



Diocese of Broken Bay

MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and
St John the Baptist, Freshwater

PALM SUNDAY – 14th April 2019

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Monday – Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday: 9am – 4pm

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Mary Immaculate Church

6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

St John the Baptist Church

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Weekend Masses:

Manly: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

Freshwater: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses:

Manly: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

Freshwater: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

Liturgy of the Word and

Holy Communion

Manly: Monday 9:15am

Freshwater: Monday 9:15am

Baptisms: by appointment only

Manly 4th Sunday of the month

Freshwater 2nd Sunday of month

Reconciliation:

Manly Sat 10am – 11am

Freshwater Sat 4:30pm



Mary Immaculate Church, Manly

18th April Mass of the Last Supper @ 7pm

19th April Good Friday

Stations of the Cross (traditional) @ 10am

The Lord's Passion @ 3pm

20th April Easter Vigil @ 6pm

21st April Easter Sunday

8:30am, 10:30am & 6pm

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Stations of the Cross (traditional) @ 10am

The Lord's Passion @ 3pm

20th April Easter Vigil @ 5:30pm

21st April Easter Sunday @ 9am

**Freshwater Easter Vigil will be held
at 5:30pm – NOT 5pm**

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS

Thank You for your financial support of
our Priests and Parish Community.

The 1st Collection is for the financial
support of our priests.

The 2nd Collection is for the maintenance
& running costs of our Parish Community.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April:

Workers in War Zones For doctors and their humanitarian
collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the
lives of others.

Manly Freshwater Parish promotes **SAFEGUARDING** which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our community.


Parish Pastoral Council: Vuna Tuifua (Chair); Laurie de Ambrosio; Joanne Druery; Richard Heasman; Michael Larkin; Robert Marshall; Ian Press; Freya Zemek
St Mary's Primary School 9977 2225
Principal: Paul McGuire
St John the Baptist Primary School 9939 6699
Principal: Judy Slattery
St Paul's Catholic College 9977 5111
Principal: Chris Browne
Stella Maris College 9977 5144
Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie

April **Yr C 2019**
 Mon 15/4 – Holy Week Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
 Tue 16/4 – Holy Week Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33,36-38
 Wed 17/4 – Holy Week Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25
 Thurs 18/4 – Holy Week Ex 12:1-8,11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
 Fri 19/4 – Passion of the Lord Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
 Sat 20/4 – Easter Saturday Gen 1:1-2:2; Gen 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4; Ezek 36:16-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12
 Sun 21/4 – EASTER SUNDAY Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4


LET US PRAY FOR 14th April 2019
Recently Deceased: Gwyn Jones; Anne Naismith
Anniversary:
Prayers for the sick in our parish: John Beninati; Wayne Smedley; Sofia Musso (child); Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane, Jonathan Keil, Robina Dwyer, Betty Borg; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Anita Lo Casio; Stephen Taylor; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Norman Cummins; Lauren Hannahan; Virginia Leary; Rosalba Galuis
Mass Intention Publications: All Mass Intentions may be left at the Parish Office or on the collection plates on the weekend. Names for Mass Intentions for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and for those who are sick (permission of the person is required) will be included in the weekly bulletin. All other Mass Intentions (including yearly offerings) will be given directly to the Priests who will offer the Masses.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held at Manly Church on Wednesdays from 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. To assist us on Wednesdays and present before the Blessed Sacrament, a Guard of Honour Roster has been placed on the notice board. We invite you to place your name in a time slot which suits you.

Visiting sick at home - If you, or if you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass because they are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise for Communion or Anointing

 **POPE FRANCIS** If you are young in years, but feel weak, weary or disillusioned, ask Jesus to renew you. With him, hope never fails.

Please **TURN OFF** your mobile phones during all Church services; that includes sending/receiving text messages

 St Mary's Church at Manly is fitted with an audio loop for hearing impaired.

The St Vincent de Paul Clothing bags available for you in the Piety Store and you can return your clean clothing donations either to the Piety Store or the Church Foyer. There will also be SVDP Clothing Appeals from time to time.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **RCIA** Tue 16th April @ 7pm
- **Holy Thursday No Morning Mass** 18th April

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS

FRESHWATER: following the Sunday 9am Mass.



MANLY: following the Sunday 8:30am Mass each weekend, with the Filipino Family Group hosting a morning tea on the 2nd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass and the Tongan Community hosting a morning tea on the 3rd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass.



If you are a new parishioner to Manly Freshwater Parish, we invite you to complete a Parish census form. This will assist us in updating our records to include you and your family in our parish community activities. The census form can be found on the back wall of the Church or at the side door entrance and may be left in the collection plate.

PROJECT COMPASSION

This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.



Living with a disability was challenging for Nguyet. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Nguyet has become independent,

an important member of her community and has great hope for her future. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community.



