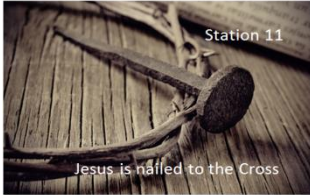


# Station 11 - Jesus is nailed to the Cross

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## Gathering



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## Welcome

**Leader:** Station 11: Jesus is nailed to the cross.

"I see the mark of the nails in his hands".

John 20:25



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## Acknowledgement

**Speaker 1:** And so we gather at the foot of the cross, on this Earth tread by Christ, on holy ground. On the mountain, in the suburb, in the desert, on the plains, by the sea, we are on holy ground. May we acknowledge the Creator of the land beneath us and resolve to continue in the sacred work of caring for all creation.



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## Introduction

**Leader:** We gather together to acknowledge the nails with which we crucify Christ today on a cross of small visions. We lament the violence inflicted on our Earth community and the silence that hides and perpetuates injustices. We hold in prayer our ministries that work for reconciliation and ministries that lobby or advocate against misguided models of progress.

**Speaker 1:** Let us pray. God of mercy, you who have a wide vision of suffering creation, let us see with your eyes today. Let us hear the cries of those who live in all forms of poverty and the anguish of our Earth community.

**Leader:** Let us now reflect silently on the nails of suffering within our Earth community.



Massacre of Aboriginal people  
"Jack Watson, head stockman at Lawn Hill station in the Gulf country, in 1885, had 40 pairs of human ears nailed to the walls of his hut". (The Melbourne Age, 2/7/2005)

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Eventually I came to understand the dynamics of domestic violence, and the laws and money that nailed their feet to the floor of a dangerous home.

Molira Rayner in Eureka Street, 10 March, 2015

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And the Violence  
In the Silence  
Let the lie go on and on  
In the silence  
Far more violence  
Will go on.  
(Helen Kearins, in *This Land*)

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Play chorus of Helen Kearins, *In This Land*.

## Prayers of Intercession

**Leader:** Let us now pray in our Mercy tradition, for the daily bread needed for ourselves and our world.

O God, purify my lips that I may sing your praise.

Saving God, come near to us.

Give us new hearts that we may love as Jesus loved.

**Speaker 2:** God of reconciling love, be with us as we recall the many ways we have sinned against you:

**All:** Loving, reconciling God, have mercy on us.

**Speaker 3:** We ask forgiveness for our failures in charity to our family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbours:

**All:** Loving, reconciling God, have mercy on us.

**Speaker 4:** We ask forgiveness for the many times we have failed to stand in solidarity with those who are poor or sick or abandoned or needy:

**All:** Loving, reconciling God, have mercy on us.

**Speaker 5:** We ask forgiveness for our indifference to all that threatens life – abortion and euthanasia, consumerism and greed, hatred and violence:

**All:** Loving, reconciling God, have mercy on us.

**Speaker 6:** We ask forgiveness for the many times we have judged others unjustly, condemning those we may not have understood:

**All:** Loving, reconciling God, have mercy on us.

**Speaker 7:** We ask forgiveness for the attitudes of racism that alienate us from one another:

**All:** Loving, reconciling God, have mercy on us.

**Speaker 8:** We ask forgiveness for carelessly depleting the resources of Earth

**All:** Loving, reconciling God, have mercy on us.

**Prayers to come from the assembly, followed by:** Loving, reconciling God, have mercy on us.

**Leader:** Let us listen to the story of hope in the final verse of Helen Kearins's song.



End the violence  
of the silence.  
No more lies  
to keep it on.  
Break the silence.  
No more violence  
Will go on.

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Play final verse of Helen Kearins, *In This Land*.



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# Responsive Reading

**Leader:** We now hear and respond to the words of Pope Francis in Laudato Si.

**Speaker 1:** I will point to the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet, the conviction that everything in the world is connected...

**All:** We will not forget that we are interconnected. That suffering anywhere on our Common Home causes pain to God, causes pain to us.



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**Speaker 1:** ... the call to seek other ways of understanding the economy and progress, the value proper to each creature, the human meaning of ecology, the need for forthright and honest debate, the serious responsibility of international and local policy, the throwaway culture and the proposal of a new lifestyle.

**All:** We will respond in new ways. We will value all of life and be responsible for our lifestyles.



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**Speaker 1:** If we acknowledge the value and the fragility of nature and, at the same time, our God-given abilities, we can finally leave behind the modern myth of unlimited material progress...

**All:** We will care for the wounded and we will turn from the myths of the past.



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**Speaker 1:** ... A fragile world, entrusted by God to human care, challenges us to devise intelligent ways of directing, developing and limiting our power.

**All:** We will commit to caring for the whole of creation. We will form new resolve to attend to and address the pains. We will use our God-given gifts for the good of our Earth community to end the violence and break the silence.



Break the  
Silence-  
No more  
violence

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## Final Prayers

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All:** O God, through your mercy, we are forgiven and made whole. Through the example of Christ, we are shown the way of peace and reconciliation. Through the power of the Spirit, we are enabled to persevere in doing good. Be with us today and throughout our lives, we pray. Amen.

**Leader:** Through Jesus Christ, may we be set free from sin's captivity. **All:** Amen.

**Leader:** In Jesus Christ, may we be born to new life. **All:** Amen.

**Leader:** With Jesus Christ, may we be witnesses to the love of God. **All:** Amen.

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