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The Service of the Nails

as used at St Johns Johnstone and shared in by St Margarets Renfrew
based on a service of Rev R J Fairchild & C E Fairchild 1993-2006

The Service of the Nails

A service of readings, responses, and silent reflection and prayer
to help us enter more deeply into the meaning of Good Friday

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Isaiah 52.13-15

See, my servant shall prosper;

he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him

—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals—

so he shall startle many nations;

kings shall shut their mouths because of him;

for that which had not been told them they shall see,

and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Hymn: O come and mourn with me a while

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mc1LwFtmtxM>

Prayer of Approach

Let us pray

O merciful God,

you did not spare your only Son,

But offered him up for us all,

That he might bear our sins upon the cross.

Grant that we might so examine ourselves

that we realize our own sinfulness,

So great as spiritually to crucify him anew.

Help us to recognize those nails which we drive into his cross today,

And transform us into more faithful disciples in his name. Amen.

Anthem: Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXjn6srhAlY>

The Nail of PRIDE

Mark 12.38-40

As Jesus taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

Hymn: Were you there (we sing a single verse)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_FKbzCr_CY

Extinguishing the Light

O God – help us to consider our own pride and where it leads.

O God – do not let us deceive ourselves.

Our pride hurts us and creates barriers between us and others.

O God, we know too that our pride hurts you.

The Nail of ENVY

Matthew 20.20-28

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles

lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Hymn: Were you there (we sing a single verse)

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Extinguishing the Light

O God – help us to consider how we envy others, how we desire more than we receive and seek to influence and rule over others.

O God – do not let us deceive ourselves.

Our envy hurts us and creates barriers between us and others.

O God, we know too that our envy hurts you.

The Nail of HATRED

Luke 6.22,32-35

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

‘If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.’”

Hymn: Were you there (we sing a single verse)

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Extinguishing the Light

O God – help us to consider how we show hatred to others, how we fail to care for others and make distinctions between them.

O God – do not let us deceive ourselves.

Our hatred hurts us and creates barriers between us and others.

O God, we know too that our hatred hurts you.

The Nail of BETRAYAL

Matthew 26.47-56

Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane. While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, ‘The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.’ At once he came up to Jesus and said, ‘Greetings, Rabbi!’ and kissed him. Jesus said to him, ‘Friend, do what you are here to do.’ Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, ‘Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?’ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, ‘Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.’ Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Hymn: Were you there (we sing a single verse)

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Extinguishing the Light

O God – help us to consider how we betray others, how we abandon them in their time of need, how we think of ourselves first.

O God – do not let us deceive ourselves.

Our acts of betrayal hurt us and create barriers between us and others.

O God, we know too that our betrayal hurts you.

The Nail of EXPEDIENCY

Matthew 27.15-24

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, ‘Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, ‘Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.’ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, ‘Which of the two do you want me to release for you?’ And they said, ‘Barabbas.’ Pilate said to them, ‘Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ All of them said, ‘Let him be crucified!’ Then he asked, ‘Why, what evil has he done?’ But they shouted all the more, ‘Let him be crucified!’

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.’

Hymn: Were you there (we sing a single verse)

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Extinguishing the Light

O God – help us to consider how we waver, how we seek to avoid responsibility and to blame others for our actions.

O God – do not let us deceive ourselves.

Our failure to stand up for what is right hurts us and creates barriers between us and others,

O God, we know too that our failure hurts you.

The Nail of DENIAL

Luke 22.55-62

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, ‘This man also was with him.’ But he denied it, saying, ‘Woman, I do not know him.’ A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, ‘You also are one of them.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I am not!’ Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, ‘Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I do not know what you are talking about!’ At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, ‘Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly.

Hymn: Were you there (we sing a single verse)

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Extinguishing the Light

O God – help us to consider how we distance ourselves from risk, how we fail to proclaim our faith to avoid embarrassment.

O God – do not let us deceive ourselves.

Our failure to witness to your love hurts us and creates barriers between us and others,

O God, we know too that our lack of witness hurts you.

The Nail of CRUELTY

Matthew 27.27-31, 39-42

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.'

Hymn: Were you there (we sing a single verse)

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Extinguishing the Light

O God – help us to consider how we are cruel to others, how we malign and slander others and add to the evil that comes upon them.

O God – do not let us deceive ourselves.

Our cruelty hurts us and creates barriers between us and others,

O God, we know too that our cruelty hurts you.

Act of Confession

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted.

**He was wounded for our transgressions
and he was bruised for our iniquities.**

Upon him was the chastisement that made us whole.

All we like sheep have gone astray; each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid upon him the iniquity of us all.

Hymn: O sacred head sore wounded

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pO2d0AD5wBg>

The Promise of Mercy

Isaiah 53.7-13

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,

yet he did not open his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,

so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,

stricken for the transgression of my people.

They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

**Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.**

Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

**The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.**

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Anthem: It is a thing most wonderful

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_t7b9qtMFI

Prayer of Dedication

Lord God, you have given us everything.

You have not held anything back, not even your only begotten son.

With humble hearts we thank you.

**In new hope we offer to you and for the work of salvation, every gift
and our very selves.**

Be pleased, O God, in the name of Jesus, to accept all that we offer at this time. Look upon the intentions of our hearts.
Hear our prayers and in your love answer us.

Silent prayer

We ask all these things through Jesus Christ, who taught us when we pray to say,

**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.**

Hymn: When I survey the wondrous Cross

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iK8kYlBn_qI

Closing Prayer

Let us depart now in peace,
and may the Spirit of Christ go with us;
may his faith and trust abide within us,
and may the knowledge of his love support us both now and
forevermore.

Amen.

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