

A night prayer/ reflection for Holy Thursday.

Holding our lives before God.

Jesus arrested, judged, found guilty and condemned to die is held captive overnight.

If I were arrested and held this night what would I be found guilty of?

That I made friends with people irrespective of their colour, creed or class....

That I shared my bread with the poor....

That my words... and actions... brought healing and forgiveness....

That I made justice and didn't count the cost

That I sought the truth and then spoke of it....

That I recognised my neighbour and loved them as my very self...

That I met God along the way in the healing and forgiveness I received....

That I accepted hospitality at many different tables....

That I was changed by the lives of others....

.... and often repented my arrogance and foolishness in encountering their wisdom ...

That friends and strangers sometimes paid the price for me....

That I never sought out suffering.....

..... but journeyed with it to the best of my ability....

That the love of those about me taught me to love myself before God

You call us out of brokenness
to mend and remake your creation.
Grant us the courage to stay
with all those who are held captive this night.
In the name of Jesus who is good news, Amen.

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