



Finally – Lent is over and we can go back to all those things we gave up. But did the experience draw us closer to God. Have we learned anything fresh about ourselves, our community, our world?

Finally – After six months of hard work learning the basics of sight-singing and the Cathedral music repertoire, the newest choristers have been formally admitted as probationers.

Finally – After an interim period of nine months during which the Diocese gathered to elect a new leader, Archbishop Geoff and Lynn Smith have arrived and Archbishop Geoff was installed as our Bishop on Friday night.

Finally?

Not at all – for Easter marks the beginning.

Beginning the new life offered to those baptised recently, the newest members of God's church, and to all who renewed their baptism promises on Easter Day.

Beginning a life-time of making music for choristers, singing the praises of God and bringing joy to countless members of the congregation.

Beginning a new chapter in the life of the Diocese of Adelaide, as God's people on the great journey of faith.

Finally is not a word that sits comfortably with Christians for there is always something more, another step on the journey to that maturity of the full stature of Christ (*Ephesians 4: 13*). The Book of Common prayer uses finally in the context of eternal life—the ultimate goal.

Until we reach that goal, there is always someone else to welcome into God's family, more to give in terms of loving service following the example of Jesus (see *John 13: 1 – 11*). Just when we begin to feel



comfortable and tempted into complacency, the Holy Spirit prods us into noticing (again) the appalling conditions of those held on Manus Island, the attacks on Coptic and other Christians, the rattling of sabres internationally, the homeless in our parklands and streets. No rest for the wicked, they say. No rest for those on the path to righteousness, we say!

To those who have recently joined the community of St Peter's Cathedral, or are thinking about doing so, we say, Welcome. There is a lot on offer here. Keep an eye on the notices in the weekly service booklets; find ways of engaging with, and getting to know, people; make full use of the range of opportunities to learn more, serve others, laugh together.

In the words of St Paul:

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
(*Philippians 4:8 NRSV*)



Frank



Glimpses of Glory & Singing of Sadness: from Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Good Friday to Resurrection.



As the storm clouds gather, our pilgrimage begins

Making Sense of the Cross

(Extracts from a Good Friday sermon—Frank Nelson)

It is the story of God's love for the world, a love reflected in the Passion of Jesus, a love that has fascinated and disturbed countless people for the past two thousand and more years. At the heart of the story is the unfathomable question of why people reject God's love, and why God keeps on loving, even, to use Crossman's words, the loveless.

The early Christians dug deep into their scriptures, what we know as the Old, or First Testament, to find answers. Among the passages that jumped out were four songs or poems from the prophet Isaiah. They spoke of the Servant of God who was nothing special and yet had these words written about him:

"Surely he has born our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53: 4 & 5)

Those early Christians struggled to make sense of the cross and recorded the way the people around them reacted to it - a stumbling block to the Jews and utter foolishness to the Greeks. But, says St Paul, "to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." (1 Corinthians 1: 24,)

Verloren Hoop

(Extracts from an Easter Day sermon—Lynn Arnold)

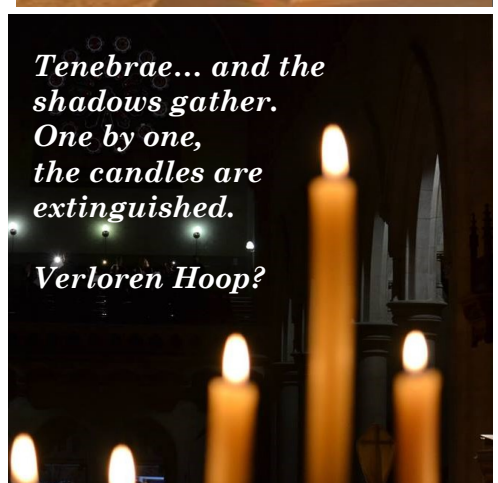
And all that led to that pathetic scene that took place on Friday afternoon - Jesus 'King of the Jews' there on a cross. On a crude and rough cross, just like all the other miscreants and dross of society. For the powers that be, it was a time when their smirks were plastered on their smug faces; once again they had crushed the opposition. And so, the crowds, feeling bitterly let down, turned on he upon whom they had placed so much hope only days before.

Jesus the Hope of the World - more likely Jesus the forlorn hope...

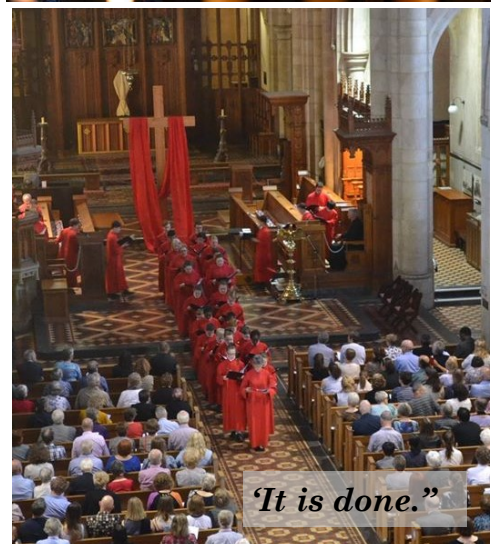
Well in military strategy the advance guard are sometimes not the first troops into battle. Ahead of them may go, according to the Dutch, the 'verloren hoop' - those soldiers whose job it is to lay the ground for those that follow but will almost certainly die in the process. These 'lost troops' carry with them the hope of final victory even if they themselves are sacrificed for the greater cause. So, with this understanding of 'forlorn hope', we can now certainly call Jesus a forlorn hope. Why? Because Jesus was sent into the world to proclaim God's victory over a broken world. He was not sent as an advance guard nor as the main body of troops, but as the 'forlorn hope' - one who would die in the process.