Lives change when we all give 100%.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes or by visiting

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

A forum on refugees and asylum seekers to discuss one of the key moral challenges for Australians: Our Human Rights Record dealing with those who've arrived, seeking refuge and a life of safety in our country. 2pm – 4pm Saturday 27 April 2019, St Mary's Church Hall, Whistler St Manly. Speakers: Phil Glendenning: President, Refugee Council of Australia, Dr David Isaacs: Visited Nauru 2014, Clinical Professor in Paediatric Infectious Diseases at Children's Hospital, Westmead. Ngareta Rossell: Refugee Advocate, Journalist and Writer Dr Sara Townend: Local General Practitioner, and member of Doctors for Justice Panel Chair: John Highfield: former ABC journalist and presenter of The World Today Musical performance: Mohsen Sultany Zand Former asylum seekers and refugees will also be speaking about their experiences in detention

You are invited to the Chrism Mass! Come and join together with our clergy and people across Broken Bay for the blessing and consecration of the Holy Oils for our parishes. Mass begins at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16 April 2019. Soup and bread will be served in the courtyard from 6.00pm with tea and coffee afterwards.



We invite you to join us for our **EASTER VIGIL SUPPER** at Manly following the 6pm Vigil Mass. All Welcome



Will be held following the **8.30am Mass** next Sunday in the Children's Playground at Manly... looking forward to seeing you there!

There will be no Morning Mass on Holy Thursday

Reconciliation will be available at Manly and Freshwater Churches following the **Mass of the Lords Supper on Thursday Evening** and on **Good Friday following the Stations of the Cross and the Passion.**



Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday
We would like to invite 12 parishioners at each Church to participate in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish Office on 9977 5822



**MANLY PIETY STORE
CHOCOLATE EASTER PASCHAL LAMBS now available from the Piety Store at Manly \$10ea**

Movie and CD of the month "Risen" This is a very good film, a fictional story based on true events. Imagine following Jesus after his resurrection, for forty days Jesus appeared to His disciples and believers. Only \$10

CD of the month "7 secrets of Divine Mercy – Vinny Flynn" In this compelling and timely CD Vinny Flynn draws from Scripture, the teachings of the Church, and the Diary of St. Faustina to not only reveal the heart of Divine Mercy, but to offer you an invitation and a road map so that this can transform your life.

Election BBQ & Cake Stall

"Now that the state election is over, we await the news of the date for the federal election (probably 11 or 18 May). St Mary's Hall will be a polling venue and so we are organising a joint school/parish fair and we need your help! There will be a BBQ, as well as cake, book and craft stalls. All money raised will go towards a joint school/parish project! We need people to serve the stalls, maybe only in one-hour slots. Shortly you will find lists in the church to register your availability. **The parish craft group are hard at work and we will be calling on all our cooks to donate a cake or slice!** For more information, please call the school on 9977 2225. Most importantly, make sure you tell everybody to vote at St Mary's!!!!'



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
will be celebrated at St Mary's Church, Manly Sunday 28th April 2pm – 4pm
The Novena Chaplet begins on Good Friday – leaflets can be found under the Divine Mercy image in the Church at Manly or on the table at Freshwater.
ALL WELCOME



HOW TO MAKE A PALM CROSS

Every year on Palm Sunday in our Catholic churches, we receive palm fronds which have been ritually blessed as a wonderful part of our Palm Sunday liturgy. You can create a tradition of your own by incorporating these blessed palms into Palm Crosses.

To Make the Knot in the middle

1. Hold the palm horizontally.
2. At about the half waypoint fold the palm up towards the ceiling to create a ninety-degree angle.
3. Take this piece and fold it tightly down towards the floor. (Do not try to make the cross. At this point you are making the square in the middle).
4. Still using the same piece of palm, fold it back up toward the ceiling.
5. Take the other piece of the palm and fold it across the square you have been creating.
6. You will now take this same piece of palm and thread it through the small square you have created. This square is at the back of the cross and you will see the right angle you originally created in this square – thread the palm under this right angle piece.
7. Pull tightly and you should have a completed knot that does not need to be held.

To Form the Cross

1. Take the palm that points towards the ceiling and fold it down toward the floor and thread it through the square you have created at the front of the cross. This will be the top of your cross. Still using the same piece of palm thread up back up through the same square you used in the previous step to create the bottom of the cross.
2. Turn the half made cross around so that the remaining horizontal piece of palm is to the right. You should have a vertical square in front of you and a horizontal piece of palm to your right. Take the unwoven piece of palm and thread it through this square to create one side of the cross.
3. Take the same piece of palm and thread it through the same square you used in the previous step making certain to thread it behind where you had previous threaded. You should have a cross that still has some palm pieces hanging out either on top and sometimes in the sides of the cross.
4. Cut the strands that do not belong in your cross.

