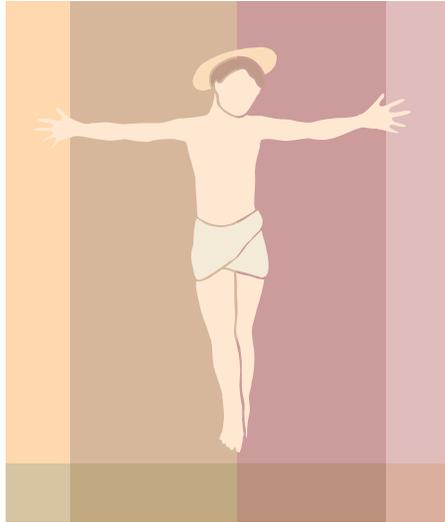


GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTIONS



THE PARISH OF ST MARY
and
St DAVID'S
United Reform Church
EASTHAM

Hymn. 195 From heaven you came helpless babe

*Through the prophet Isaiah, God says to his people;
"You are precious in my sight and honoured,
and I love you" Isaiah 43v4a*

Prayer of approach.
God of eternal love,
we approach you with a deep sense of wonder.
Your love reaches out to us in the face of rejection and pain.
You suffer in the conflicts and failures which are our lives.
And you still love us.
Open our hearts and minds to contemplate your death.
Assure us again of your forgiveness and acceptance,
and so fill us with your love that we may recognise and answer
the call to share your passion in the world.
This we ask, through him in whom your suffering is revealed,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Assurance of pardon.
"But now, thus says the Lord who created you,
he who formed you;
'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.....
I have carved you onto the palm of my hands.
I glory in you and I delight in you.'"

Reading John 16v5-8, 12 and 16 St David's

Reflection Good Friday?

Hymn 657 There is a green hill far away

Reading Mark 15 v33 to 39 The death of Jesus. St David's

Reflection The wood of the cross (clip)

Hymn 15 (White) How deep the Fathers love for me

The Wood of the Cross Beth

Prayers of intercessions

The choir;

'Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom'

Father of the crucified, give us his strength and his love;
that we may be his body on earth
and not fear to go into the darkness,
there to be a light of hope to your people.
Amen

Prayers for the Ukraine

*Silence is kept whilst we pray ourselves before the Cross
remembering that God loves us enough to die just for us.*

And Finally.....Practise Resurrection!

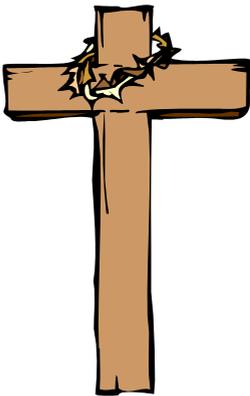
*"You are precious in my sight and honoured,
and I love you."*

He leaves the bright heavens to come to us.
Condemned to hang between heaven and earth.
And there he remains.
He absolves the guards, lets the tortured forget.
Makes hatred subside. Teaches the weary to breathe,
the trembling to sleep, the dreamers to act,
So love, crucified, can now be freely given.

305 Lord of the Dance

Benediction.

Now go from here, in the knowledge and assurance
of God's love. Know, because of the death of his Son
upon the Cross, that you are precious in God's sight,
and honoured; and may the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, cover you, rest upon you,
and move within you, this day and for ever. **Amen.**



Please stay behind for refreshments.