

Good Friday Virtual Gathering Script

The Way of the Cross

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE FIRST PEOPLES

We acknowledge that the land which this video was made is the home to the Wallumettagal people of the Eora Nation.

We pay our respect to the elders, past, present and emerging although meeting Aboriginal descendant is unlikely to happen in our local community.

This sacred gathering place provides us with an opportunity to stay connected with each other while staying in due to COVID 19 pandemic.

WELCOME

Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.' (Matthew 16:24, 25)

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards humanity
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:

grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

HYMN: WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS [\[Click/tab to listen\]](#)

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.

The Shofar is blown.

The Lord's Supper

Mark 14: 17-20; 22-24; 26-28

Narrator: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

All: because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Narrator: When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken
their places and were eating, Jesus said,

Jesus: 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.'

N: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

All: 'Surely, not I?'

N: He said to them,

J: 'It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me.'

N: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

J: 'Take; this is my body.'

N: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

J: 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.'

N: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

J: 'You will all become deserters; for it is written,

"I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered."

But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.'

N: Peter said to him,

All: 'Even though all become deserters, I will not.'

SONG: STAY WITH ME [\[Click/tab to listen\]](#)

Stay with me, remain here with me.

Watch and pray, watch and pray.

(Sing 2 times)

The Shofar is blown.

Jesus in Gethsemane

Mark 14:32-50

Narrator: They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus: 'Sit here while I pray.'

N: He took with him Peter and James and John,
and began to be distressed and agitated.

And he said to them,

J: 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.'

N: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it
were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

J: 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not
what I want, but what you want.'

N: He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

J: 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and
pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but
the flesh is weak.'

N: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he
came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not
know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

J: 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son
of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my
betrayal is at hand.'

N: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and
with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the
scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

All: 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.'

N: So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

All: 'Rabbi!'

N: and he kissed him.

Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

N: *Let us pray:*

Lord Jesus, you were betrayed by the kiss of a friend:

be with those who are betrayed and slandered and falsely accused.

You knew the experience of having your love

thrown back in your face for mere silver:

be with families which are torn apart by mistrust or temptation.

And so in Jesus' name we pray:

For those who have been deserted by friends,

and those who have betrayed.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

N: For those who can no longer trust another.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

N: For those who are tempted to violence.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

N: That all the faithful may be watchful and awake to the suffering of all God's children.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

N: To you, Jesus, who offered your face to your betrayer,
be honour and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Shofar is blown.

Jesus On Trial

Mark 14:66-72, John 18: 28-40

Narrator: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

All: because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

N: Meanwhile, Peter was in the courtyard below. One of the servant girls who worked for the high priest came by and noticed Peter warming himself at the fire. She looked at him closely and said, "You were one of those with Jesus of Nazareth." But Peter denied it.

All: "I don't know what you're talking about,"

N: he said, and he went out into the entryway. Just then, a rooster crowed. When the servant girl saw him standing there, she began telling the others, "This man is definitely one of them!" But Peter denied it again.

A little later some of the other bystanders confronted Peter and said, "You must be one of them, because you are a Galilean." Peter swore,

All: "A curse on me if I'm lying—I don't know this man you're talking about!"

N: And immediately the rooster crowed the second time.
Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind:
"Before the rooster crows twice,
you will deny three times that you even know me."
And he broke down and wept.

SONG: IN OUR DARKNESS [\[Click/tab to listen\]](#)

In our darkness, there is no darkness with you O Lord,
the deepest night in clear as the day.
(Sing 2 times)

N: Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, 'What accusation do you bring against this man?'

They answered,

All: 'If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.'

N: Pilate said to them, 'Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.'

The Jews replied,

All: 'We are not permitted to put anyone to death.'

N: (This was to fulfil what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered,

- J: 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?'
- N: Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered,
- J: 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.'
- N: Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered,
- J: 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'
- N: Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, 'I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?'

They shouted in reply,

All: 'Not this man, but Barabbas!'

N: Now Barabbas was a bandit.

The Shofar is blown.

Jesus scourged and takes up the cross

Mark 15:1-15

Narrator: Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort.

And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him.

And they began saluting him,

All: 'Hail, King of the Jews!'

N: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

HYMN: O SACRED HEAD SORE WOUNDED [\[Click/tab to listen\]](#)

O sacred head sore wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
O kingly head surrounded
with thorns your only crown.
Death's shadows rise before you,
the glow of life decays;
yet hosts of heaven adore you
and tremble as they gaze.

