

Good Friday Reflections & Teaching (Zoom Worship)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6738255510>

Our normal Good Friday Communion service has been deeply meaningful for many over the past couple of years, so I didn't want to lose that. However, nobody could see what was going to happen this year. Although the coronavirus keeps us apart we are never separated in Christ. So we acknowledge that, although we cannot gather in person, we can be present with one another online.

This is one obstacle we can overcome 'easily' through technology. I have given you the Zoom link above and here:

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I would encourage you to click and go on a few minutes before the start time in order to get the relevant software onto your computer or App onto your phone.

That is the easy bit, the next is difficult.

Last week amongst the updates and advisories I've been receiving from Assembly Buildings there was this:

Therefore the formal advice is that, within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, 'virtual communion services' should not be held. This does not underestimate the place of the Lord's Table within our shared life as believers, but as the members of the Doctrine Committee consulted indicated, *"Our view is that we should be lamenting the Lord's grave providence that has resulted in so many Christian congregations no longer meeting."*

So let me say that this time of gathering will NOT be a virtual communion service. I will, however, be teaching on Communion. "From the Last Supper to the First Supper" is the title for this 30 minutes together. To help with this experience I would encourage you to have a simple single slice of bread set before you with a single small cup (or glass) with a red liquid drink. I will explain what to do with these things during our time in each other's presence.

This will be a live stream. Where possible make sure your internet is reliable for the time. Try to find a quiet area in the house. Where possible have someone with you - spouse, parent, child. You will need a smartphone/tablet or computer with mic/speakers & webcam.

This runs from 8.00pm to 8.30pm, please don't be late, I will be starting on time.

If you have any questions or comments please let me know directly.

In His grip,

Graeme