

**St. Augustine's  
Easter Family Service**

**18 April 2004**

*HE IS RISEN INDEED !*

*We welcome you here in the name of Jesus. May He speak to each one of us in the stillness of our hearts.*

***THE CROWD'S VIEW : triumph to death sentence***

**The triumphal entry : *the crowd shout* HOSANNA !**

*We invite you all to join in the procession round the church as we sing the hymn "Sing hosanna".*

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the King of Kings !  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the King !**

*Please sit for the commentary.*

**The death sentence : *the crowd shout* CRUCIFY HIM !**

Narrator We praise You, Father God, that Your ways are unchanging.

All **Forgive us, Lord God, for our changeable ways.**

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## **JESUS'S VIEW : acceptance to Crucifixion**

*Please sit for the soliloquy :*

- verse 1 :* The Garden of Gethsemane;
- verse 2 :* The Arrest;
- verse 3 :* The religious trial;
- verse 4 :* Herod's interrogation;
- verse 5 :* Pontius Pilate's sentence;
- verse 6 :* Carrying the Cross;
- verse 7 :* The road to Golgotha;
- verse 8 :* The Crucifixion.

Procession : You are invited to come to the front and follow the cross as we move round the church.

*After the procession, please wait at the altar rail until the recording of two verses from the hymn "Were you there when they crucified my Lord" is finished.*

- 1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord ?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord ?  
Oh ! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble;  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord ?**
- 2. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb ?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb ?  
Oh ! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble;  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb ?**

*Please return to your seats and remain standing while we sing "The Old Rugged Cross"*

- 1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame,  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.**

*Chorus :*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

- 2. Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me,  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,  
To bear it to dark Calvary.**

*Chorus*

- 3. In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wonderful beauty I see;  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
To pardon and sanctify me.**

*Chorus*

- 4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me someday to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share.**

*Chorus*

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## GOD'S VIEW

### The Crucifixion

*Please sit for the reading from Luke Chapter 23 verses 27 and 32-34.*

*Remain seated for the commentary.*

Narrator We praise You, Father God, that You are always willing to forgive those who are repentant.

All **Forgive us, Father, for the things we do wrong.**

### Jesus on the Cross

*Remain seated for the reading from John 19 v 23-27 and Luke Chapter 23 verses 44-47*

*Remain seated for the commentary.*

Narrator Thank You, Jesus, for Your sacrifice on the Cross.

All **Help us, Jesus, to understand all that You have done for us.**

### God with us : Emmanuel

Story : A pretty sheltered life

Narrator Thank You, Jesus, that You have already given Your life for us.

All **We praise You, Jesus**

*Please stand to sing the hymn "When I survey the wondrous Cross".*

1. **When I survey the wondrous Cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

2. **Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the Cross of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His Blood.**

3. **See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingling down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown ?**

4. **Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

*Please sit.*

### Jesus is laid in the tomb.

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***HE IS RISEN ! – death is not the end***

Play : Sunday morning.

*Please stand for the Easter Responses ( three times ) :*

Left side **He is risen !**

Right side **He is risen indeed !**

*Please remain standing for the hymn "He is Lord !", which we shall sing twice*

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*Please sit*

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## ***OUR VIEW : the story goes on.***

*Remain seated for the commentary on Jesus's instruction to His disciples after His resurrection : Matthew 28.16-20.*

*The team will now hand out candles to everyone, and light them from the Paschal Candle.*

Narrator Let us pray

*Please stand.*

Narrator Dear Lord God, please help us all to be lights for Jesus in this world.  
Please use us to spread Your Gospel message to our families, friends and acquaintances.  
Use us, Lord, in Your service. Amen

All **Use us, Lord.**

*Please remain standing as we say the Lord's prayer together :*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be Your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are Yours now and for ever. Amen.**

*PAUSE*

Please make sure that your candles are extinguished !

*Please remain standing for the hymn "I serve a risen Saviour".*

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*Please remain standing for the Blessing*

Narrator Blessing

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Those taking part :

*Names omitted*

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We invite you to join us for a cuppa in the Hall ( behind the church ) at the end of this service.

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**Family Service** dates for this year, all at 10am :

May 30th., July 18th., August 29th., October 31st.

**Christmas Services :**

Carol Service and Barbecue      December 11th at 5pm

Christingle Service              December 24th at 7pm.

If anyone would like to take part in any of these services please 'phone  
●●●●● ( ●●●● ) at least two weeks before the date of the service.

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**Kids' Club** for Primary School children meets in the Hall 3 :15pm –  
4 :15pm each Tuesday during term time. All children are welcome.