TAP TO DONATE TO HELP WITH REPAIRS OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH

If you would like to make a donation to assist with our ongoing **Church Repairs** you can do so by a direct deposit into the Parish Account using the following ...



Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank **Account#** 13958001
BSB # 062 784 (Please include the following reference – BM/your surname)

If you would like to use one of our tap units at **Manly** there is a unit in the front foyer of the Church and at the side exit into the Carpark. **We thank you for your generosity & commitment to our parish**

EASTER ROSTER 2019

THE EASTER TRIDUUM – Manly			
HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7.00pm		GOOD FRIDAY Solemnity of the Lord's Passion – 3pm	EASTER VIGIL 6pm
Acolytes & Servers	Louise Wareham Ivica Covic Ivana Covic Iona Hearn Teresa Hearn	Ken Thompson Ron Gravalin Ivica Covic Freya Zemek Kazuko Fisher	Ivica Covic Ivana Covic Freya Zemek
Readers	Reader 1: Katalina Taefotu Reader 2: Vuna Tuifua	Reader 1: Paul Walsh Reader 2: Kirsty Campbell Gospel Passion Reading Narrator: Rita Bruzzese Other Voices: Bill Tango Intercessions: Rita Bruzzese	Reader 1: Rita Bruzzese Reader 2: Sandie Cornish Reader 3: Jean Halcrow Reader 4: Vuna Tuifua Epistle: Bill Tango
Ministers of the Eucharist			
Music	Tongan Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir

THE EASTER TRIDUUM – Freshwater			
HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper – 6.00pm		GOOD FRIDAY Solemnity of the Lord's Passion – 3pm	EASTER VIGIL 5.30pm
Acolytes & Snr Servers	Mick O'Farrell Lou Maruca Joanne Druery	Joanne Druery Mick O'Farrell	Joanne Druery Mick O'Farrell
Readers	Reader 1: Amanda Whitfield Reader 2: Pam Brown	Reader 1: John Peters Reader 2: Toni Walsh Gospel Passion Reading Narrator: John Peters Other Voices: Toni Walsh Intercessions: Toni Walsh	Reader 1: John Peters Reader 2: Toni Walsh Reader 3: Amanda Whitfield Epistle: Amanda Whitfield
Ministers of the Eucharist	Angela Vumbaca Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required
Music	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown

EASTER SUNDAY				
	Freshwater 9am	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am	Manly 6pm
Acolyte/ Server	Lou Maruca	Louise Wareham Evan and Byron Cahill	Ron Gravalin Iona Hearn Teresa Hearn	Assistance required
Readers	Pam Brown Ian Press	Patty Thomas Jan Van Den Brock	Vuna Tuifua Katalina Taefotu	Kirsty Campbell
Ministers of the Eucharist	Assistance Required	Jan Van Den Brock John Stapleton	Lynne Parks	Assistance Required
Music	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Tongan Community	Simon Hyland
Warden		Dom Ferragina	David Hala	Assistance Required

Palm Sunday – YEAR C

Gospel Procession

Luke 19:28-40

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. Now when he was near Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives as it is called, he sent two of the disciples, telling them, 'Go off to the village opposite, and as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you are to say this, "The Master needs it.'" The messengers went off and found everything just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owner said, 'Why are you untying that colt?' and they answered, 'The Master needs it.' So they took the colt to Jesus, and throwing their garments over its back they helped Jesus on to it. As he moved off, people spread their cloaks in the road, and now, as he was approaching the downward slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole group of disciples joyfully began to praise God at the top of their voices for all the miracles they had seen. They cried out: 'Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!' Some Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Master, check your disciples,' but he answered, 'I tell you, if these keep silence the stones will cry out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

1st Reading (JB)

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' R.
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. R.
3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! R.
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' R.

2nd Reading (JB)

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Luke 22:14 - 23:56

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

N When the hour came Jesus took his place at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them,

J I have longed to eat this passover with you before I suffer; because, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

N Then, taking a cup, he gave thanks and said,

J Take this and share it among you, because from now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the kingdom of God comes.

N Then he took some bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying,

J This is my body which will be given for you; do this as a memorial of me.

N He did the same with the cup after supper, and said,

J This cup is the new covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you.

And yet, here with me on the table is the hand of the man who betrays me. The Son of Man does indeed go to his fate even as it has been decreed, but alas for that man by whom he is betrayed!

