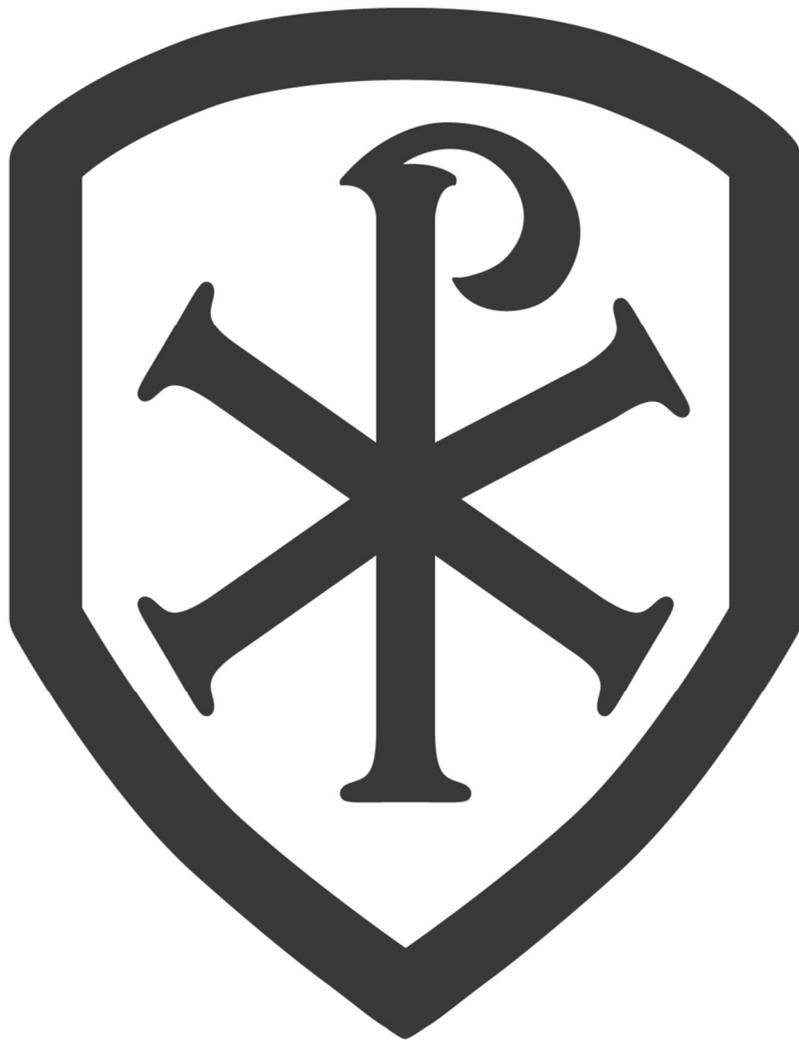


A SERVICE OF WORD
AND SACRAMENT
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



CHRISTCHURCH
ANGLICAN
8 MARCH 2026

The Opening Acclamation *Please stand*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

Tolling of the Bells

While the bells are being rung, this prayer may be used by the people for silent meditation.

We adore thee, most Holy Trinity, we worship thee, and thank thee that Thou hast revealed to us this glorious Mystery. Grant, we beseech thee, that persevering in this Faith, and loving thee above all things, we may see thee and glorify thee eternally, whom we confess here, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, one God in Three Persons, blessed for evermore. Amen.

The Decalogue

The Celebrant chants the Decalogue; the people chant the response.

Celebrant God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People ***Sung response***



Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us, and in - cline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

People ***Sung response***

Celebrant Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

People ***Sung response***

Celebrant Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

People ***Sung response***

Celebrant Honor thy father and thy mother.

People ***Sung response***

Celebrant Thou shalt do no murder.

People ***Sung response***

Celebrant Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People ***Sung response***

Celebrant Thou shalt not steal.

People ***Sung response***

Celebrant Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People ***Sung response***

Celebrant Thou shalt not covet.

People ***Final sung response***



Lord, have mer-cy u-pon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

The Confession of Sin *Please kneel*

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

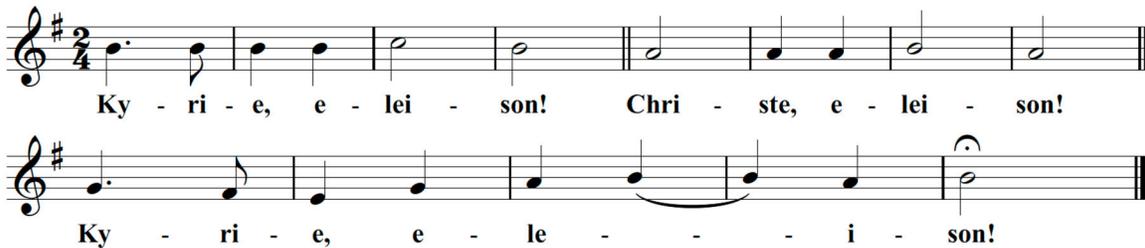
Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

The Absolution

Celebrant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Kyrie

Cantor Together, let us pray to Christ our Lord, who intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father:



Ky - ri - e, e - lei - son! Chri - ste, e - lei - son!
 Ky - ri - e, e - lei - son!

