



St Mary's Parish Church Kirkintilloch

SUNDAY SCHOOL

GOOD FRIDAY 2020

Good Friday remembers the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. It is observed during Holy Week on the Friday preceding Easter Sunday, and may coincide with the Jewish observance of Passover. It is also known as Holy Friday, Great Friday, and Black Friday.

Precisely why it is called Good Friday seems to be lost but appears to be a mixed up contraction of many languages some people think it is like God Friday or the use of 'Goodbye' to mean 'God be with You'. There does not seem to be agreement amongst scholars of such things about it.

It is observed in many churches with fasting and long prayers remembering Jesus suffering. Some countries have special laws which prohibit certain activities on Good Friday, in Germany for instance there is a law which prohibits dancing.

Jesus trial and Death

The soldiers who arrested Jesus brought him to the Pharisees and Sadducees.

"You think you are equal to God?" they asked him. But Jesus wouldn't say anything.



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snouted He is guilty of blasphemy!"

And the penalty for Blasphemy-saying you are equal to God? **Death.**

There was a problem, though. Even of the Pharisees and Sadducees said Jesus was guilty, they weren't



allowed to kill anybody. Only the Romans could do that. So they dragged Jesus to the Roman governor Pontius Pilate.

Pontius Pilate looked at Jesus and asked "What have You done that has made everyone so angry?"

But still, Jesus wouldn't say anything. "I don't see anything wrong with this man!" Pilate said to the Pharisees and Sadducees.

But they all yelled back, "According to our rules, He needs to die."

Pilate didn't know what to do. He didn't think Jesus deserved to die, but he didn't want the Pharisees and Sadducees to complain about him to the other Roman leaders. Staying out of trouble was the best way to keep your job as a Roman governor. Maybe the trouble maker had to go.

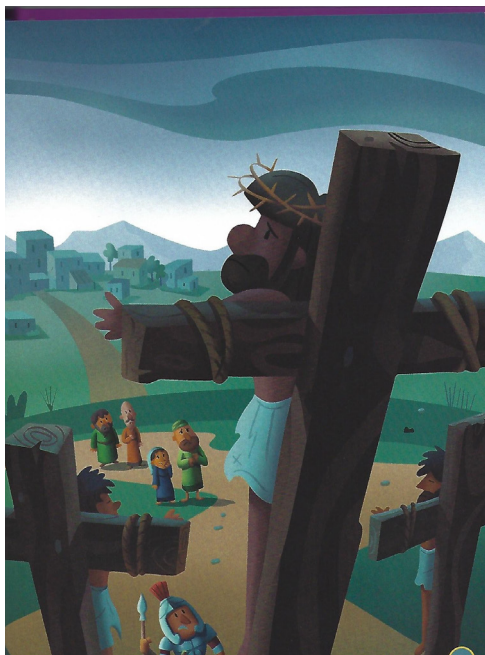
So Pilate gave in. He washed his hands in front of the crowd. which was a way of saying, "This isn't my fault."

Then he had Jesus killed on a wooden CROSS.

As Jesus was dying, He looked up to heaven and said, "Father. forgive them. They don't know what they are doing." Even at that moment, Jesus was forgiving. Even at that moment, He was loving.

The sky turned DARK. Jesus died.

Then the ground began to SHAKE! A Roman guard standing near Jesus saw everything that happened and said, "This man must have been the Son of God!"



But it was too late. Jesus was dead.

Jesus' friends didn't know what to think. How could Jesus be the Messiah, the blessing for the whole world, if He wasn't even alive?

Jesus had done some AMAZING things while He was living.

He'd shown everyone what God the Father was like. Incredibly loving. Incredibly good. Incredibly powerful. The life of Jesus had taught people who God is.

Jesus had also announced the KINGDOM OF GOD. Before Adam and Eve sinned, they'd lived with God, the way things were supposed to be. There was no sickness, no hunger, no hurting, and no death.

Jesus had said the kingdom of God was back. He'd given everyone a taste of that kingdom through His miracles. Jesus showed us that in this kingdom of God, there is nothing to be afraid of-not even death!

Jesus also explained that the kingdom was starting small, like a seed. Jesus' miracles were like tiny green shoots from a seed, poking up through the soil. Those shoots would grow bigger and bigger, until finally the day would come when Jesus is King, and the kingdom of God would be EVERYWHERE When the whole world would be made new again, the way God always wanted it to be!

SYou will need: an old plate, a paper plate or a foil dish; soil; greenery and flowers; aluminium foil; sticks; string; stones or clean yoghurt pots

Make an Easter garden on a plate, with Jesus tomb made out of stones or a yoghurt pot covered in greenery and Jesus cross made out of two sticks tied together with string. Fill the rest of the space with moss, grass, flowers and even a tiny pond made from foil.

Planting seeds

You will need: flowerpots; soil or compost; a packet of seeds or apple, satsuma or orange pips; water

Plant the seeds in the pots and water them.

Hot Cross Scones



Ingredients

- ▲ 225g self-raising flour, plus extra for dusting
- ▲ 75g butter, softened
- ▲ 40g light muscovado sugar
- ▲ 75g small sultanas
- ▲ 50g cut mixed peel
- ▲ 1/2 tsp ground mixed spice
- ▲ 1 large egg, beaten
- ▲ 3 tbsp buttermilk or 4 tbsp milk, plus extra for brushing
- ▲ 50g plain flour
- ▲ 2 tbsp caster sugar

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 220°C/
fan200°C/ gas 7. Sift the self-raising flour into a large bowl; rub in the butter with your fingertips. Stir in the muscovado sugar, sultanas, peel and spice.
2. In a jug, beat together the egg, buttermilk and a pinch of salt. Pour into the flour mixture and bring together to make a soft dough.
3. Lightly dust a work surface with extra flour, then roll out the dough to no thinner than 2cm. Using a 4cm cutter, stamp out the rounds – try not to twist the cutter, as this makes the scones rise unevenly. Re-roll the trimmings and stamp out more. Transfer to a non-stick baking sheet.
4. Make the crosses. Mix together the plain flour and 1-2 tablespoons of water and knead to make a smooth dough. Roll out, cut into thin strips and put a cross on top of each scone. Brush with milk, then bake for 15 minutes, until well risen and golden.
5. For the glaze, dissolve the sugar in 2 tablespoons boiling water. Use to brush the tops of the scones as soon as they come out of the oven. Cool slightly on a wire rack. Eat while warm, or split and toast the next day and serve with a smudge of butter.

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

*Father God we ask you to help us
remember*

*Although sometimes the world
seems very dark*

*You are with us and will look after
us,*

*Jesus knew this even when he was
on the Cross and cared for
others,*

Help us to do the same

*We ask you to help us remember
this is not the end of the story
Easter Sunday and the
Resurrection will come*

*Please continue to look after and
care for all the people we
cannot be with at this time*

Amen