

Galaxies Evening Service 2 April 2006

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Welcome:

Coming together - Tea, Coffee and greetings

Our theme this evening is - A Modern-day Crucifixion

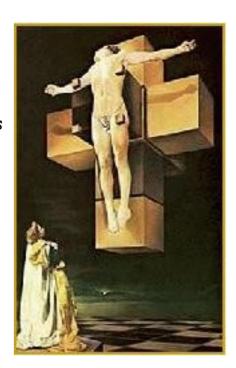
Introduction

As Easter approaches, we gather to remember the crucifixion of Jesus and multitudes of others in different ways as you will hear tonight; a scene of brutal torture, injustice and inhumanity that is played out everyday in the world.

Leader lights the Christ Candle and twelve candles for the twelve disciples

"and this is the judgment that light has come into the world, and that people love darkness rather than light, and God is light in whom there is no darkness"

(people invited to light their own candles)



A Modern-day Crucifixion - Part 1

Reading

Washing of feet - John chapter 13:4-5 (Hand washing)

Reading

In the Garden - Mark 14:32-38

First three disciple candles extinguished



A modern-day crucifixion - part 2

Second three disciple candles extinguished

Reading

Arrest of Jesus - (mark 14:39-50)

Third three disciple candles extinguished

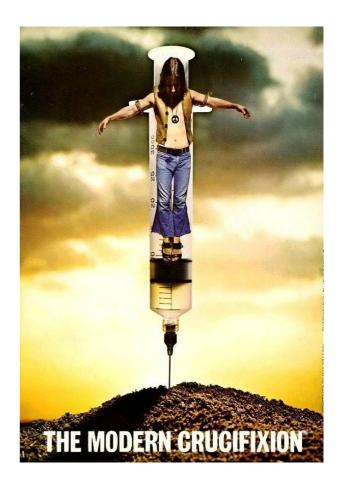
Reading

Denial of Jesus - (Mark 14:66-72)

Break bread - (but not passed around)

Reflection

Resurrection - New Life (Wellsprings, Anthony de Mello)



Last three disciple candles extinguished (except for the Christ Candle)

People put out their own candles

Final blessing

Go out into the world with your heart and your eyes open... open to the crucifixions all around you, every day, every hour, every minute. Pour out the love that we call God, the love Jesus talked about so often the love for the ones that hurt you, ... betray you, ... and deny you!

Hard, isn't it...

to care for and respect those who don't care for you and worse! Jesus knew well just how hard hard it would be... this... turning the other cheek. This crying for justice.

But, when you do, in that very act, that very moment... you are resurrected! ... You are Christ... Your are love... and you are God!

(all candles out, church in Darkness... apart from the Christ Candle

everyone departs in silence