**Cobh and Glanmire Union of Parishes**

10th April, 2020

*Good Friday*

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

**Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the worl**d.

**CONFESSION**

**Heavenly Father, We have sinned against you and against our neighbour In thought and word and deed, Through negligence, through weakness, Through our own deliberate fault. By what we have done And by what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may serve you in newness of life To the glory of your name. Amen.**

O Saviour of the world, who by your Cross and precious Blood has redeemed us:

**Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

We glory in your cross, O Lord:

**And praise you for your mighty resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come into our world.**

**PSALM 22**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? and are so far from my salvation, from the words of my distress?

**O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; and by night also, but I find no rest.**

Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

**Our forebears trusted in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.**

They cried out to you and were delivered; they put their trust in you and were not confounded.

**But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people.**

All who see me, laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

**‘He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him deliver him, if he delights in him.’**

But it is you that took me out of the womb, and laid me safe upon my mother’s breast.

**On you was I cast ever since I was born; you are my God even from my mother’s womb.**

Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand, and there is none to help.

**Mighty oxen come around me; fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.**

They gape upon me with their mouth, as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

**I am poured out like water, all my bones are out of joint; my heart has become like wax melting in the depths of my body.**

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue cleaves to my gums; you have laid me in the dust of death.

**For the hounds are all about me, the pack of evildoers close in on me; they pierce my hands and my feet.**

I can count all my bones; they stand staring and looking upon me.

**They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.**

Be not far from me, O Lord;

**you are my strength; hasten to help me.**

Deliver my soul from the sword, my poor life from the power of the dog.

**Save me from the lion’s mouth, from the horns of wild oxen. You have answered me!**

I will tell of your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.

**Praise the Lord, you that fear him; O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.**

For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has he hidden his face from them;

**but when they cried to him he heard them.**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

**For the kingdom is the Lord’s; and he rules over the nations.**

How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?

**He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.**

They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn,

**declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.**

**THE PASSION**

Hear the Passion of our Saviour Christ

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat\* on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew\*Gabbatha. 14Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, ‘Here is your King!’ 15They cried out, ‘Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!’ Pilate asked them, ‘Shall I crucify your King?’ The chief priests answered, ‘We have no king but the emperor.’ 16Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; 17and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew\* is called Golgotha.18There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. 19Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, ‘Jesus of Nazareth,\* the King of the Jews.’ 20Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew,\* in Latin, and in Greek. 21Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, ‘Do not write, “The King of the Jews”, but, “This man said, I am King of the Jews.” ’22Pilate answered, ‘What I have written I have written.’ 23When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. 24So they said to one another, ‘Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.’ This was to fulfil what the scripture says,  
‘They divided my clothes among themselves,  
   and for my clothing they cast lots.’   
25And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, here is your son.’ 27Then he said to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

28 After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), ‘I am thirsty.’ 29A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. 30When Jesus had received the wine, he said, ‘It is finished.’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

31 Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. 32Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. 33But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. 35(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows\* that he tells the truth.) 36These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, ‘None of his bones shall be broken.’ 37And again another passage of scripture says, ‘They will look on the one whom they have pierced.’

38 After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. 39Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. 40They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. 41Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. 42And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

**CANTICLE: SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD**

Jesus, Saviour of the world, come to us in your mercy: we look to you to save and help us.

**By your cross and your life laid down you set your people free: we look to you to save and help us.**

When they were ready to perish you saved your disciples: we look to you to come to our | help.

**In the greatness of your mercy, loose us from our chains: forgive the sins of all your people.**

Make yourself known as our Saviour and mighty deliverer:

save and help us that we may praise you.

**Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus: hear our prayer and be with us always.**

And when you come in your glory: make us to be one with you and to share the life of your kingdom.

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary. Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy catholic Church, The communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy

**Christ, have mercy**

Lord, have mercy.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord:

**and grant us your salvation.**

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers:

**and grant our government wisdom.**

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness:

**and let your servants shout for joy.**

O Lord, save your people:

**and bless those whom you have chosen.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord:

**and let your glory be over all the earth.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us

**and renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in your protection, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Direct us, Lord, in all our doings, With your most gracious favour, And further us with your continual help; That in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, We may glorify your holy name, And finally by your mercy attain everlasting life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**