

14th April 2017 Last Supper – Good Friday

Explanation of what the Reflection will involve. JTH

Yesterday evening as we shared supper and communion together we remembered JESUS and The Last Supper which took place in an upstairs room in the city of Jerusalem.

We remembered the willingness of Jesus to deal with the dirt and exhaustion of humanity by an act of washing and removal. In the Upper Room but also upon the Cross –JESUS dealt with human despair, dirt and exhaustion once and for all. He was willing but also, he was the only one able to do it. Jesus deals with inner dirt and pain – failings and wrong doing and lack of doing.

*Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow...**Isaiah 1: 18** (p671)
God reprimands the people for their unjust treatment of others.*

*No other name under heaven given to humanity whereby we must be saved – **Acts 4: 12 Salvation is found in no one else.***

1 John 1: 8, 9 fol** (p303) – if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us **BUT...

At the end of the meal Jesus and the 11 left. JUDAS had already made his exit to further his act of betrayal. (*John 13: 36-38*)

Today we reflect on what happened after that. We will use words, images and music – as well as silence.

THEN UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS, most dreadful of nights, See what happens before 9 am:-

Jesus prayed for himself and others – Gethsemane *Matt 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 18*

Betrayal by kiss of Judas and arrest

Peter cuts off Malchus ear – Jesus heals it

The disciples run away

Preliminary hearing before Annas High Priest

Peter's first denial

Trial before Caiaphas

Peter's second denial

Trail before Sanhedrin

Peter's third denial and the cock crows

Trail before Pilate

Judas Iscariot's suicide

Trial before Pilate

Trail before Herod

Pilate declares Jesus innocent. Jesus or Barabbas?

The message from Pilate's wife (Barabbas chosen by crowd to be released)

Ecco Homo – *behold the man* says Pontius Pilate as he presents a scourged, bound Jesus to the crowd. *John 19:5*

Pilate delivers Jesus to be crucified

Jesus mocked by soldiers

The road to Golgotha – Simon of Cyrene carries the cross

Jesus rejects wine and myrrh

JESUS CRUCIFIED 9am – *Matthew 27:35a; Mark 15: 24-25 ; Luke 23:33b ; John 19: 18a*

Mocking of Jesus on Cross by criminals

The repentant criminal asking Jesus to remember him in his Kingdom

Jesus designates John as His mother's provision

Darkness (12-3PM) "My God My God..." (3PM)

"I am Thirsty" (3PM) Jesus offered wine and vinegar "Let's see if Elijah saves Him"

Jesus' Loud Cry "Father, into your hands I commit my Spirit" "It is finished"

Jesus' Death. The Temple curtain is torn from top to bottom.

Earthquake. Resurrection of dead from graves. Centurion's reaction.

The soldiers break legs of criminals. Soldier pierces side of Jesus with spear

Jim le Page: BLESSED TO DEATH 8 power point slides set to music. "Alone" and "Miserere" from The Mission by Ennio Morricone.

Joseph of Arimathea requests body of Jesus

Joseph brings linen cloth & Nicodemus brings 75LBs of myrrh and aloe. Nicodemus and Joseph remove the body and place Jesus in a borrowed tomb

Women witnesses saw Jesus laid in tomb

Stone rolled in front of tomb entrance

Women and others rested on Sabbath

Jewish leaders request Guard from Pilate. Pilate orders tomb security guard and it is sealed.

SILENCE – SELAH

At this point we too withdraw and depart to reflect upon what Jesus did and why he did it. His Spirit returned to the Father's hands and his dead body resting in a tomb.

Evening on the Saturday he was active before his Resurrection in preaching Salvation:

1 Peter 3:18-22 The Message (MSG)

That's what Christ did definitively: suffered because of others' sins, the Righteous One for the unrighteous ones. He went through it all—was put to death and then made alive—to bring us to God.

¹⁹⁻²² He went and proclaimed God's salvation to earlier generations who ended up in the prison of judgment because they wouldn't listen. You know, even though God waited patiently all the days that Noah built his ship, only a few were saved then, eight to be exact—saved from the water by the water. The waters of baptism do that for you, not by washing away dirt from your skin but by presenting you through Jesus' resurrection before God with a clear conscience. Jesus has the last word on everything and everyone, from angels to armies. He's standing right alongside God, and what he says goes.