

The Passion Gospel Luke 22:14-23:56  
(please read)

There is not much to say after this gospel reading .....The passion does speak for itself .. there is not much that needs to be explained ... an innocent man is betrayed and nailed to a cross.

And if this would be the end of the story ... nothing else needed to be explained and talked about.

But it is not the end of the story ..... It is the other way around ...

Holy Week is the transformation from one story into another. And this other story is still ongoing.

We will remember Jesus' death on Good Friday and we will celebrate Christ's resurrection with the Great Easter Vigil at St Luke's cathedral on Saturday evening at 7 pm.

So why do we do this? ... Why do we go each year through the experience of Holy Week?

The answer is simple and complicated at the same time.

In Jesus Christ Heaven and Earth are coming together, human and divine are mingling showing all of us the way to God.

And that way to God is Love. That way is: to Love God with all our hearts and minds, with all our strength .. in short with our whole being, and through this Love we Love others and we Love ourselves.

But there is another part to it and this is where it often gets complicated ..

To grow in Love we need to change and change is one of those very difficult things. It often does not come easy and it will not end 'till the day we die.

The thing with change is that something always needs to go ... something so to speak needs to die .. so that there is room for more love. The old needs to die for the new to come.

When Jesus died ... Christ could be born. When Jesus died .. death died .. our sin died .. .. and this means we do not need to be separated from God ... Jesus Christ showed us the way to God.

Through His Love, with His Love, and in His Love .. we are and will be resurrected and our story will be transformed.

And through that Mystery of Christ we become Children of God.

The hard part is the dieing ... literal or metaphorical ..... letting go is the difficult part .. surrender to that Love is scary .....because in that Love we see who and how we truly are .....we are those people who have Love and

betrayal in us/exactly like Peter.....we truly are the crowd and that is an unpleasant thing to be reminded of .. we do prefer not to mention it.  
But if we don't face who and what we are/if we don't let Love look at us ..  
God can not transform our stories .. God can not change us.

So we go through Holy Week each year so that we get to know us better and better in the light of Gods Love .. so that we learn to forgive our selves and others so that we increase in Love, let go what separates us from that Love and become more and more God's children!