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**Jerusalem and the Middle East** On Good Friday a dark veil descends upon the story of God. Some of Jesus most fervent advocates and disciples are denying that they ever knew him. On the cross, evil seems to have overcome good.

In the past year, Australians have watched as popular movements have toppled oppressive governments in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and other parts of the Arab world. The Anglican Diocese of Egypt, North Africa and the Horn of Africa has seen monumental change in the countries where it ministers. Last year Egyptians sadly witnessed the bombing of a church in Alexandria, the demolishing of a church in Sole Atfieh, the burning of a church in Imbaba, and the deaths of 27 people protesting the burning of a Christian Community Centre. Bishop Mouneer Anis describes the situation as "walking in a dark tunnel where you cannot see the end".

For many years, the Australian Church has collected funds on Good Friday to support the Anglican Church in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East. The Good Friday Gift assists the Church throughout the Middle East in its vital mission of healing, love and reconciliation. Bishop Mouneer affirms that despite all of their current challenges, there is "joy under the veil of darkness".

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So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him. (John 19.16b-18a)



**Jerusalem and the Middle East** On Good Friday a dark veil descends upon the story of God. Some of Jesus most fervent advocates and disciples are denying that they ever knew him. On the cross, evil seems to have overcome good.

In the past year, Australians have watched as popular movements have toppled oppressive governments in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and other parts of the Arab world. The Anglican Diocese of Egypt, North Africa and the Horn of Africa has seen monumental change in the countries where it ministers. Last year Egyptians sadly witnessed the bombing of a church in Alexandria, the demolishing of a church in Sole Atfieh, the burning of a church in Imbaba, and the deaths of 27 people protesting the burning of a Christian Community Centre. Bishop Mouneer Anis describes the situation as "walking in a dark tunnel where you cannot see the end".

For many years, the Australian Church has collected funds on Good Friday to support the Anglican Church in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East. The Good Friday Gift assists the Church throughout the Middle East in its vital mission of healing, love and reconciliation. Bishop Mouneer affirms that despite all of their current challenges, there is "joy under the veil of darkness".

"weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning." (Ps 30.5)

- Witness to Christ's saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people
- Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith
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