



## Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9-12 and 1-5pm. Closed at Noon on Friday

### MISSION STATEMENT

*St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming community in a traditional and Eucharistic setting focused on prayer, service, and life-long faith formation on the values and teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church.*

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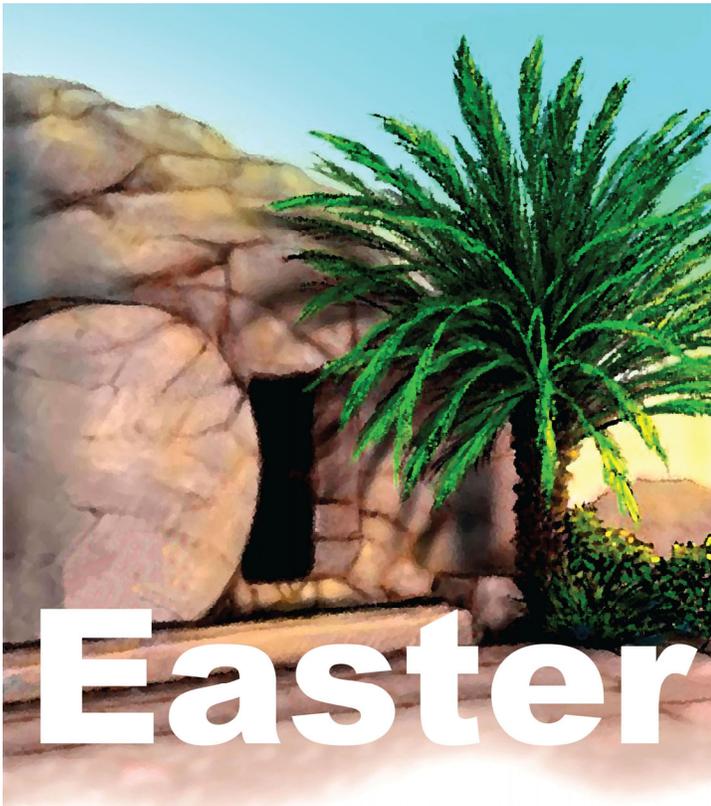
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**ON FRIDAY, APRIL 10th AND  
MONDAY, APRIL 13th**

**Prayer Line call: Diane or Patti**

**April 13-19, 2020**

**MON - 4/13— Monday within the Octave of Easter OFFICE CLOSED**

Mass Intention: NO MASS

**TUES - 4-14— Tuesday within the Octave of Easter — NO MASS**

**WED - 4/15— Wednesday within the Octave of Easter —Mass Intention: ———**

**THURS - 4/16 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter - Mass Intention: George Whelton by the breakfast group**

**FRI - 4/17 — Friday within the Octave of Easter - Mass Intention: ———**

**SAT - 4/18 - Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Easter— *The Church will be open from 9-5pm* Mass Intention——**

**SUN—4/19 - 2nd Sunday of Easter (DIVINE MERCY)—*The Church will be open from 9-5pm***

**Mass Intentions** - Robert Holland by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dudley; Members of the Parish; Stanley Marchocki by his daughter, Kathy

**ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED BY Fr. Dennis in private.**

## **Litany of the Sacred Passion**

**The Litany of the Sacred Passion draws together all the events of Jesus' dying day**

Lord Jesus, at the Last Supper you knew that Judas, one of the Twelve, would betray you.

~GOOD LORD, DELIVER US FROM FALSE FRIENDS AND TREACHERY.

Lord Jesus, during the supper, you humbly washed the feet of your disciples.

~GOOD LORD, MAKE US MEEK AND HUMBLE OF HEART.

Lord Jesus, at the Last Supper, you gave us the sacrament of your broken body and outpoured blood.

~GOOD LORD, WE WORSHIP THE SEAL OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT.

Lord Jesus, you asked your disciples to watch and pray with you in the Garden of Gethsemane.

~GOOD LORD, KEEP US AWAKE AND WATCHFUL WITH YOU.

Lord Jesus, at your betrayal and arrest all your friends fled in fear and deserted you.

~GOOD LORD, GIVE US COURAGE IN TIME OF TRIAL.

Lord Jesus, you were falsely accused and condemned for speaking the truth before Caiaphas, the high priest.

~GOOD LORD, MAY WE SPEAK TRUTH IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE.