N And, they began to ask one another which of them it could be who was to do this thing. A dispute arose also between them about which should be reckoned the greatest, but he said to them,

J Among pagans it is the kings who lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are given the title Benefactor. This must not happen with you. No; the greatest among you must behave as if he were the youngest, the leader as if he were the one who serves. For who is the greater: the one at table or the one who serves? The one at table, surely? Yet here I am among you as one who serves! You are the men who have stood by me faithfully in my

trials; and now I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father conferred one on me: you will eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon, Simon! Satan, you must know, has got his wish to sift you all like wheat; but I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail, and once you have recovered, you in your turn must strengthen your brothers.

N He answered,

O Lord, I would be ready to go to prison with you, and to death.

N Jesus replied,

J I tell you, Peter, by the time the cock crows today you will have denied three times that you know me.

N He said to them,

J When I sent you out without purse or haversack or sandals, were you short of anything?

N They answered,

C No.

N He said to them,

J But now if you have a purse, take it: if you have a haversack, do the same; if you have no sword, sell your cloak and buy one, because I tell you these words of scripture have to be fulfilled in me: He let himself be taken for a criminal. Yes, what scripture says about me is even now reaching its fulfilment.

N They said,

C Lord, there are two swords here now.

N He said to them,

J That is enough!

N He then left the upper room to make his way as usual to the Mount of Olives, with the disciples following. When they reached the place he said to them,

J Pray not to be put to the test.

N Then he withdrew from them, about a stone's throw away, and knelt down and prayed, saying,

J Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, let your will be done, not mine.

N Then an angel appeared to him coming from heaven to give him strength. In his anguish he prayed even more earnestly, and his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood. When he rose from prayer he went to the disciples and found them sleeping for sheer grief. He said to them,

J Why are you asleep? Get up and pray not to be put to the test.

N He was still speaking when a number of men appeared, and at the head of them the man called Judas, one of the Twelve, who went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said,

J Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?

N His followers, seeing what was happening, said,

C Lord, shall we use our swords?

N And one of them struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. But at this Jesus spoke,

J Leave off! That will do!

N And touching the man's ear he healed him.

Then Jesus spoke to the chief priests and captains of the Temple guard and elders who had come for him. He said,

J Am I a brigand that you had to set out with swords and clubs? When I was among you in the Temple day after day you never moved to lay hands on me. But this is your hour; this is the reign of darkness.

N They seized him then and led him away, and they took him to the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance. They had lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and Peter sat down among them, and as he was sitting there by the blaze a servant-girl saw him, peered at him and said,

O This person was with him too.

N But he denied it, saying,

O Woman, I do not know him.

N Shortly afterwards, someone else saw him and said,

O You are another of them.

N But Peter replied,

O I am not, my friend.

N About an hour later another man insisted, saying,

O This fellow was certainly with him. Why, he is a Galilean.

N Peter said,

O My friend, I do not know what you are talking about.

N At that instant, while he was still speaking, the cock crew, and the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered what the Lord had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will have disowned me three times'. And he went outside and wept bitterly. Meanwhile the men who guarded Jesus were mocking and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying,

C Play the prophet. Who hit you then?

N And they continued heaping insults on him.

When day broke there was a meeting of the elders of the people, attended by the chief priests and scribes. He was brought before their council, and they said to him,

C If you are the Christ, tell us.

N He replied,

J If I tell you, you will not believe me, 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.

N Then they all said,

C So you are the Son of God then?

N He answered,

J It is you who say I am.

N They said,

C What need of witnesses have we now? We have heard it for ourselves from his own lips.

N The whole assembly then rose, and they brought him before Pilate. They began their accusation by saying,

C We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.

N Pilate put to him this question,

O Are you the king of the Jews?

N He replied,

J It is you who say it.

N Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd,

O I find no case against this man.

N But they persisted,

C *He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.*

N When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day. Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. He said,

O You brought this man before me as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.

N But as one man they howled,

C *Away with him! Give us Barabbas!*

N This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back.

C *Crucify him! Crucify him!*

N And for the third time he spoke to them,

O Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and let him go.

N But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified, and their shouts were growing louder. Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased. As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

J Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, 'Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'; to the hills, 'Cover us!' For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?

N Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed. When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said,

J Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.

N Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him, saying,

C *He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.*

N The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said,

C *If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.*

N Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him, saying,

O Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us as well.

N But the other spoke up and rebuked him,

O Have you no fear of God at all? You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

N He replied

J Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.

N It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said,

J Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

N With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

N When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said,

O This was a great and good man.

N And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts. All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen. Then a member of the council arrived, an upright and virtuous man named Joseph. He had not consented to what the others had planned and carried out. He came from Arimathaea, a Jewish town, and he lived in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. He then took it down, wrapped it in a shroud and put him in a tomb which was hewn in stone in which no one had yet been laid. It was Preparation Day and the sabbath was imminent. Meanwhile the women who had come from Galilee with Jesus were following behind. They took note of the tomb and of the position of the body. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. And on the sabbath day they rested as the law required. The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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