

## Sermon For Holy Week

My Dear Friends in Christ.

These are indeed trying and difficult times. The Nation indeed the world, looks on in horror as the Coronavirus causes so much pain, fear and misery. Tragically, the death rate continues to grow at an alarming pace and infections increasing by the day. Our prayers are with the bereaved and those who mourn. Those who are ill and in fear and for all of those on every front and at every level who continue to devote themselves to the care and love of others.

**Easter** should always be approached in a spirit of penitence. There can be no final release from the bondage of sin except that is by the release of the Atonement made by Our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ on the first Good Friday.

We can feel very sorry for what we have done, but remember we cannot forgive ourselves. Only God forgives. It is the Divine prerogative. Christ himself atoned for us once and for all upon His cross. All we have to do is to accept our freedom, and yet we still go bound. Our souls crave to be free, but there is something in our minds that makes us cling to our own particular sins.

We can sometimes persuade ourselves into thinking they are characteristics, not actual sins. But to give a thing a different name does not change its nature. The old sins that saw Our Blessed Lord nailed to a Roman cross are still very active in the world today: the cunning of Caiaphas, the weakness of Pilate, the disloyalty of Judas, the cowardice of Peter, the bigotry of the Pharisees and the astonishing indifference of the crowd.

Is it possible that there may be a streak of Peter in us, or a touch of the Pharisee? When we look at Calvary and see what we are, what we have been or what we might be. It is a frightening sight, but no-one can afford not to look at Calvary simply because, if there is any hope for us and the world in which we all dwell, it is there.

“Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.” – GALATIANS 5.1.

May God Bless You All

In His Love

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