Lord Jesus, in the courtyard of the high priest, Simon Peter swore three times that he did not know you.

~GOOD LORD, MAKE US FAITHFUL IN TIME OF TEMPTATION.

Lord Jesus, Pilate traded you for a murderer and handed you over to crucifixion.

~GOOD LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US SINNERS.

Lord Jesus, you were beaten, mocked, and humiliated by Pilate's soldiers.

~GOOD LORD, MAY WE SUFFER GLADLY FOR YOUR SAKE.

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Lord Jesus, on the cross you were taunted and derided as King of the Jews.  
~GOOD LORD, MAY WE ALWAYS LIVE IN OBEDIENCE TO YOU.

Lord Jesus, on the cross you forgave your enemies.  
~GOOD LORD, GIVE US THE GRACE TO FORGIVE OURS.

Lord Jesus, from the cross you promised paradise to a repentant criminal.  
~GOOD LORD, MAKE US LONG FOR PARADISE AND ETERNAL BLISS.

Lord Jesus, from the cross you confided your Blessed Mother to your beloved disciple.  
~GOOD LORD, MAKE US CHILDREN OF MARY.

Lord Jesus, you cried out in agony to your Father and died with a loud cry.  
~GOOD LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US, NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH.

Lord Jesus, the Roman centurion recognized you as the Son of God.  
~GOOD LORD, MAY WE ALWAYS PRAISE AND EXALT YOU AS OUR BLESSED SAVIOR.

Lord Jesus, you were taken down from the cross and laid in the arms of your sorrowful Mother.  
~GOOD LORD, ENTRUST US TO THE CARE OF YOUR BLESSED MOTHER.

Lord Jesus, Joseph of Arimathea wrapped your body in a linen shroud and laid you in his rock-hewn tomb.  
~GOOD LORD, GRANT US THE GIFT OF TEARS AT THE MEMORY OF YOUR SUFFERING, DEATH, AND BURIAL.

Lord Jesus, the women who had followed you from Galilee watched as you were put to rest in the tomb.  
~GOOD LORD, WE AWAIT WITH JOY YOUR GLORIOUS RESURRECTION ON THE THIRD DAY.

*(Pause for special intentions.)*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
~FOR BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.

### **Closing Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you were fastened with nails  
to the wood of the cross and raised on high for all to see.  
As the sun grew dark and the earth quaked,  
you surrendered your spirit to your Father,  
descended among the dead, broke open the gates of hell,  
and freed those bound in darkness.

As angel choirs rejoiced, you were raised to life again on the third day,  
destroying death by your own death and canceling the power of sin.  
By these mighty deeds on our behalf, rescue us from our blindness and tepidity,  
inspire us anew by your Holy Spirit,  
and lead us into a life of prayer and service worthy of your awesome sacrifice,  
O Savior of the world, living and reigning with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for  
ever and ever. ~AMEN.

May the glorious passion of our Lord Jesus Christ  
+ bring us to the joys of paradise.  
~AMEN.



## Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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04/06/2020

### Monday of Holy Week

Dear Parishioners,

On the cross, Jesus Himself cries out: *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"* In His resurrection, Jesus gives us not just the potential for a resurrected body and a resurrected worldview, but also the possibility of healing, of being forgiven and of forgiving each other. That gift can never be understated. Before Jesus' resurrection, dead bodies stayed dead, and wounded and dead hearts stayed wounded and dead. All that changes with the Resurrection.

In another account of Christ's death and resurrection, our human condition is symbolized by a young man who was following Jesus' journey to the cross from a safe distance. At a certain point this young man, who is wearing only a white linen cloth, is seized. He escapes his captors and flees naked, leaving the cloth behind. We next meet him on Easter Sunday, sitting on the tomb of the resurrected Jesus, wearing again his linen cloth and announcing to the whole world that Jesus has been raised, that an unbelievable newness has burst into our world, and that there is something even beyond our wounds and sins.

I begin this holy week by sharing with you that I have spoken on the phone to a parishioner who is recovering from the coronavirus. He was tested, diagnosed with the Corvus 19 virus, and thankfully is now recovering at home. This really brought the virus home to me. I ask your prayers for him and his family as they struggle through these difficult days.

