

GOOD FRIDAY

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church

Henley Beach

10th April 2020 On-line



INTRODUCTORY RITES

Rosalie: *We come together from our various situations to reflect on the passion and death of Jesus. The ceremonies of Good Friday begin in silence as the priests enter and kneel before the altar. We are invited to join with them in reflecting on the events that bring us together now and at this time.*

Fr Paul: **Opening Prayer**
 Lord,
 by shedding his blood for us,
 your Son, Jesus Christ,
 established the paschal mystery.
 In your goodness, make us holy and watch over us always.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Rosalie: *The readings begin with the prophecy of Isaiah, reflecting on the reality of the suffering servant.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 (Brian)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

See, my servant will prosper,
 he shall be lifted up, exalted, rise to great heights.

As the crowds were appalled on seeing him
 - so disfigured did he look
 that he seemed no longer human -
 so will the crowds be astonished at him,
 and kings stand speechless before him.

Like a sapling he grew up in front of us,
 like a root in arid ground.
 Without beauty, without majesty we saw him,
 no looks to attract our eyes;
 a thing despised and rejected by all,
 a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering,
 he was despised and we took no account of him.

And yet ours were the sufferings he bore,
 ours the sorrows he carried.
 But we, we thought of him as someone punished,
 struck by God and brought low.

We had all gone astray like sheep,
 each taking our own way,
 and the Lord burdened him
 with the sins of all of us.

Harshly dealt with, he bore it humbly,
 he never opened his mouth,
 like a lamb that is led to the slaughter-house,
 like a sheep that is dumb before its shearers,
 never opening its mouth.
 The Lord has been pleased to crush him with suffering.
 If he offers his life in atonement,
 he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
 and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over
 he shall see the light and be content.
 By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
 taking their faults on himself.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 30:2. 6. 12-13. 15-17. 25 (Nigel to read) - Response to be sung

R. Father, I put my life in your hands.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge.
 Let me never be put to shame.
 In your justice, set me free.
 Into your hands I commend my spirit.
 It is you who will redeem me, Lord.

R. Father, I put my life in your hands.

In the face of all my foes
 I am a reproach,
 an object of scorn to my neighbours
 and of fear to my friends.

R. Father, I put my life in your hands.

Let your face shine on your servant.
 Save me in your love.
 Be strong, let your heart take courage,
 all who hope in the Lord.

R. Father, I put my life in your hands.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 (Nigel)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace, when we are in need of help.

During his life on earth, he offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was a Son, he learnt to obey through suffering, but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:8-9

Thy Word: _SUNG Rosalie

GOSPEL: The Reading of the Passion: Supported by Power Point Images

Commentator: Central to the Good Friday ceremony is the reading of the Passion from the Gospel of St John

CAMERA: 9 x Power Pt Images to be spaced during the reading of the Passion.

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| Jesus - | Mr Mac | (Altar) |
| Narrator - | Fr Paul | (Readers lectern) |
| Crowd - | Musicians | (at their microphones: Rosalie & Van) |
| Other - | Tan | (handheld mic) |

Fr Paul Homily

The General Intercessions

Rosalie: *The following prayers seek to remind us of the love of the God and why Jesus died for us. His example helps us recall our need of his guidance as we respond to the difficulties of our time.*

BRIAN: We pray for the holy Church of God throughout the world, May we gather together in peace and unity.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me. Sung: by Rosalie

Silent prayer then the priest says

Fr Mac Almighty and eternal God,
Guide your Church.
Help it to persevere in faith,
proclaim your name
and bring your salvation to people everywhere.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

NIGEL: Let us pray also for all our brothers and sisters who believe in Christ, that our God and Lord may be pleased, as they live the truth, to gather them together and keep them in his one Church.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me. Sung: by Rosalie

Silent prayer then the priest says:

Fr Mac Almighty ever-living God,
who gather what is scattered,
keep together what you have gathered,
look kindly on the flock of your Son,
that those whom one Baptism has consecrated
may be joined together by integrity of faith
and united in the bond of charity.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

BRIAN: Let us pray for leaders who serve us in our community, that they act with justice, compassion and care for all in our community especially those on the margins.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me. Sung: by Rosalie

Silent prayer then the priest says

Fr Mac Almighty and eternal God,
watch over those in authority,
so that everyone may enjoy
religious freedom, security, and peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

NIGEL: Let us pray, dear friends, that God may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travellers. And free those who are treated unjustly, rid the world of hunger and disease and fill the world with love, empathy and kindness.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me. Sung: by Rosalie

Silent prayer then the priest says

Fr Paul Almighty and eternal God,
you give strength to the weary
and new courage to those who have lost heart.
Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble
that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Unveiling of the Cross: Wood of the Cross

Fr Mac Behold, behold the wood of the cross on which is hung our salvation

All: Come let us adore Him.

The cross is then Placed on the altar the priests venerate the Cross

CONCLUDING RITE

Final Blessing

Fr Mac Lord, send down your abundant blessing
upon your people who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son
in the sure hope of the resurrection.
Grant them pardon; bring them comfort.
May their faith grow stronger
and their eternal salvation be assured.

The altar is stripped, and the priests leave.

Rosalie: You are invited to Focus on the Cross for veneration at home with a presentation of the passion of Jesus for a period of personal reflection. Together as we remember the suffering of Jesus we pray for all who are struggling at this time and for those who have committed themselves to support and care for others.

Musician to Play Quiet Music for personal reflection and veneration from home