

# GOOD FRIDAY



CHRISTCHURCH  
ANGLICAN

3 April 2026  
12:00 p.m.

*On this most sorrowful of days, we focus on Jesus upon the cross. The black veils and stark appearance of the church are intended to remind us that on this day the Lord of Life was rejected, mocked, scourged, and crucified. This service includes the Veneration of the Cross, which affords us the opportunity to express our love and thankfulness for the gift of eternal life given us by the gift of Jesus' death. By his cross we are redeemed, set free from the bondage of death and sin. In it we have a continual sign of God's never-ending love for us.*



## The Icon of Christ on the Cross

Under a dark sky, Our Lord is crucified for the sins of the world. At the base of the Cross, we find Mary, his Mother, the beloved disciple John, and Mary Magdalene. We see soldiers casting lots for his garments. One of the thieves crucified with the Lord has become a saint, due to his faith in God's Messiah, whose side has been pierced for our transgressions. Under the earth, at the base of the Cross, lie Adam's bones. Sprinkled by the Blood of Christ, the new Adam, these bones—and the bones of all humanity—shall be freed from the curse of sin and reconciled to God.

*Please kneel*

*Officiant* All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way,  
*People* **And the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

### The Collect

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson** *Please be seated*

**Genesis 22:1-18**

<sup>1</sup> After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup> And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup> Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. <sup>9</sup> When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup> He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup> And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." <sup>15</sup> And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup> and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply

your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,<sup>18</sup> and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 22:1-11

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me,  
**and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my complaint?**

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not hear;  
**in the night season also, but I find no rest.**

<sup>3</sup> But you remain holy,  
**enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**

<sup>4</sup> Our fathers hoped in you;  
**they trusted in you, and you delivered them.**

<sup>5</sup> They called upon you, and were delivered;  
**they put their trust in you, and were not confounded.**

<sup>6</sup> But as for me, I am a worm, and no man,  
**scorned by all, and the outcast of the people.**

<sup>7</sup> All those who see me laugh me to scorn;  
**they curl their lips, and shake their heads, saying,**

<sup>8</sup> “He trusted in God, that he would deliver him;  
**let him deliver him, if he will have him.”**

<sup>9</sup> But you are he that took me out of my mother’s womb;  
**you were my hope, when I was yet upon my mother’s breasts.**

<sup>10</sup> I have been cast upon you ever since I was born;  
**you are my God, even from my mother’s womb.**

<sup>11</sup> O go not far from me, for trouble is near at hand,  
**and there is none to help me.**

### The Second Lesson

### Hebrews 10:1-25

<sup>1</sup> For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. <sup>2</sup> Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins?

<sup>3</sup> But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. <sup>4</sup> For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. <sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’” <sup>8</sup> When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. <sup>11</sup> And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when

Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. <sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, <sup>16</sup> "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," <sup>17</sup> then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." <sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

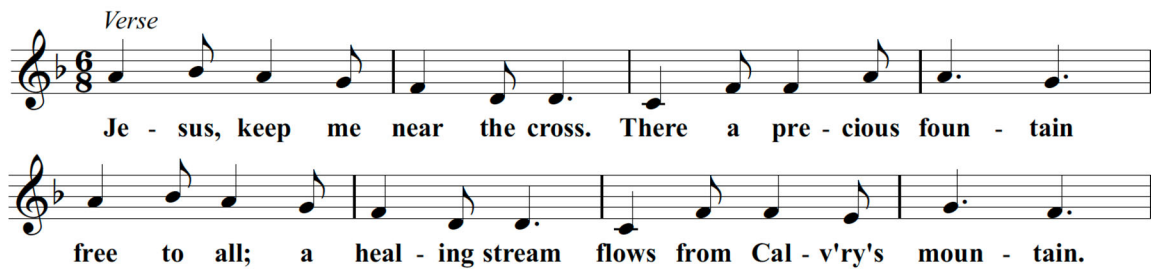
*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** *Please stand*

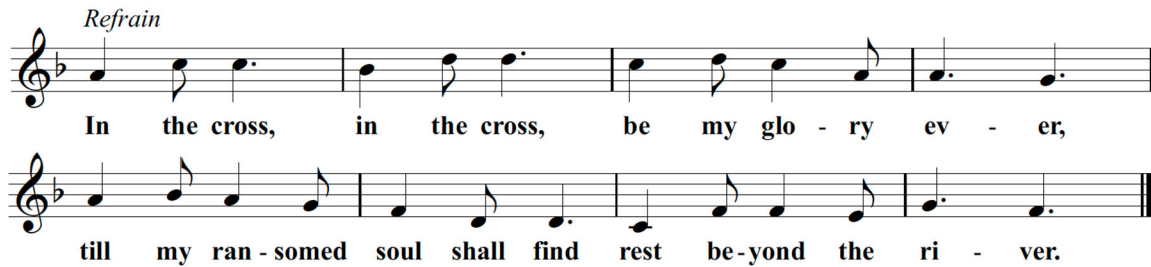
*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

*Verse*



Je - sus, keep me near the cross. There a pre - cious foun - tain  
free to all; a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er,  
till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the ri - ver.