N: *Let us pray:*

Lord Jesus,

you carried the cross through the rough streets of Jerusalem:

be with those who are loaded with burdens beyond their strength.

You bore the weight of our sins when you carried the cross:

help us to realize the extent and the cost of your love for us.

And so in Jesus' name we pray:

For those whose burden is heavy this day.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

N: For those who have endured abuse.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

N: For those who stand up for justice and mercy.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

N: That we may always seek to do your will.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

N: To you, Jesus, bearing a cross not your own,
be honour and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Shofar is blown.

The Way of the Cross

Mark 15:21

SONG: WERE YOU THERE? [\[Click/tab to listen\]](#)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Narrator: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

All: because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

N: 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.

The Shofar is blown.

The Women of Jerusalem

Luke 23:27-31

Narrator: 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,

Jesus: '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?'

N: *Let us pray:*

Lord Jesus, the women of Jerusalem wept for you:
move us to tears at the plight of the broken in our world.
You embraced the pain of Jerusalem, the 'city of peace':
bless Jerusalem this day and lead it to the path of profound peace.
And so in Jesus' name we pray:
For the all who are abused or exploited in our neighbourhoods.
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

N: For all who wail and grieve this day.
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

N: For our families, that we might live in peace and harmony.
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

N: That we may act for peace, and it may begin in our homes.
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

To you, Jesus, the King of peace who wept for the city of peace,
be honour and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.

SONG: MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN [\[Click/tab to listen\]](#)

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

The Shofar is blown.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

Mark 15:22-32a, Luke 23:39-43, John 19:26, 27, Mark 15:33-39; 42-47

Narrator: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

All: because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

N: 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,

All: 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!'

N: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

All: '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.'

N: One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

All: 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'

N: 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,

Jesus: 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

SONG: JESUS REMEMBER ME [\[Click/tab to listen\]](#)

Jesus, remember me,

when you come into your kingdom

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N: When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

J: 'Woman, here is your son.'

N: Then he said to the disciple,

J: 'Here is your mother.'

N: And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

N: When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

J: 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?'

N: which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

All: 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.'

N: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

You may pause in silence.

N: And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

SONG: JESUS REMEMBER ME [\[Click/tab to listen\]](#)

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N: When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time.

When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph.

Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where the body was laid.

SONG: O LORD HEAR MY PRAYER [\[Click/tab to listen\]](#)

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer.

Come and listen to me.

The Shofar is blown.

The Tomb

Narrator: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

All: because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

N: Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom with the words our Saviour taught us (in whatever form or language you are comfortable 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.

我們在天上的父, 願人都尊祢的名為聖, 願祢的國降臨,
願祢的旨意行在地上, 如同行在天上.
我們日用的飲食 今日賜給我們,
免我們的債 如同我們免了人的債 不叫我們遇見試探,
救我們脫離兇惡, 因為國度, 權柄, 榮耀, 全是祢的, 直到永遠.
阿門

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지,
아버지의 이름을 거룩하게 하시며,
아버지의 나라가 오게 하시며,
아버지의 뜻이 하늘에서와 같이
땅에서도 이루어지게 하소서.
오늘 우리에게 일용할 양식을 주시고,
우리가 우리에게 잘못된 사람을
용서하여 준 것같이 우리 죄를 용서하여 주시고,
우리를 시험에 빠지지 않게 하시고 악에서 구하소서.
나라와 권능과 영광이 영원히 아버지의 것입니다.
아멘.

SONG: THE POWER OF THE CROSS [\[Click/tab to listen\]](#)

Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath:
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death,
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

*This, the power of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Narrator: Christ was manifested in the body,
vindicated in the spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,
glorified in high heaven.

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

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It was going to be held on Good Friday, 10 April, but in response to COVID-19 outbreak, it was cancelled. However, nothing stops us to share Easter Message in the life of Jesus Christ that will dwell with us forever. The hope of our Father, our Lord Jesus Christ and our Holy Spirit will hold us tight in the difficult time. Please be faithful and look to God the heavenly Father.

If you need a support in your spiritual life, please contact on our minister, Rev. Seung Jae Yeon 0413 837 721 or more information from our website boroniapark.uca.org.au.

Blessings.



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