**Good Friday Year A**

Faithful God, we stand in the dim shadows of a cross, longing for resurrection. Today we pause to remember the pain of the cross, and the pain of the crosses we've faced. We ask you to hear our cries to You.

Son of God, we pray for the world going through the coronavirus, for all world leaders and our own national and state leaders who administer laws. Jesus, you were before Pilate who knew You were innocent but did nothing to help You. Help us to speak out against injustice and prejudice.

Jesus crucified by us, have mercy on us **Hear our prayer**

Son of God, be with all who profess faith in you throughout your worldwide church. In these disturbing times of separation as members of various faith communities help us to accept that things are not always going to be the way we expect. You yourself were alone and powerless before the Sanhedrin. Be with our Vicar Dianne and our Curate Greg at this time, that they will be strong through the changes at this sacred time.

Jesus crucified by us, have mercy on us **Hear our prayer**

Son of God, we pray for all who feel the hurt of rejected love, the pain of loneliness and separation. Jesus you were whipped and crowned with thorns, a way of mockery by the soldiers. Forgive us for the times we mock the things we do not understand and people who are foreign or different from us.

Jesus crucified by us, have mercy on us **Hear our prayer**

Son of God, you carried the Cross and accepted the heaviness of Your cross and took upon yourself the heaviness of this world. Help us to recognise the crosses which others bear. Simon was plucked out of the crowd to help You. May we have the confidence in our abilities and adapt to change and be there for others in need. Show us how we can use your gifts to keep in contact through the telephone, text messages and emails during this time of isolation.

Jesus crucified by us, have mercy on us **Hear our prayer**

Son of God, you died for us, to bring healing, wholeness and new life to your people. We pray for those in sickness, sorrow, grief, pain and for all close to death. May Your healing balm of love surround them. Be with all who tend to those in need . . . . . . . . .

Jesus crucified by us, have mercy on us **Hear our prayer**

Son of God, you died for us, with arms outstretched on the cross. We call to mind all whom we have loved who are now with you. Strengthen our faith, that together with the saints, martyrs and all the great cloud of witnesses, we may come into your eternal presence.

Jesus crucified by us, have mercy on us **Hear our prayer**

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