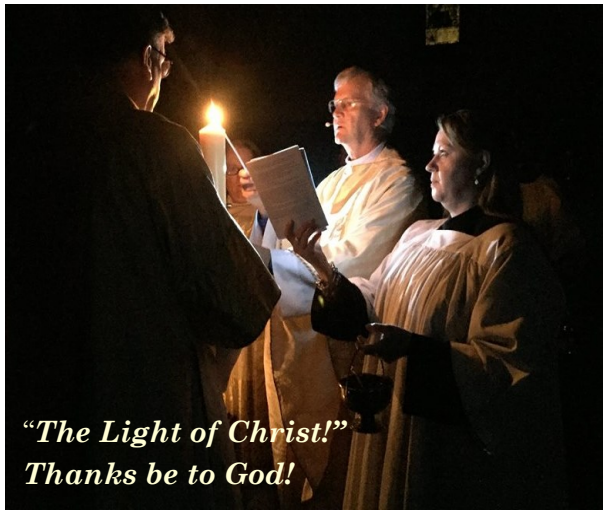
*Called into service.
"Love one another ..."*



*Tenebrae... and the
shadows gather.
One by one,
the candles are
extinguished.
Verloren Hoop?*



'It is done.'



That's what I think of death

Extracts from an Easter Day sermon—Jenny Wilson

Suddenly there is a great earthquake, a sign that what is taking place has cosmic significance; there is a great earthquake and an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, comes and rolls back the stone and sits on it.

The angel sits on the stone... This is God's statement about death. This angel is almost showing contempt for death. Imagine God's angel sitting on the stone of the tomb of someone you love dearly ... This is what I do with death, God says. We might almost imagine the angel swinging his legs as he sits on that stone. This is what I think about death, God says.

... "Do not be afraid," Jesus says.

Because this story, this profoundly truthful story is almost impossible to take in. The angel sits on the stone that was to enclose Jesus' body in a tomb. The earth quakes. And Jesus appears, saying almost casually, to those who love him dearly, "Greetings." This event marks God's redemption of all things. The revelation of who God is. God is the one who looks at his beloved



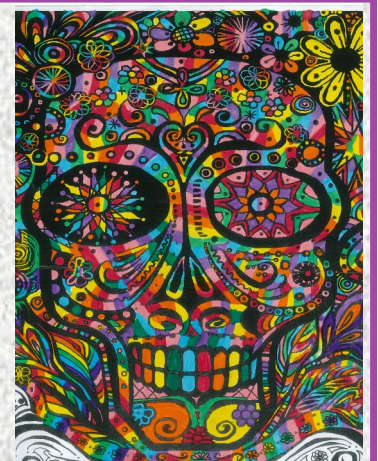
ones enclosed in tombs and rolls stones away and has his angels sit on them.

... Baptism is a sacrament, a window into a truth that we cannot contain, just as the tomb in which Jesus' dead body was laid could not contain Jesus. Baptism is an encounter with a reality that we cannot understand, cannot prove... It is a whisper of a truth, a sign of a precious reality.

*"Here's what I think of death," he said, picking a golden bloom.
 "Death's power has gone, you see," he said, "so now, don't be afraid."
 He threw the flower down on the grass
 and where it fell I saw
 Death's skull: aflame with joyous light, adorned with living flowers.
 "He told you: he makes all things new,
 Death's been transformed today."
 The sun rose as he smiled at me;
 I saw it might be true.
 "That's what we think of death," he laughed.
 And, somehow, I laughed too.*

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For your *Diary*

Sunday May 7: Easter 4

8 & 10.30am Preacher: J Wilson
12.30pm Music Foundation AGM
6pm Commonwealth Service

Sunday May 14: Easter 5

8 & 10.30am Preacher: F Nelson
2.00 pm Greta Bradman Mother's Day Concert
6pm Choral Evensong: Preacher: Bishop David McCall

May 17: Anglican Schools Annual Service

May 20: Friends' Quiz Night

Sunday May 21: Easter 6

8 & 10.30am Preacher: F Nelson
6pm Choral Evensong: Preacher: S Pash

25 May: Ascension Day

7.30am Eucharist
6.30pm Choral Eucharist

Sunday May 28 Easter 7

8 & 10.30am Preacher: J Wilson
2.00pm Adelaide Benefit Concert
6pm Choral Evensong: Preacher: L Arnold

June 1: 7.00pm Alpha Course begins (first of 8 weeks)

Sunday June 4: Pentecost

8 & 10.30am Preacher: M Anstey
6pm Choral Evensong: Preacher: J Wilson

For details of Sunday Music see

<http://www.stpeters-cathedral.org.au/music-list/>

Weekday Services

Monday – Friday

7.30am Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
8.45am Morning Prayer in the Dean's Chapel

Wednesday only

10.00am Eucharist (BCP)
5.30 pm Choral Evensong (school term only)
6.00pm Christian Meditation

1st Saturday of month (6 May, 3 June)

7.30pm Taizé Service with prayer for healing

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