I share with you a passage of Pope Francis' Palm Sunday sermon given yesterday in Rome: *Today, in the tragedy of a pandemic, in the face of the many false securities that have now crumbled, in the face of so many hopes betrayed, in the sense of abandonment that weighs upon our hearts, Jesus says to each one of us: "Courage, open your heart to my love. You will feel the consolation of God who sustains you".*

*Dear brothers and sisters, what can we do in comparison with God, who served us even to the point of being betrayed and abandoned? We can refuse to betray him for whom we were created, and not abandon what really matters in our lives. We were put in this world to love him and our neighbors. Everything else passes away, only this remains. The tragedy we are experiencing summons us to take seriously the things that are serious, and not to be caught up in those that matter less; to rediscover that life is of no use if not used to serve others. For life is measured by love. So, in these holy days, in our homes, let us stand before the Crucified One, the fullest measure of God's love for us, and before the God who serves us to the point of giving his life, and let us ask for the grace to live in order to serve. May we reach out to those who are suffering and those most in need. May we not be concerned about what we lack, but what good we can do for others.*

*Behold my servant, whom I uphold. The Father, who sustained Jesus in his Passion also supports us in our efforts to serve. Loving, praying, forgiving, caring for others, in the family and in society: all this can certainly be difficult. It can feel like a via crucis. But the path of service is the victorious and lifegiving path by which we were saved. I would like to say this especially to young people, on this Day which has been dedicated to them for thirty-five years now. Dear friends, look at the real heroes who come to light in these days: they are not famous, rich and successful people; rather, they are those who are giving themselves in order to serve others. Feel called yourselves to put your lives on the line. Do not be afraid to devote your life to God and to others; it pays! For life is a gift we receive only when we give ourselves away, and our deepest joy comes from saying yes to love, without ifs and buts. As Jesus did for us.*

Again, I thank the many individuals and families that continue to support the parish financially by mailing in or on line giving their weekly offering to the parish. I hesitate to bring money up during this national crisis. But like you, we depend on weekly income for survival. The bottom line is this: the parish cannot withstand weeks and weeks of no income. As you well know, the parish requires about \$8000 a week to break even. Anything you can do to help us by MAILING IN YOUR WEEKLY DONATION or DONATING ONLINE would be appreciated and very helpful. We will do everything we can to be prudent with our expenses. A major concern at this time is to continue to pay the salaries of our employees.

So, stay well. I pray for you every day and offer Masses for you and your intentions. We are certainly united in prayer. Remember, "nothing can keep us apart from the Love of God.

The chain of anger has been broken by Christ's rising from the dead!

*Easter Blessings and prayers to you!*

*Fr. Dennis*

## Easter 2020

### Fr. Dennis' Reflection – St. Patrick - Milford

***Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia!*** This is Good News in a time when we need good news! The Gospels assure us that, like his birth, the resurrection was physical, real, not just some alteration inside the minds of believers. After the resurrection, we are assured, Jesus' tomb was empty, people could touch him, he ate food with them, he was not a ghost.

But his rising from the dead was not a brute slap in the face to his critics leaving them with nothing to say. The resurrection didn't make a big splash. It was not some spectacular event that exploded into the world as the highlight on the evening news. It had the same dynamics as the birth of Jesus itself: After he rose from the dead, Jesus was seen by some, but not by others; understood by some, but not by others. Some got his meaning and it changed their lives, others were indifferent to him, and still others understood what had happened, hardened their hearts against it, and tried to destroy its truth.

Notice how this parallels, almost perfectly, with what happened at the birth of Jesus: The baby was real, not a ghost, but he was seen by some, but not by others and the event was understood by some but not by others. Some got its meaning and it changed their lives, others were indifferent and their lives went on as before, while still others (like Herod) sensed its meaning but hardened their hearts against it and tried to destroy the child.