Cantor Lord Jesus Christ, you were sent to heal the contrite. Have mercy on us. **Kyrie**

Cantor Lord Jesus Christ, you came to call all sinners. Have mercy on us. **Kyrie**

Cantor Lord Jesus Christ, you intercede for us at the right hand of the Father. Have mercy on us. **Kyrie**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, who hast made us for thine own self, wherefore our hearts are restless until they rest in thee: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of thy servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold thine eternal glory in the face of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

..... **The Liturgy of the Word**

The First Lesson *Please be seated*

Exodus 17:1-7

¹ All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people quarreled

with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"⁴ So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go."⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.⁷ And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95

- 1 O come, let us sing unto the LORD;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the depths of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands prepared the dry land.
- 6 O come, let us worship and fall down,
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
- 8 Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts
as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness,
- 9 When your fathers tested me,
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said,
"It is a people that err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways,"
- 11 Of whom I swore in my wrath
that they should not enter into my rest.

The Second Lesson

Romans 1:16-32

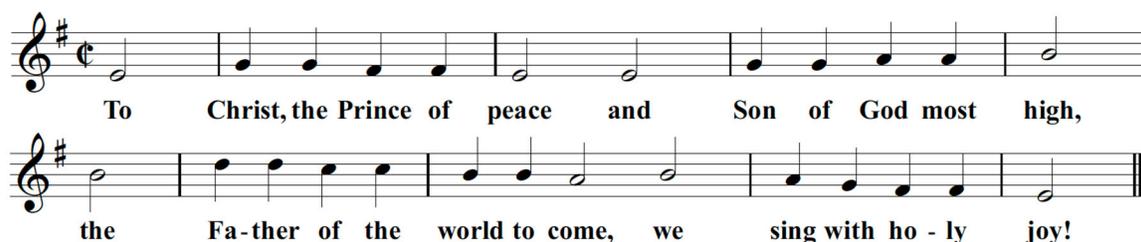
¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." ¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to

them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. ²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷ and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameful acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. ²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³² Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Please stand*

To Christ, the Prince of Peace



Verse 2
*Deep in his heart, for us
 the wound of love he bore.
 That burning love he kindles still
 in hearts that him adore.*

Verse 3
*O Jesus, victim priest,
 what else but love so fine
 could move you so to welcome us
 into your heart divine?*

Verse 4
*O fount of endless life,
 O spring of water clear,
 O flame celestial, cleansing all
 who will to you draw near!*

Verse 5
*Hide us within your heart,
 for, there, we all would be,
 to live in grace, and after death
 gain immortality!*

The Gospel *Please remain standing*

John 4:5-26, 39-42

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

⁵ So Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than

our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’;¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.”²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.”²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”²⁷ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.”²⁸ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.²⁹ And many more believed because of his word.³⁰ They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon *Please be seated*

The Reverend Alan L. Reid

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People *Please kneel*

The Peace *Please stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

..... **The Holy Communion**

At the Offertory

Christ is Lower Still

The Porter's Gate

The Congregation is invited to sing during the offertory

Breathe in. Reach out.
Touch the hem of his garment, now.
Help me, heal me:
my mind, my body, and soul!

*Let the King descend, living Word made flesh!
Lift this heavy heart to your throne, O God!
In your wounds I find room for all of mine.
When, from grace, I fell, Christ was lower still.*

Humbly, lowly,
Jesus waits in the valley.
My Saviour suffers with me.
With him, I'll rise again.

Chorus

We lift our heads, we lift our hands;
we lift it all up to you, Lord.
We lift our dreams, we lift our plans;
we lift it all up to you, Lord.
We lift our sorrow and our pain;
we lift it all up to you, Lord.
We cast our cares on you, again;
we lift it all up to you, Lord!

Chorus.



