



## The Solemn Liturgy *of Good Friday*

2 April 2021 at 11 a.m.

The Anglican Parish of Rothesay



*The service begins in silence. All kneel and pray in silence for a time.*

## **The Collect**

*Officiant* Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

*A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah*

(52:13-53:12)

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him--so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals--so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

*Psalm (31) Cantor*

In you, O LORD, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice rescue me.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit;  
you will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God.

For all my foes I am an object of reproach,  
a laughingstock to my neighbors, and a dread to my friends;  
they who see me abroad flee from me.  
I am forgotten like the unremembered dead;  
I am like a dish that is broken.

But my trust is in you, O LORD;  
I say, "You are my God.  
In your hands is my destiny; rescue me  
from the clutches of my enemies and my persecutors."

Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your kindness.  
Take courage and be stouthearted,  
all you who hope in the LORD.

*A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews*

*(4:14-16, 5:7-9)*

Brothers and sisters: since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**The Gospel Acclamation**

*Praise to you, Lord, King of Eternal Glory!*  
***Praise to you, Lord, King of Eternal Glory!***

*Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.  
Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him  
the name which is above every name.*

***Praise to you, Lord, King of Eternal Glory!***

## The Passion Gospel

*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John*

(18:1-19:42)

*The congregation may be seated for the reading of the Passion Gospel until indicated.*

*Narrator* Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, *Jesus* Whom are you looking for?

*Narrator* They answered,

*Congregation* **Jesus of Nazareth.**

*Narrator* Jesus replied,

*Jesus* I am he.

*Narrator* Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, 'I am he,' they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, *Jesus* Whom are you looking for?

*Narrator* And they said,

*Congregation* **Jesus of Nazareth.**

*Narrator* Jesus answered,

*Jesus* I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.

*Narrator* This was to fulfil the word that he had spoken, 'I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.' Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

*Jesus* Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?

*Narrator* So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter,

*Reader* You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?

*Narrator* Peter said,

*Reader* I am not.

*Narrator* Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,

*Jesus* I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.

*Narrator* When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

*Reader* Is that how you answer the high priest?

*Narrator* Jesus answered,

*Jesus* If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

*Narrator* Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

*Congregation* **You are not also one of his disciples, are you?**

*Narrator* Peter denied it and said,

*Reader* I am not.

*Narrator* One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

*Reader* Did I not see you in the garden with him?

*Narrator* Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

*Reader* What accusation do you bring against this man?

*Narrator* They answered,

*Congregation* **If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.**

*Narrator* Pilate said to them,

*Reader* Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.

*Narrator* The Jews replied,

*Congregation* **We are not permitted to put anyone to death.**

*Narrator* (This was to fulfil what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

*Reader* Are you the King of the Jews?

*Narrator* Jesus answered,

*Jesus* Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?

*Narrator* Pilate replied,

*Reader* I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?

*Narrator* Jesus answered,

*Jesus* My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.

*Narrator* Pilate asked him,

*Reader* So you are a king?

*Narrator* Jesus answered,

*Jesus* You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

*Narrator* Pilate asked him,

*Reader* What is truth?

*Narrator* After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,

*Reader* I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

*Narrator* They shouted in reply,

*Congregation* **Not this man, but Barabbas!**

*Narrator* Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,

*Congregation* **Hail, King of the Jews!**

*Narrator* and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

*Reader* Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.

*Narrator* So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

*Reader* Here is the man!

*Narrator* When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

*Congregation* **Crucify him! Crucify him!**

*Narrator* Pilate said to them,

*Reader* Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.

*Narrator* The Jews answered him,

*Congregation* **We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.**

*Narrator* Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

*Reader* Where are you from?

*Narrator* But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,

*Reader* Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?

*Narrator* Jesus answered him,

*Jesus* You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.

*Narrator* From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,

*Congregation* **If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.**

*Narrator* When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. Pilate said to the Jews,

*Reader* Here is your King!

*Narrator* They cried out,

*Congregation* **Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!**

*Narrator* Pilate asked them,

*Reader* Shall I crucify your King?

*Narrator* The chief priests answered,

*Congregation* **We have no king but the emperor.**

*All stand.*

*Narrator* Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. 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, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

*Congregation* **Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'**

*Narrator* Pilate answered,

*Reader* What I have written I have written.

