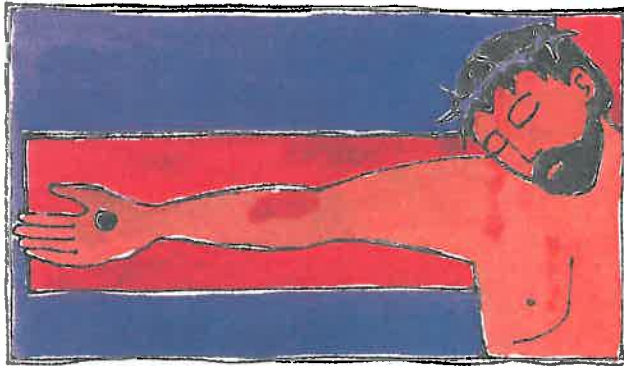


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Meditation

Jesus hangs on the cross as the hours creep by. It is harder and harder for him to breathe. One of the thieves crucified alongside mocks him; the other defends him. Jesus promises this good thief that today, he would be in paradise with him. After three hours, Jesus breathes his last.

Prayer

Jesus, forgive me for my sins.

All along the way, there were many people involved in bringing you to this point. Some betrayed you, others arrested, tried and convicted you, some whipped you or nailed you to the cross. Hundreds stood by and watched. All but a few of your friends abandoned you and hid.

But beyond all this, a whole ungrateful world brought you to Golgotha. And, sadly, I have to admit that I'm a part of that world.

I see you collapsed and lifeless on the cross. Sin is there with you. But your response to sin was not anger or rejection of the world. You accepted the whole world and everything about it, even its sinfulness, in order to heal it. I'm a part of that world. Help me see that through your cross, I am healed and set free.

*No one has greater love than this,
To lay down one's life for one's friends.*

(John 15:13)