#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**WELCOME** 

**SONG** When I Survey

**CHILDRENS TALK (A.M)** 

**CONFESSION** 

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

We have sinned against you

And against our fellow men,

In thought and word and deed,

In the evil we have done

And in the good we have not done,

Through ignorance, through weakness,

Through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us.

Forgive us all that is past;

And grant that we may serve you in newness of

To the glory of your name. Amen.

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**NOTICES** 

**CONGREGATIONAL READING (A.M)** 

READING

**SERMON** 

**PRAYERS** 

**SONG** Saviour of the World

BLESSING

**OPTIONAL Q&A (P.M)** 

Next Sunday: 4th April: Matt 22:1-20

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# Welcome!

Sunday 28th March 2021

"...you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21 (ESV)

### **MATTHEW 27:27-51a**

<sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup> And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup> And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup> As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup> they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup> And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup> Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup> And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup> Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup> And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

<sup>41</sup>So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup> "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup> And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup> And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." <sup>48</sup> And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup> And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. <sup>51</sup> And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

# THE IRONIC CROSS

Isn't it ironic, don't you think?
The Mocked Messiah (27-31)
The Omnipotent Weakling (32-40)
The Un-Saveable Saviour (41-44)
The Faith-Filled Forsaken One (45-51a)

#### **COFFEE QUESTIONS**

- 1) What strikes you most about this crucifixion scene in Matthew?
- 2) What does it look like for Jesus to be King in your life?