*Narrator* When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another,

*Congregation* **Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.**

*Narrator* This was to fulfil what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.' And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,  
*Jesus* Woman, here is your son.  
*Narrator* Then he said to the disciple,  
*Jesus* Here is your mother.  
*Narrator* And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture),  
*Jesus* I am thirsty.  
*Narrator* A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,  
*Jesus* It is finished.  
*Narrator* Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

*All kneel in silence for a space, then stand with the officiant.*

*Narrator* Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the Sabbath, especially because that Sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'None of his bones shall be broken.' And again another passage of scripture says, 'They will look on the one whom they have pierced.'

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

**The Homily** *Fr. Jeremy Boehr (Incumbent of Mission Church)*

### **The Solemn Intercessions**

*Officiant* Dear people of God,  
 our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world,  
 not 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 eternal life.

*Assistant* Let us pray for the one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church of Christ throughout the world:  
for its unity in witness and service,  
for all bishops and other ministers  
and the people whom they serve,  
for David our bishop,  
and all the people of this diocese,  
for all Christians in this community,  
for those about to be baptized  
that the Lord will confirm his Church in faith,  
increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*Silence*

*Officiant* Almighty and everlasting God,  
by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people  
is governed and sanctified.  
Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you  
for all members of your holy Church,  
that in our vocation and ministry  
we may truly and devoutly serve you;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Assistant* Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth,  
and for those in authority among them:  
for Elizabeth our Queen and all the Royal Family,  
for Justin the Prime Minister and for the government of this country,  
for Blaine the premier of this province  
and the members of the legislature,  
for Nancy the mayor of this municipality  
and those who serve with her  
on the town council, for all who serve the common good,  
that by God's help they may seek justice and truth,  
and live in peace and concord.

*Silence*

*Officiant* Almighty God,  
kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace,  
and guide with your wisdom  
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth,  
that justice and peace may increase,  
until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assistant* Let us pray for all who suffer  
and are afflicted in body or in mind:  
for the hungry and homeless, the destitute and the oppressed,  
and all who suffer persecution or prejudice,  
for the sick, the wounded, and the handicapped,  
for those in loneliness, fear, and anguish,  
for those who face temptation, doubt, and despair,  
for the sorrowful and bereaved,

for prisoners and captives and those in mortal danger,  
that God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them,  
and grant them the knowledge of his love,  
and stir up in us the will and patience  
to minister to their needs.

*Silence*

*Officiant* Gracious God,  
the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer,  
hear the cry of those in misery and need.  
In their afflictions show them your mercy,  
and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them,  
for the sake of him who suffered for us,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assistant* Let us pray for all those who suffer the consequences  
of the current pandemic,  
that God the Father may grant health to the sick,  
strength to those who care for them,  
comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

*Silence*

*Officiant* Almighty ever-living God,  
only support of our human weakness,  
look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition  
of your children who suffer because of this pandemic;  
relieve the pain of the sick, give strength to those who care for them,  
welcome into your peace those who have died and,  
throughout this time of tribulation,  
grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Assistant* Let us pray for all  
who have not received the gospel of Christ:  
for all who have not heard the words of salvation,  
for all who have lost their faith,  
for all whose sin has made them indifferent to Christ,  
for all who actively oppose Christ by word or deed,  
for all who are enemies of the cross of Christ,  
and persecutors of his disciples,  
for all who in the name of Christ have persecuted others,  
that God will open their hearts to the truth,  
and lead them to faith and obedience.

*Silence*

*Officiant* Merciful God,  
creator of the peoples of the earth and lover of souls,  
have compassion on all who do not know you  
as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ.  
Let your gospel be preached with grace and power

to those who have not heard it,  
turn the hearts of those who resist it,  
and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray;  
that there may be one flock under one shepherd,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assistant* Let us commit ourselves to God,  
and pray for the grace of a holy life,  
that with all who have departed this life  
and have died in the peace of Christ,  
and 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 favourably on your whole Church,  
that wonderful and sacred mystery.  
By the effectual working of your providence,  
carry out in tranquillity the plan of 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 brought to their perfection  
by him through whom all things were made,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Hymn

In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me.  
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming  
light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming  
adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

*Text.* John Bowring (1792-1872)  
*Tune.* Cross of Jesus

## The Veneration of the Cross

*A cross is brought to the front of the church and unveiled for the meditation of the faithful. All kneel in silence.  
As the cross is unveiled, the following is sung three times:*

Behold the wood of the Cross,  
on which hung the Saviour of the world.  
**R. O Come ye, let us worship.**

## The Reproaches

O my people, what have I done unto thee,  
or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.  
Because I brought thee forth from the land of Egypt,  
thou preparedst a Cross for thy Saviour.

