

St. Paul's Cathedral

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RECONCILING LOVE

A Liturgy for Good Friday April 14, 2017

You will need this sheet and a hymn book this morning.

We use today music of the TAIZE community. The music is chant-like and designed to be repeated many times in succession. Simply join in or rest and listen as appropriate.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

HYMN 634 Jesus Remember Me

Celebrant All we like sheep have gone astray;
 we have turned every one to his own way,
People And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
Celebrant Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,
People Even death on a cross.

Silence

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God,
look graciously, we pray,
on this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
was willing to be betrayed
and given into the hands of sinners,
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN 549 Our Darkness is never darkness in your Sight

A READING FROM HEBREWS 10.16–25

Lyn Snook

CHORAL ANTHEM *From An Upper Room*, Words and Music by Joseph Martin, a reflection on love

THE READING OF THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN *read by members of Cathedral Committee. Please remain seated until invited to stand*

HOMILY The Dean

Hymn 553 Ubi Caritas

EXPLANATION OF THE COVENTRY LITANY OF RECONCILIATION

Provost Richard Howard put the words "FATHER FORGIVE" on the wall behind the charred cross in the ruins of the destroyed cathedral in 1948, not "Father forgive Them", because we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. (Rom 3,23)

These words moved generations of people and are prayed in the Litany of Reconciliation every Friday at noon outside in the ruins and in many other places around the world.

The Litany of Reconciliation, based on the seven cardinal sins, was written in 1958 by Canon Joseph Poole, the first Precentor of the new Cathedral. It is a universal and timeless confession of humanity's failings, but it evokes us to approach these sins and weaknesses in the forgiveness of God's love.

A TIME OF REFLECTION as we behold the projected words "Father, forgive"

THE LITANY

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class, **Father, forgive.**

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own, **Father, forgive.**

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth, **Father, forgive.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others, **Father, forgive.**

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee, **Father, forgive.**

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children, **Father, forgive.**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God, **Father, forgive.**

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Other intercessions specific to the day are offered at this point.

THE CARING CROSS

Everyone is invited to come near the cross and light a candle . . . in remembrance, in concern, in thanksgiving . . . During this time please join in some favourite Lenten Hymns

202 There is a green hill far away

192 Were you there?

537 In the cross of Christ I glory

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God,

All you have restored us to life

by the triumphant death

and resurrection of Christ.

Continue this healing work within us.

May we who partake of this mystery

never cease to give you dedicated service.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We leave the church quietly.