Why the difference? What makes some see the resurrection while others do not? What lets some understand the mystery and embrace it, while others are left in indifference or hatred? Hugo of St. Victor used to say: *Love is the eye! When we look at anything through the eyes of love, we see correctly, understand, and properly appropriate its mystery. The reverse is also true. When we look at anything through eyes that are jaded, cynical, jealous, or bitter, we will not see correctly, will not understand, and will not properly appropriate its mystery.*

We see this in how the Gospel of John describes the events of Easter Sunday. Jesus has risen, but, first of all, only the person who is driven by love, Mary Magdala, goes out in search of him. The others remain as they are, locked inside their own worlds. But love seeks out its beloved and Mary Magdala goes out, spices in hand, wanting at least to embalm his dead body. She finds his grave empty and runs back to Peter and the beloved disciple and tells them the tomb is empty. The two race off together, towards the tomb, but the disciple whom Jesus loved out-runs Peter and gets to the tomb first, but he doesn't enter, he waits for Peter (authority) to go in first. Peter enters the empty tomb, sees the linens that had covered the body of Jesus, but does not understand. Then the beloved disciple, love, enters. He sees and he does understand. Love grasps the mystery. Love is the eye. It is what lets us see and understand the resurrection.

That is why, after the resurrection, some saw Jesus but others did not. Some understood the resurrection while others did not. Those with the eyes of love saw and understood. Those without the eyes of love either didn't see anything or were perplexed or upset by what they did see.

There are lots of ways to be blind. Is it possible that these last weeks of separation and self-distancing have caused us to be blind? Is there still some of us who can't see what happening around us? Are we nursing hope on this Easter Sunday or homesickness and heartache? These can color everything we see and feel. This is Easter Sunday, let's turn to Christ, our light! Let us not let this pandemic time cause us to become sicker ... blinder ... than those who are actually sick and some dying from the Corona Virus.

Christ is truly risen, though we might not see him! We don't always notice the new light of Spring. The miraculous doesn't force itself on us. It's there, there to be seen, but whether we see or not, and what precisely we do see, depends mainly upon what's going on inside our own hearts. Jesus will lead us out from the tomb of this pandemic. Let's help Him by joyful expressions of faith, hope, and love.

*Fr. Dennis*



# HOLY WEEK

We are about to come to the MOST IMPORTANT WEEK OF THE CHURCH YEAR - HOLY WEEK - in the most unusual circumstances of a lifetime. How will we keep Holy Week holy during this Corona Virus pandemic? We can do this ... and still comply with the directives of our Bishop and our government leaders.

Even though we may not be able to come together for these celebrations, we can still make an effort to celebrate the great gift of Jesus Christ in His passion, death and resurrection. This is a time to be creative and still share in the awe and the joy of this sacred week.

What follows is what you will see and experience if you choose to make a visit in Church. Our hope is to help bring us all a deeper awareness of our faith in God and our need to become "Jesus alive" for one another especially during these most difficult days.

**THE CHURCH CONTINUES TO BE OPENED DAILY  
FROM 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED BELOW**

## **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK – April 8, 2020**

Fr. Dennis will be available for individual Confessions from  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM and again from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

## **THE SACRED TRIDUUM (Three Days)**

**Watch Pope Francis' Liturgies for the Triduum on EWTN – Check your TV channel listing!**

## **HOLY THURSDAY - April 9, 2020**

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for individual adoration from  
**9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**

Additional Holy Thursday Retreat on [CatholicTVLIVE.com](http://CatholicTVLIVE.com)  
Thursday, April 9, 7:00 PM – *The Eucharist*

For Triduum Services from Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston, log onto [CatholicTVLIVE.com](http://CatholicTVLIVE.com)

## **GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION – APRIL 10, 2020**

A crucifix will be enthroned in Church for individual veneration from  
**9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**

Copies of the *Stations of the Cross* will be available for private prayer

For Triduum Services from Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston, log onto [CatholicTVLIVE.com](http://CatholicTVLIVE.com)

**EASTER VIGIL/ EASTER SUNDAY - April 11-12, 2020**

**The Church will be opened from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Saturday and Sunday.**

Blessed Easter Holy Water will be available for pick up.

For Triduum Services from Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston, log onto [CatholicTVLIVE.com](http://CatholicTVLIVE.com)

Once again, here is the prayer when people are not able to Holy Communion.

**Pope Francis' Prayer for Spiritual Communion:**

*My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things and desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen!*

Watch live on [CatholicTVLIVE.com](http://CatholicTVLIVE.com)

[www.catholictv.org](http://www.catholictv.org) and by consulting local cable providers or network listings

As a reminder the faithful is invited to participate in the daily and Sunday Mass [www.WatchtheMass.com](http://www.WatchtheMass.com) , viewers can watch the Mass in English every day from Sunday to Friday and the Mass in Spanish every Sunday.

