



THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
PRESBYTERY OF ABERDEEN
FERRYHILL PARISH CHURCH
Good Friday
22nd April 2011 at 7.30 p.m.



SUNDAY SERVICES
EASTER DAY

7.30 a.m. in the Duthie Park
at the Celtic Cross just inside
the
Polmuir Road gate.

Followed by Breakfast in the Halls.

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion ,
11 a.m. All -age Easter
Celebration

Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Sunday Club. Crèche available.



Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross dates back to the second century when pilgrims to Jerusalem would make this step by step devotional journey with Jesus from his condemnation to his crucifixion. Pilgrimages to the Holy Land still take place today, and one of the highlights is often the walking of the **Via Dolorosa**, the Way of Sorrows, taken by Jesus from the place of condemnation to the place of crucifixion.

For those unable to journey to the Holy land the custom arose of setting up replicas — sculptures or paintings within churches, so that people could walk the way of Jesus and remember the events of Good Friday.

Tonight **we** will walk the Station of the Cross through a series of paintings. Some of the Stations are Biblically based, but others arose out of tradition. At each we will stop, hear a short passage of scripture and offer a prayer.

The images we will be using for the Fourteen Stations are those created by **Rosalind Hore**, a graduate of Gray's School of Art in Aberdeen. She has taught and worked in the South of England for many years. Most of her many sculptures and paintings have religious themes, and she completed the series of **Stations of the Cross** in 2010. Their first exhibition was during Holy Week last year in St Laurence's Church, Upminster, Essex. This year the complete set is on display in the Church of All Saints, Maldon.

By way of guidance to the viewer of the paintings she writes – *“The sequence of paintings contains symbolism which may need some explanation. Flames represent not only the Holy Spirit, but pain, anguish and desperation. The Holy Spirit is ever present in the shape of a dove which is always watching over Jesus.*

Somewhere in each painting there are three rosebuds representing the Trinity and also new life.

The colours in the stations leading up to the crucifixion are hot and turbulent, but as Jesus dies on the cross there is coldness and peace. The hot flames return in the tomb where the power from God's hands is ready to raise Jesus from death to life.”

Order of Service

Opening sentences

Hymn 399 *‘My song is love unknown’* [T : Love Unknown]

First Station

Jesus is condemned to death

Second Station

Jesus is burdened with his cross

Third Station

Jesus falls for the first time

Fourth Station

Jesus meets his mother

Fifth Station

Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the cross

Sixth Station

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Seventh Station

Jesus falls the second time

Eighth Station

Jesus consoles the daughters of Jerusalem

Ninth Station

Jesus falls the third time

Tenth Station

Jesus is stripped of his garments

Eleventh Station

Jesus is nailed to the cross

Twelfth Station

Jesus dies on the cross

Thirteenth Station

Jesus is returned to the arms of his mother

Ferryhill Singers – ‘O Saviour of the World’

Music by Arthur Somervell. Text from the Book of Common Prayer

Fourteenth Station

Jesus is laid in the tomb.

Sending and Blessing