew's, Hastings

As we gather together on this holy day as sisters and brothers in Christ, let us share the peace of God with one another.

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace
who breaks down the walls that divide.

The peace of God be always with you
Praise to Christ who unites us in peace.

We pray together.

**Lord Jesus Christ,
as we gather at the foot of your cross,
help us to see and know your love for us,
so that we place at your feet
all that we have and are.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.**

David van Oeveren introduces our service

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

Reading #1 (Luke 22:63-65)

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, 'Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?' They kept heaping many other insults on him.

Reflection...

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

Reading #2 ((Luke 22:66-71)

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought Jesus to their council. They said, 'If you are the Messiah, tell us.' He replied, 'If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.' All of them asked, 'Are you, then, the Son of God?' He said to them, 'You say that I am.' Then they said, 'What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!'

Reflection...

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We walk to the cnr Eastbourne St / King St Sth

Reading #3 (Luke 23: 1-12)

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, ‘We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.’ Then Pilate asked him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ He answered, ‘You say so.’ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, ‘I find no basis for an accusation against this man.’ But they were insistent and said, ‘He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.’

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day

Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Reflection...

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We walk to the cnr of Eastbourne / Market St Sth

Reading #4 ((Luke 23: 13-25)

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.' Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!'

(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the

man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

Reflection...

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you have redeemed the world.**

We walk to the cnr Lyndon St and Market St Sth

Reading #5 (Luke 23: 26-32)

As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, ‘Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, “Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.” Then they will begin to say to the mountains, “Fall on us”; and to the hills, “Cover us.” For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?’

Reflection...

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We enter St Andrew's

Reading #6 (Luke 23: 32-39)

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Reflection...

Let us be still

**Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
when you come in to your kingdom**

Reading #7 (Luke 23: 44-49)

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Reflection...

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

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

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

**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?**

**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!**

Jesus, you died with arms outstretched upon a cross.
We pray for the world where you are crucified daily with the
destitute, the oppressed and the dispossessed.
Have mercy on us,
and hear our prayer.

Jesus, you were mocked and sentenced to death.
We pray for all who govern, those administer the law, and for
all who are denied justice.
Have mercy on us,
and hear our prayer.

Jesus, you died deserted and rejected.
We pray for all who know rejection and the pain of
abandonment.

Have mercy on us,
and hear our prayer.

Jesus, you died forgiving those who crucified you.
We pray for the church that we may be a living sign of your
forgiveness and reconciliation.

Have mercy on us,
and hear our prayer.

Jesus, you died to show your steadfast love.
We pray for all who live or work in this community, our families,
our friends, and all whose lives are linked with ours.

Have mercy on us,
and hear our prayer.

Jesus, you died bringing healing and new life to all people.
We pray for those in sickness, grief or pain.

Have mercy on us,
and hear our prayer.

Jesus, you died with arms outstretched upon a cross.
We remember all who are facing death and who have died.

Have mercy on us,
and hear our prayer.

Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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 for ever. Amen**

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

We leave the worship space in silence

Friday 29, 11.30am – 1.30pm. St Matthew's, Hastings. Hot Cross Buns Lunch with Coffee & Tea.

Friday 29, 2pm. St Matthew's, Hastings. GOOD FRIDAY Liturgy of the Passion. Whole-of-Parish Worship.

Saturday 30, 7pm. Church Space. Holy Saturday – Liturgy of The Great Vigil of Easter: Lighting of the Paschal (Easter) Candle. Holy Saturday – Jesus descends into the Abyss, hell, & triumphs over death. Whole-of-Parish Worship.