**Holy Week**

**2018**

**Read by**

Welcome everyone.

We are in Holy Week.

Holy Week and Easter are the most important time in our Church year.

On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate that God raised Jesus from death to new life.

Our Easter story is a holy story for all who belong in our Christian community.

Our story begins now.

**ENTRANCE SONG: Create in Me a Clean Heart**

**K-PP-1 Students stand and mime.**

**PALM SUNDAY: Read by**

On Palm Sunday, Jesus and his disciples went to Jerusalem.

Jesus told two disciples to go to town first.

He told them where to find the donkey that was tied up.

The disciples brought the donkey to Jesus.

Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem.

People waved palm branches and shouted out, ‘Hosanna!’ to our King.

**SONG: Love One Another**

**Yr 2-3-4 Students stand and mime.**

**THE WASHING OF THE FEET: Read by**

On Holy Thursday night, Jesus had a special supper with his apostles.

Before they ate their supper, Jesus washed his apostles’ feet.

**Reflection Read by**

**Jesus showed that it is important to serve his family and friends.**

**He showed them what it means to really love one another.**

**He wants everyone to follow his way and serve others.**

**THE LAST SUPPER: Read by**

Later Jesus and his disciples ate their last meal together.

We call this “The Last Supper”.

At this meal, Jesus blessed the bread and wine and called it his body and blood.

**Reflection Read by**

**We remember this special meal every time we celebrate the Eucharist.**

**SONG: Do This in Memory of Me**

**Yr 2-3-4 Stand and mime**

**THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN: Read by**

After the Last Supper, Jesus went to the Garden to pray.

He asked his friends to pray with him.

But his friends fell asleep.

**Reflection Read by**

**Jesus asks us to pray with him every day.**

**How often do we listen to Jesus?**

**Do we get distracted or fall asleep?**

**Yr 4-5-6 Students stand and mime**

**THE BETRAYAL Read by**

When Jesus was in the Garden, Judas betrayed him.

Jesus was taken away to be judged by Caiaphas.

Later Jesus was brought before Pilate.

The Chief Priests and the elders made the crowd set Barabbas free.

Then they ordered Jesus to be put to death.

**Reflection Read by**

**We can all relate to Pilate. What a position he was placed in!**

**He knows Jesus is innocent but he gives in to peer pressure.**

**Would we be strong enough to face up to the angry crowd**

**and make the right decision?**

**SONG: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**

**Year 4-5-6 Students stand and mime**

**THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR Read by**

Pilate ordered that Jesus was whipped.

The crowd were making fun of him and some people put a red robe on him.

The soldiers crowned him with a crown of thorns and mocked him.

Then they led him out to be crucified.

**Reflection Read by**

**Jesus was innocent.**

**He did not deserve to be treated this way.**

**Have we been unkind to people who are innocent and deserve better?**

**Year 4-5-6 Students stand and mime**

**THE CRUCIFIXION: Read by**

Jesus had to carry his heavy, wooden cross to the place where he was crucified.

On the way, they met a man named Simon.

The soldiers forced Simon to help carry Jesus’ cross.

On the way they met a lady, called Veronica. She raced forward to wipe the face of Jesus.

They came to a place where they crucified Jesus with two bandits.

Standing close to Jesus’ cross were his mother, Mary, John, his friend and Mary Magdalene.

Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there.

He said to his mother, ‘He is your son,’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘She is your mother.’

As Jesus was on his cross, he kept on praying.

He prayed: “Father forgive them. They don’t know what they’re doing.”

Then Jesus bowed his head and died.

EVERYONE SILENT ***Drumbeat solemnly sounding…. (name)***

**SONG: Jesus, Remember Me.**

**Year 5-6 Students stand and mime**

**Easter Sunday Read by**

Joseph of Arimathea was a secret follower of Jesus.

He went to Pilate and asked to take Jesus’s body down from the cross.

Joseph and Mary wrapped Jesus’ body in a sheet and laid him in the tomb.

We know from Jesus’ story didn’t end on Good Friday.

On Easter Sunday Mary saw the empty tomb.

“He is not here,” God’s messenger said. “He has been raised from the dead.”

**Reflection Read by**

**If you leave seeds in a packet, they remain just what they are – seeds.**

**If you bury them in the ground they turn into grain and grass and flowers.**

**Jesus said his death is like planting a seed.**

**Today, the life of Jesus is everywhere.**

**Let us join together and sing to God our Father….**

**SONG: Aboriginal Our Father**