

Victorious Cross

Slide one

We have heard to story of Jack Cornwell and how he was awarded the Victoria Cross

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Let us now think for a moment about the ultimate world changing act of love that took place for each of us on another kind of Cross. Our Poppies are red to symbolise blood shed for us, their stalks are green to symbol new life given to us, but the centre of the poppy remains black symbolising the darkness and sin of arrogant created beings who think they know better than their creator!! Jesus, God's Son, died on a cross so that each one of us might come to know afresh the unconditional love of God the Father. In doing so Jesus dealt with the black spot once and for all on his Victorious Cross

In our first reading we read the words of Jesus: This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends.

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Just as Jack Cornwell made an amazing sacrifice for his mates so Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us. On this slide, we see a cross lit with the fire of the Sun as a reminder that Jesus takes the wrong things, the sin, the rubbish in our lives so that we can know God's forgiving power. When we say, sorry and ask God to forgive us it is as if God takes these things and burns them up.

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Prayer

Thank you, Jesus, for dying on the Victorious Cross for me. Thank you for dealing with the black spot of sin once and for all. Thank you for giving me new life and new hope. Amen

Slide Five

Today we remember the ultimate sacrifice of men and women for our freedom: today we recall with gratitude the unique sacrifice of Jesus and we make a choice to be God's man or women.