*Verse 2*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
love and mercy found me.  
There, the bright and Morning Star  
sheds its beams around me.

*Verse 3*

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
bring its scenes before me.  
Help me walk from day to day  
with its shadows o'er me.

*Verse 4*

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting, ever,  
till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river.

*In the cross, in the cross,*

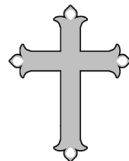
*be my glory ever,*

*till my ransomed soul shall find*

*rest beyond the river.*

*Refrain*

*Refrain*



The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

<sup>1</sup> Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup> And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup> They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup> Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." <sup>5</sup> So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" <sup>6</sup> When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." <sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." <sup>8</sup> When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup> He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup> Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin." <sup>12</sup> From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." <sup>13</sup> So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup> They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." <sup>16</sup> So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup> and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup> Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup> So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." <sup>23</sup> When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup> so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup> but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. <sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." <sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**The Homily** *Please be seated*

The Reverend J. Michael Chitwood

**The Solemn Collects** *Please kneel*

*Officiant* Dearly beloved brethren: Our heavenly Father sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life. We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

*Assisting* Let us pray for the holy Church throughout the world: that the Lord our God may preserve her in unity, peace, and safety, bringing into divine subjection all powers and principalities; and that he may grant us to dwell in such peace and tranquility that we may show forth the glory of God.

*Silence*

*Officiant* Almighty Father, we humbly beseech thee for thy holy catholic Church; that thou wouldst be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Saviour. **Amen.**

*Assisting* Let us pray likewise for Julian, our Provincial Dean, and for Alex, our Bishop: that like as the Lord our God hath appointed them to their offices, so he may preserve them in health and safety for the governance of God's holy people.

*Silence*

*Officiant* Almighty and everlasting God, whose judgment upholdeth all things in heaven and earth: We beseech thee mercifully to have respect unto our prayers, that like as thou hast appointed these thy servants to be our Bishops so thou wouldest of thy mercy defend them against all adversities; and that we, acknowledging thee alone as the great Bishop and Shepherd of our souls, may so prosper by their care that we may duly increase in bringing forth the fruits of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord. **Amen.**

*Assisting* Let us pray likewise for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; and for all the holy people of God.

*Silence*

*Officiant* Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Assisting* Let us pray likewise for Donald our President, and for all in Civil Authority; that they, being filled with the wisdom and strength to know and do your will, may be continually mindful of their calling to serve this nation in reverent obedience to you.

*Silence*

*Officiant* Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite: We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to our President, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Assisting* Let us pray likewise for those who are preparing for Holy Baptism, that the Lord our God may open their hearts to his grace and mercy; that by the washing of regeneration they may obtain the remission of all their sins, and be found faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Silence*

*Officiant* Almighty and everlasting God, who dost ever increase thy Church in each generation: We beseech thee that thou wouldest grant the gifts of faith and understanding to them being taught in thy holy Word; that being washed in the waters of Baptism, they may be born again and numbered among the sons of thine adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Assisting* Let us pray likewise to God the Father Almighty, that he would cleanse the world from all evil; to deliver it from pestilence and famine; to set free them that are in captivity; restore the sick to health; and bring them that travel to a haven of safety.

*Silence*

*Officiant* Gracious God, the comfort of all that sorrow, the strength of all that suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come unto thee, that they may find thy mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we beseech thee, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Assisting* Let us pray likewise for all them that are in heresy or schism: that the Lord our God may deliver them from all false doctrines, and restore them to the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

*Silence*

*Officiant* O God of truth and love, who desireth not the death of a sinner but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live: Look with mercy upon those who are deceived by the lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil; that the hearts of those who have gone astray may be restored to wisdom and return to the way of truth in the unity of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Assisting* Let us pray likewise for the Jewish people: that the Lord our God may look graciously upon them, and that they may come to know Jesus as the Messiah, and as the Lord of all.

*Silence*

*Officiant* Almighty and everlasting God, who didst of old establish thy covenant with Abraham and his seed: Hear the prayers of thy Church, that the people through whom thou didst bring blessing to the world may also receive the blessing of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Assisting* Let us pray likewise for all those who do not believe in Christ, that the Holy Ghost may enlighten them through the Gospel and bring them into the way of salvation.

