

Salhouse School Easter Service 2024



Welcome by Mrs Sonnex

Welcome and opening prayer by Revd. Darleen

Song - 'Praise Him' by Coots and Bitterns

On the Thursday **Children from all classes to read**

Jesus sat down to a meal with his twelve friends. He looked very sad. His friends asked him 'What is the matter?' He told them he would have to go away the next day to be with his Father in heaven. Jesus' friends were sad then too.

The disciples said they would not let anything happen to him. Jesus told them that one of them had already taken money to betray him. They all looked at each other. Judas stood up and walked out.

Jesus told his friends about the people in Jerusalem who did not like him and that the next day he would be arrested and nailed to a cross.

So that they would remember him Jesus broke some bread and said 'This is my body. Take it and eat it and remember me.' Then

he took a cup of wine and told them that it was his blood. They should drink it and remember him.

Jesus and his friends walked to the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus was very sad and asked Peter, James and John to watch over him while he prayed.

As he prayed, his friends fell asleep as they were very tired. Just then, Judas arrived with many men who carried swords. They had been sent by the priests to arrest Jesus.

Judas went up to Jesus and kissed him on the cheek. This was Judas' way of picking out Jesus to the soldiers. Straight away two of the guards seized Jesus.

Song - **When Jesus Walked In Galilee**

On Friday Morning **Children from all classes to read**

Jesus was taken before Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor.

The chief priests, who wanted Jesus to die, persuaded the people to set free a murderer called Barabbas. Pilate asked what he should do with Jesus, known as the 'King of the Jews'. 'Crucify him!' shouted the people. Pilate asked 'Why? What has he done?' The people continued to shout. Pilate called for a bowl of water and let everyone see him washing his hands of sending an innocent man to his death. He ordered that Barabbas be freed instead.

The soldiers took Jesus away, removed his clothes and dressed him in a purple robe. On his head they placed a crown of thorns. Mocking him they knelt down before him and said 'Hail, King of the Jews'. As the blood ran down his forehead they made fun of him. Jesus never said a word.

Then they took him away and laid a heavy wooden cross on his back.

Song - Lord of the Dance

Later on Friday Children from all classes to read

Jesus was made to carry the cross out of the city gates and up a nearby hill. On the way some of the crowd cheered, others wept.

On top of the hill Jesus was put on the cross and nails were put through his hands and feet. The cross was raised up. Two robbers were also put on crosses, one on either side of Jesus. One of the robbers was feeling very afraid. Jesus spoke to him and comforted him.

Many people in the crowd were cruel. They said 'You saved other people, why don't you save yourself now?'

At noon darkness fell on the land. It lasted a few hours. Jesus cried out aloud, 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?' In the sadness and the dark, Jesus died.

At the moment Jesus died, the earth shook. One of the soldiers who had been keeping guard said 'This man was the Son of God.'

Some of the friends of Jesus and his mother waited for permission from Pontius Pilate to take Jesus down from the cross. They laid the body in a tomb cut in the rock. The tomb was sealed with a large stone.

Talk Darleen

Prayers Volunteers to prepare and read

Violet and Leo- "Thank You"

Dear God, thank You for sending Your son Jesus to Earth to show us the way we should live. Thank You for hearing us when we pray.

Lola - "Sorry"

We ask for Your forgiveness when we make bad choices in our lives.

Jack - "Please"

Please help us to follow the path of righteousness shown to us by Your Son, Jesus Christ. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Song - How Great Thou Art

Blessing and Lord's Prayer - Revd. Darleen