**FROM “FORMED” OUR FAITH FORMATION WEB SITE**

**This is a difficult and unprecedented time for all of us.** As Catholics, we are suddenly faced with our parish doors being locked and limited access to the sacraments. This can be very disheartening. Now more than ever, we must hold fast to the great virtue of Hope. In the words of Pope St. John Paul II “Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ.” We must open the doors of our hearts to Christ and trust in the Lord who will give us everything we need.

**GO TO OUR PARISH WEBISTE AND CLICK ON THE GREEN BLOCK “FORMED” FOR MORE INFORMATION**

If you are a parent with children home from school, make sure to utilize our faith formation curriculum..

As we are gathered together in our homes, this can be a tremendous opportunity to watch something as a family that will inspire hope and remind us all that the Lord will provide for us even through these difficult times.

Watch: The Shroud of Turin

Listen: The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud of Turin

Kids: Brother Francis - He is Risen!

**Coronavirus (COVID-19): Scam Alert**

With the COVID-19 crisis, many fraudsters are taking advantage of our fears, creating fake job and donation sites as well as sending emails that appear to be from the CDC, WHO, or other organization. Some important things to remember and be aware of:

Never give out your online banking credentials via e mail or texts. No legitimate company will ever ask for this info, and you risk fraudulent deposits or losses for which you could be liable.

Be very wary of emails or texts asking to click on links or open attachments.

Any job that deposits or sends you money and asks you to withdraw or send the funds elsewhere is likely a scam. Recent scam jobs include receiving funds to act as liaison for donations, buying items from grocery/pharmacy to test price gouging, assisting with bitcoin purchases, and telling you to keep the info secret.

## Holy Thursday of the Lord's Last Supper 2020 Fr-Dennis' Reflection – St. Patrick - Milford

On Holy Thursday, we begin the Triduum and the holiest time of our Church year. It's going to be really different this year! Our Lent has ended in quarantine. The rich images and symbols of Holy Week will not be as rich as in years past.

We began Lent with the story of God speaking to Moses and Aaron of how to prepare with the marking of the blood of a lamb that has been sacrificed. God saying: *"This shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; through your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance."* As we begin the Triduum apart from one another, we still remember ... Jesus has become that sacrificial lamb.

Today, the Church invites us to hear St. Paul, in only a few lines telling the story of what we now call the institution of the Eucharist. He uses the words *"this is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."* *"This cup is the new covenant in my Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

And then, in St. John's powerful Gospel of the Last Supper, we revisit the apostles seated at a long table with Jesus at the center. They don't practice social distancing. They actually fought over who would sit closest to Jesus! And then, the image is of Jesus kneeling at the feet of those who follow him, to wash the dirt from their feet. Such love is there that Jesus, son of God, would get on his knees to wash the feet of his beloved.

Protestant biblical scholar William Barclay describes these actions of Jesus as being "the Royalty of Service". We Catholics call it the Sacrament of Service. The readings of Holy, Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil are each intricately tied to and a part of the other. Normand states that: "Jesus' action of washing his disciples feet "...serves as an enacted parable of Jesus loving his own to the end, for the words used to describe Jesus taking off his outer garment and then putting it on again are the same words spoken by the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep, only to take it up again."

This washing of the feet was a mark of hospitality, of seeing to the welfare of others, a job which in those times would be performed by at least a servant but more likely a slave. This is the ultimate mark of love – to serve others – just as God does with each of us.

The Eucharist is meant to send us out into the world ready to give expression to Christ's hospitality, humility and self-effacement. The Eucharist is meant to lead us out of the church and into the humble service of others. The Eucharist is meant to move from worship to service – to take the nourishment, the embrace, the kiss that we have received from God and the community and translate it immediately and directly into the loving service of others. To take the Eucharist seriously is to begin to wash the feet of others, especially the feet of the poor.

It is through loving service that we will follow and model Jesus and how we shall come home to the Father. And let's not forget Peter's response to Jesus when he says: *"Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and head"* and Jesus responding that is not really needed because he is already clean. This is seen by some as a reference to Baptism which is a promise, a commitment to imitate, and model our lives on Jesus as he serves others – a self-giving which does not end in his dying because we are promised that we will be "raised with him". Incredibly rich images.