*If you'd like to give an offering, you can place your gift in the offering plate,
scan the QR code to the right, or visit our website and click on the "Give" tab.*



The Great Thanksgiving *Please stand*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

It is customary to omit the word Alleluia during the Lenten season, saving it for the joy of Eastertide.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

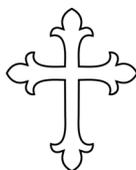
The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated



Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Communion Music

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

Communion Music

When I think of all you've done,
 how you met me with your love,
 my heart sings!
 You reached out when I was lost,
 saw my need and filled my heart
 with good things. My heart sings!

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and all that is within me!
 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and sing of his mercy!
 Bless the Lord, bless the Lord,
 I'll bless the Lord!*

What Wondrous Love is This

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing!
 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing!
 To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when, from death, I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on!
 And when, from death, I'm free, I'll sing on!
 And when, from death, I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
 and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 and through eternity, I'll sing on!

Bless the Lord (Psalm 103)

You forgive my every thought,
 and redeem my every wrong;
 my heart sings!
 You restore what's torn apart;
 only you can mend a heart
 with beauty. My heart sings!

Chorus

From sunrise to sunset:
 bless the Lord, O my soul!
 Your mercies are endless:
 bless the Lord, O my soul!
 As high as the heavens:
 bless the Lord, O my soul!
 My soul will bless the Lord!

Communion Music

In Christ Alone

In Christ, alone, my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of
love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-
ings cease.
My comforter, my all in all:
here, in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ, alone, who took on flesh;
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
scorned by the ones he came to save,
till, on that cross, as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied,
for every sin on him was laid.
Here, in the death of Christ, I live.

There, in the ground, his body lay;
light of the world by darkness slain.
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again,
and, as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine;
bought with the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death:
this is the power of Christ in me!
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of Hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand
till he returns, or calls me home.
Here, in the power of Christ, I'll stand!

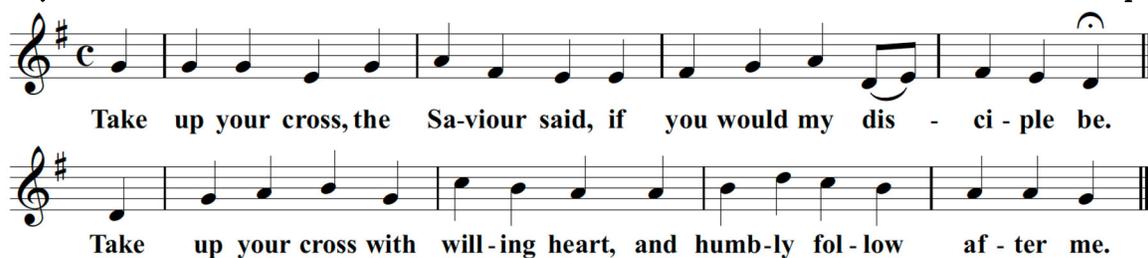


Post Communion Prayer *Please kneel*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Prayer over the People

Look mercifully on this thy family, Almighty God, that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Take up your cross, the Sa-viour said, if you would my dis - ci - ple be.

Take up your cross with will - ing heart, and humb - ly fol - low af - ter me.

Verse 2

*Take up your cross, let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm.
His strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.*

Verse 4

*Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave.
It guides you to abundant life
and leads to victory o'er the grave.*

Verse 3

*Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
and let your foolish heart be still.
The Lord, for you, accepted death
upon a cross on Calvary's hill.*

Verse 5

*Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down.
For, only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.*

The Dismissal

Gospeler God is good,
People **All the time!**
Gospeler All the time,
People **God is good!**
Gospeler Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God!**

Serving in the Liturgy

Celebrant	The Reverend Canon Andrew M. Rowell
Gospeler	The Reverend Deacon Dollene W. McLemore
Assisting	The Reverend Alan L. Reid
Director of Music	The Reverend Dr. Jack N.T. Lindsay
Vergers	Robert McBride and Dinah McLemore
Lectors and Chalice Bearers	Charles Edmondson, Bethany Gamma, and Leigh Parker
Crucifer	Wilson Craven
Server	David Rees
Gospel Torch Bearers	Destiny Reynolds and Lucy Hubbard
Altar Guild	Bethany Gamma, Marion Smith, Judy Derickson, and Teri Klose
Greeters	Shannon Crane and Jeff Crane
Prayer Team	Sally Cobb, Pete Cobb, Eloise Wilkerson, Merrily Brewer, and the Daughters of the Holy Cross
Ushers	Michael Stewart, Jeremiah Short, Warren Philips, Billy McLemore, and Lister Hubbard



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The Rev. Alan L. Reid - Pastoral Associate for Prayer Ministries
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