

Good Friday 3/4/26

We are seeing and hearing here a journey into God. It's a journey we all have to make whether we think of ourselves of innocent or guilty of other people's blood. It's a journey we cannot make alone but only in solidarity with others. That's the nature of love and of God as love and of our journey into their undivided nature. It takes place through the Cross where all the suffering brought about by our divisions, whether within or without, whether through nature or nurture, are taken up in Christ. He suffers our sufferings including those caused by sin – by our own and others' self-centredness, and suffers them to the point of total desperation, isolation and alienation. He suffers our disunity that we may be one again in God. He suffers this to the point of not even knowing the nature of resurrection so that all who feel abandoned by others, and by God, may know they are not alone. It's important for us all to feel that same sense of total abandonment at some time if we are to understand the nature of Christ and the nature of God, and it's best understood in silence.

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