*Silence*

*Officiant* Merciful God, creator of all men and lover of all souls: Have mercy upon all who know thee not as thou art revealed in thy Son Jesus Christ; let thy Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy fold, that they may be made one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Assisting* Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ, and with those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

*Silence*

*Officiant* O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably upon thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of thy providence, carry out the work of man's salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being renewed unto the perfection of him through whom all things were made, thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*Silence*



## The Veneration of the Cross

*Please remain kneeling*

*Officiant* Behold the wood of the Cross, whereon which was hung the world's Salvation.

*People* O come, let us adore him.

### Anthem 1

### *The Royal Banners Forward Go*

*The royal banners forward go,  
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow,  
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,  
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.*

*Where deep for us the spear was dyed,  
Life's torrent rushing from his side  
To wash us in that precious flood  
Where mingled water flowed, and blood.*

*Fulfilled is all that David told  
In true prophetic song of old:  
The universal Lord is he,  
Who reigns and triumphs from the tree.*

*O Tree of beauty, Tree of light,  
O Tree with royal purple dight,  
Elect on whose triumphal breast  
Those holy limbs should find their rest!*

*On whose dear arms, so widely flung,  
The weight of this world's ransom hung,  
The price of humankind to pay  
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.*

*O Cross, our one reliance, hail!  
So may thy power with us prevail  
To give new virtue to the saint,  
And pardon to the penitent.*

*To thee, eternal Three in One,  
Let homage meet by all be done:  
Whom by thy Cross thou dost restore,  
Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.*

### Anthem 2

### *Adoramus te, Christe*

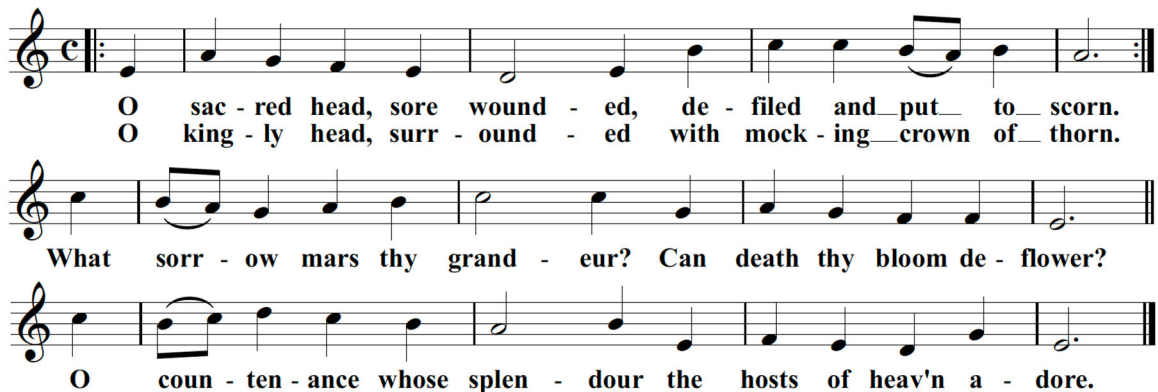
*Adoramus te, Christe,  
et benedicimus tibi:  
quia per sanctam crucem tuam  
redemisti mundum.  
Adoramus te, Christe.*

*We adore thee, O Christ,  
and we bless thee:  
because, by thy holy Cross,  
thou hast redeemed the world.  
We adore thee, O Christ.*



### Hymn 168 *Please remain kneeling*

### *O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded*



O sac - red head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn.  
O king - ly head, surr - ound - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn.

What sorr - ow mars thy grand - eur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?

O coun - ten - ance whose splen - dour the hosts of heav'n a - dore.

Verse 2

*Thy beauty, long-desired,  
hath vanished from our sight.  
Thy power is all expired,  
and quenched the light of light.  
Ah me! for whom thou diest,  
hide not so far thy grace.  
Show me, O Love most highest,  
the brightness of thy face.*

Verse 3

*I pray thee, Jesus, own me,  
me, Shepherd good, for thine,  
who, to thy fold hast won me,  
and fed with truth divine.  
Me guilty, me refuse not,  
incline thy face to me,  
this comfort that I lose not,  
on earth to comfort thee.*

Verse 4

*In thy most bitter passion  
my heart to share doth cry,  
with thee for my salvation  
upon the Cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus moved  
to stand thy Cross beneath,  
to mourn thee, well-beloved,  
yet thank thee for thy death.*

Verse 5

*My days are few, O fail not,  
with thine immortal power,  
to hold me that I quail not  
in death's most fearful hour,  
that I may fight befriended,  
and see in my last strife  
to me thine arms extended  
upon the Cross of life.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Officiant and People*

**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.***

**Concluding Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy Passion, Cross, and death between thy judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to thy holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Ghost thou livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Please remain silent while departing from the church.*

**Serving in the Liturgy**

<b>Officiant</b>	The Reverend Canon Andrew M. Rowell
<b>Assisting</b>	The Reverend J. Michael Chitwood
<b>Director of Music</b>	The Reverend Dr. Jack N.T. Lindsay
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