HOON HAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Good Friday Service, 10 April 2020

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,

We remember today, the pain and suffering of the cross, and all Jesus willingly endured, so we could be set free. He paid the price, such a great sacrifice, to offer us the gift of eternal life.

Help us never to take for granted this gift of love on our behalf. Help us to be reminded of the cost and forgive us for being preoccupied or distracted by other things, for not fully recognising what you have done for us.

Thank you, Lord, that by Christ's wounds we are healed. Thank you that because of his sacrifice we can live free. Thank you that sin and death have been conquered, and that your Power is everlasting.

Thank you that that first Easter Friday was not the end but the beginning of a new reign of your love for Jews and Gentiles. We praise you for you are making all things new.

Amen.

Hymn:	'The Servant King'	♫	*Graham Kendrick recounts the life of Christ and urges us to follow his example of service.*
Readings:	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	📖	
	John: 19:1-16	📖	
Hymn:	'When I survey the wondrous cross'	♫	*An essential Easter hymn.*
Video Message:	'The Colours of Good Friday'	🎥	Teaching Notes: 📄
	A Time of Reflection		
Hymn:	'There is a green hill far away'	♫	*Another favourite.*
Hymn:	'The Old Rugged Cross'	♫	*A beautiful hymn sung here by the late George Beverly Shea (no lyrics).*

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION SOURCE

God thank you for being with us in this wondering moment
where we stand poised between life and death,
filled to the brim with sorrow,
filled with thoughts of what has been
and what lies before us.

Thank you for the gift of life.

Thank you for our friend Jesus
who was a gift to the world,
a gift in each of our lives.

Comfort us even as we are shaken by the horror of these last hours.
Be our friend in this time of sorrow,
and sustain us in the days to come.

Now Jesus, may God bless you and keep you,
May the very face of God shine upon you, and be gracious to you,
May God's presence embrace you and give you eternal peace.

Amen

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