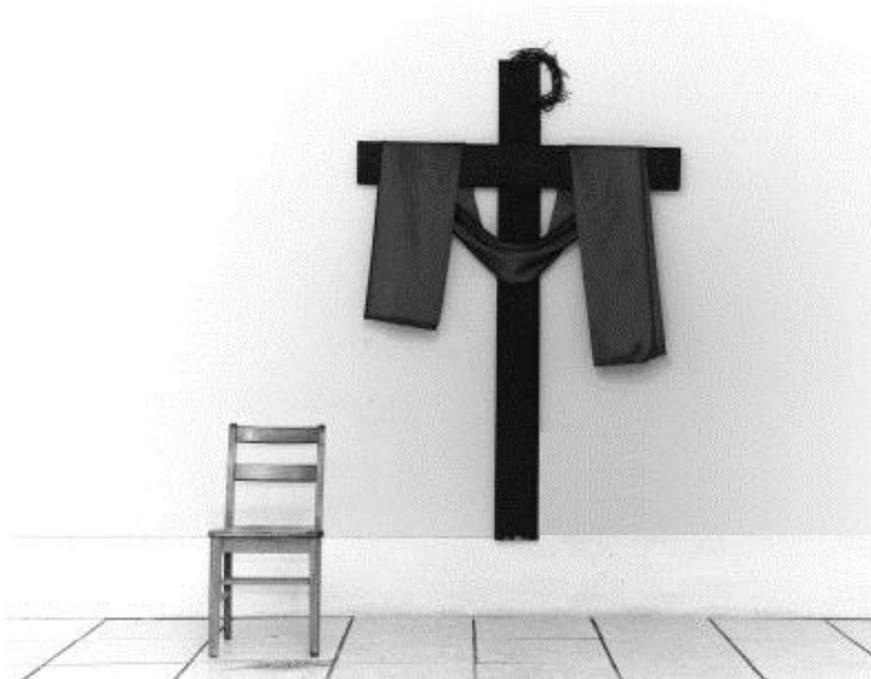


Where's Your Chair?

Good Friday



Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are my strength.
Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord of truth.
Psalm 31:4-5

Praising:

Hark! The voice of love and mercy sounds aloud from Calvary; see, it tears the temple curtain, shakes the earth and veils the sky:
'It is finished, it is finished!' – hear the dying Saviour's cry.

Reading:

John 19:1-30
It is finished

The task has been completed. Or maybe it's that the battle has been fought and won. Or that the life's work of one man has been signed off. So much more than a beautiful example of sacrificial love, Christ's death on the cross represents the culmination of what he came to earth to do. In the end, it is about restoring the relationship between God and

God's creation which has been broken by human sin. In one sense, this side of the grave, none of our lives is ever finished. The cross might be the end of Christ's work, but it is the beginning of ours. As long as there are those who do not know the salvation Jesus offers to them and all the world it is not finished. There is still work for us to do.

Listening:

Praying:

We come before the God who sent his Son to die for us

- in sorrow for our part in the death Christ died
- in shame for our failure to live lives more worthy of God's mercy
- in silence at the love which gave everything for us

Father: as Christ breathes his last from the cross on this terrible day, accept my sadness for the sins of mine which held him there, and accept my regret for the sins that are still to come.
Amen

Doing:

Good Friday, 25 March 2016