

The Anglican Parish  
of Port Lincoln

Our  
betrayals  
and the  
faithfulness  
of God'  
A service for  
Good Friday

## 1. CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus the Christ set his face to go to Jerusalem for us.

People: **Let us worship God.**

## 2. HYMN/SONG

## 3. INVITATION TO ENTER GOOD FRIDAY

Leader: Our God chose to join us  
in the crying of humanity.  
Do you choose to follow?

People: **We choose to follow Christ  
and experience that sorrow.**

Leader: Our God chose to help us  
understand the agony of death.  
Do you choose to follow?

People: **We choose follow Christ  
and experience that sorrow.**

Leader: Our God give us the gift of choice between the narrow gate  
and the broad path that many follow.  
Which do you choose?

People: **We choose to follow Christ  
through the narrow gate  
and there we will find life.**

All: **Let us follow the Christ  
and witness the choice of life through death.**

## 4. THE JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

**The Choice Facing Judas:** John 18: 1-6

### THE RESPONSE

Leader: We often choose to turn from the truth.  
We often choose to blind ourselves to the light.

People: **As with Judas,  
the choice is always before us,  
to trust, or to betray.  
Forgive us, Lord , when we choose to betray**

## Resources

from

'Echoes of Our Journey: Liturgies of the people'

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### 13. BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

#### Isaiah 52: 11-15

- Leader: Depart, then.  
Go from here  
and choose to bear the vessels of the Lord.
- People: **As Isaiah prophesied,  
God's servant would cause astonishment,  
his face and form more marred than any other.**
- Leader: But he would sprinkle many nations;  
rulers would shut their mouths at him  
for that which had not been told them  
shall they see,  
and that which they had not heard shall they consider.  
Go then and consider what we have witnessed here  
today.  
Go and contemplate the choices placed before us.
- People: **We will go, carrying the seeds of hope  
given to us by those who were last at the cross.**
- Leader: Go not with haste,  
nor by flight,  
and may the Lord go before you  
and the God of Israel be your reward
- All **Amen.**

#### The Choice Facing Peter: John 18: 7-11, 15-18, 25-27

##### THE RESPONSE

- Leader: We often choose to turn from the truth.  
We often choose to blind ourselves to the light.
- People: **As with Peter,  
the choice is always before us,  
to proclaim the truth, or to deny it.  
Forgive us, Lord, when we choose to deny you.**

### 5. HYMN/SONG

#### The Choice Facing Pilate: John 18: 28 to 19:13, 19:17-22.

##### THE RESPONSE

- Leader: We often choose to turn from the truth.  
We often choose to blind ourselves to the light.
- People: **As with Pilate,  
the choice is always before us,  
to stand firm for what is right,  
or to try to please everyone.  
Forgive us, Lord, when,  
in trying to please everyone,  
we do what is wrong.**

#### The Choice Facing the Crowds

##### THE RESPONSE

- Leader: We often choose to turn from the truth.  
We often choose to blind ourselves to the light.
- People: **As with members of the crowd,  
the choice is always before us,  
to call for justice, or to condemn those whose  
lives we do not understand.  
Forgive us, Lord, when we condemn others.**

### 6. MUSICAL REFLECTION

**The Choice Facing the Women and John:** John 19:25-27

**THE RESPONSE**

Leader: We often choose to turn from the truth.  
We often choose to blind ourselves to the light.

People: **As with Mary and John,  
the choice is always before us,  
to take up our responsibilities  
or to walk away from them.  
Help us, Lord, to take up our responsibilities  
to each other, to all we meet,  
and to our world.**

**7. THE WORD TO US**

Leader: Hear the word to us in Christ.  
In the face of all our decisions,  
all our denials and all our betrayals  
God chooses for us.  
God will never leave us or forsake us.  
God calls us forth.  
To the light of Easter Day.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**8. HYMN/SONG**

**9. AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Leader: In response to the Word,  
and to the human choices facing us.  
let us stand and say what we believe:

All: **We believe in God who does not betray us  
but loves and trusts us as a parent,  
We believe in Christ  
who did not deny the truth,  
but followed it even to the cross,  
and stands as our truth today.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who does not avoid difficult choices,  
but who blows like the wind to guide us.**

**We believe in the witness of Jesus' mother Mary,  
the witnesses or Mary Magdalene, Mary and John,  
and those of all the saints  
who have gone before us.**

**We affirm our own humanness.  
We choose to follow in response  
to this great hope.**

**10. INTERCESSION**

Leader: Let us join in our prayers of intercession:  
Christ of the Cross, break through our boundaries

People: **when there seem to be no choices at all.**

Leader: Christ of the Cross, stand before oppressors

People: **and stand beside all who feel overcome.**

Leader: Christ of the Cross, be with all who stand in need - the  
sick and suffering, those in darkness and all at the point  
of death.

People: **That they may know your mercy and peace.**

Leader: Christ of the Cross, reveal yourself to those who  
do not know of your love for them

People: **your ancient people, the Jews, those of other faith  
and those of none.**

Leader: Christ of the Cross, lead us on into life.

People: **Life which is brave and free  
and beyond where we thought we could go.  
Lead us to Easter Day.  
Lead us to resurrection life. Amen**

**11. THE SERMON**

**12. OFFERTORY HYMN/SONG**

Leader: These are the gifts we offer, O God.

People: **We bring them with grateful hearts  
in response to all that you have offered to us.**