During these days of confinement, families are becoming frustrated ... not entirely comfortable with the constant "foot washing" they must extend to one another ... doing of the little things, sometimes messy and difficult, certainly unrecognized. But there can be great joy in doing that if we remember that it's Jesus who asks us to do it! A little thing - becomes so very huge – all from what I dare say is a magnificent love.

Today, we may not be able to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist, which was first given at the Last Supper, but we can wash the feet (serve) those we live with. That seems to be our entrance into living Paschal Mystery this year! This year, it all begins with the Eucharist of the Washing of the Feet ... service to those close to us.

## **Good Friday of the Lord's Passion 2020**

### **Fr. Dennis' Reflection – St. Patrick - Milford**

At some point in time, you must have asked yourself: *Why in the world do we call this Friday ... Good Friday ... especially this year?* Good Friday was bad long before it was good, at least from outward appearances. God was being crucified by all that can go bad in the world: pride, jealousy, distrust, wound, self-interest, sin. It's no accident the Gospels tell us that, as Jesus was dying, it grew dark in the middle of the day. Few images are more telling. As Jesus hung upon the cross, seemingly, light gave way to darkness, love to hatred, and life to death. How can that be good?

Moreover, as he was dying, Jesus no longer seemed divine, powerful, and in control of things, both in terms of what was happening in the world and in what was happening inside of himself. The world was sinking into distrust and, if the Gospels are to be believed, Jesus, the incarnate God, seemed to be sinking into a personal doubt, one so gripping that it triggered the words: *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me!"* What's happening here? How can this be good?

To understand what happened on Good Friday we need to separate what was happening on the surface from what was happening at some deeper place. Sincere religious people, good though weak, out of fear and weakness were selling out what was best in them and helping incite the execution of Jesus or standing passively by and letting it happen. In effect, other than a few strong women who were not succumbing to fear or group-hysteria but who are too disempowered to practically do anything about it, everyone was aiding in the crucifixion of God, either out of ignorance, jealousy, or weakness. In Jesus' own words, darkness was having its hour. The human, social, and political drama that played out on Good Friday was not good. It showed humanity at its worst before God's seeming silence.

But there was something deeper happening on Good Friday, a drama was playing out inside the recesses of Jesus' private soul and conscience the result of which was antithetical to all that was happening on the surface, in the crowd. Inside his struggle to accept what was happening in that situation and to accept what was being asked of him, we see the ultimate moral and religious drama: love struggling with and then triumphing over hate, trust struggling with and then triumphing over paranoia, and forgiveness struggling with and then triumphing over bitterness.

We see that epic struggle, first, playing itself out in his agony in the garden of Gethsemane where Jesus literally sweats blood in the face of his options, that is, standing before every form of opposition, hatred, ignorance, and misunderstanding he must decide to either give himself over in trust or to flee in self-preservation. He chooses the former and, we are told, he is then strengthened by a divine presence.

But acceptance is not exactly full surrender and the next day, on Good Friday, the final test takes place. The angel who strengthened him in Gethsemane seems to disappear when he is on the cross and a crushing dark night of doubt now racks him to the point of making him cry out with what seemingly sounds like despair: *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me!"* His acceptance, given to his Father the night before, at this crucial moment, is made infinitely more difficult by the seeming absence of his Father who had, up to now, had been his very breath. In the face of that seeming abandonment, Jesus had to make a choice for faith, love, and trust at the rawest level, in ultimate darkness. What's the choice? What does Jesus do?

In the words of the great theologian of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century Karl Rahner: Jesus *"lets himself sink into the incomprehensibility of God."* He surrenders to God whom he cannot at that moment feel or understand but only trust. Here's where Good Friday turns from bad to good, Jesus surrenders himself not in bitterness, grasping, or anger, but in trust, gratitude, and forgiveness. In that surrender, the struggle between good and evil, the most epic of all battles, is won.

On this Good Friday, the world may very well be crying out: *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken US!"* Why Lord, this horrible Covid 19 pandemic? Maybe this is a faith moment for us to do what Jesus did in the words of Karl Rahner: *"let us all sink into the incomprehensibility of God."* And rather than give into despair, can we opt to choose to help rid our world of those powers that perennially crucify God ... can we let bitterness, grasping, and anger give way to trust, gratitude, and forgiveness? This Good Friday may be the least Good Friday we have ever experienced but, if we give ourselves over in trust, it can become better which may make it actually GOOD.