**Holy God, Holy, Mighty,  
Holy and Immortal, have mercy upon us.**

Because I led thee through the desert forty years,  
and fed thee with manna,  
and brought thee into a land of exceeding good,  
thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Saviour.

**Holy God, Holy, Mighty,  
Holy and Immortal, have mercy upon us.**

What more could I have done unto thee that I have not done?  
I indeed did plant thee, O my vineyard, with goodly clusters,  
and thou hast become exceeding bitter unto me:  
for vinegar, mingled with gall, thou didst give me when thirsty,  
and hast pieced with a spear the side of thy Saviour.

**Holy God, Holy, Mighty,  
Holy and Immortal, have mercy upon us.**

I did scourge Egypt with her first born for thy sake:  
and thou hast scourged me and delivered me up.  
I led thee forth out of Egypt, drowning Pharaoh in the Red Sea:  
and thou hast delivered me up unto the chief priests.  
I did open the sea before thee:  
and thou hast opened my side with a spear.

**Holy God, Holy, Mighty,  
Holy and Immortal, have mercy upon us.**

I did go before thee in the pillar of cloud:  
and thou hast led me unto the judgement hall of Pilate.

I did feed thee with manna in the desert:  
and thou hast stricken me with the blows and scourges.  
I did give thee to drink water of life from the rock:  
and thou hast given me to drink but gall and vinegar.

**Holy God, Holy, Mighty,  
Holy and Immortal, have mercy upon us.**

I did smite the kings of the Canaanites for thy sake:  
and thou hast smitten my head with a reed.  
I did give thee a royal scepter:  
and thou hast given unto my head a crown of thorns.  
I did raise thee on high with great power:  
and thou has hanged me upon the gibbet of the cross.

**Holy God, Holy, Mighty,  
Holy and Immortal, have mercy upon us.**

*We venerate thy Cross, O Lord,  
and praise and glorify thy Holy Resurrection:  
for by virtue of the Cross,  
Joy hath come into the whole world.*

God be merciful unto us and bless us:  
and show us the light of his countenance,  
and be merciful unto us.

*We venerate thy Cross, O Lord,  
and praise and glorify thy Holy Resurrection:  
for by virtue of the Cross,  
Joy hath come into the whole world.*

*A time of silent veneration follows, following which all remain kneeling for the hymn.*

## **Hymn**

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;  
sing the ending of the fray;  
now above the cross, the trophy,  
sound the loud triumphant lay:  
tell how Christ, the world's redeemer,  
as a victim won the day.

Faithful cross, thou sign of triumph,  
now for us the noblest tree,  
none in foliage, none in blossom,  
none in fruit thy peer may be;  
symbol of the world's redemption,  
for the weight that hung on thee.

Unto God be praise and glory;  
to the Father and the Son,  
to the eternal Spirit honour  
now and evermore be done;  
praise and glory in the highest,  
while unending ages run.

*Text.* Venantius Fortunatus (540-600); tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)  
*Tune.* Oriel

*The Blessed Sacrament is brought to the main altar from the altar of repose.*

## The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant* Lord, remember us in your Kingdom  
and teach us to pray,  
*All* **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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Giving of Communion

*Officiant* Behold the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## THE COMMUNION

*Explanatory note – Fr Jeremy*

*If you have been baptised in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion today. The sacrament will be brought to you in your seat. Please stand as an indication to the priest that you wish to receive. Once you have received, please sit or kneel.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Officiant* Almighty, ever-living God,  
who have restored us to life  
by the blessed Death and Resurrection of your Christ,  
preserve in us the work of your mercy,  
that, partaking of this mystery,  
we may have a life unceasingly devoted to you.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Concluding Prayer

*Officiant* Send down your abundant blessing, Lord, upon your people  
who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son  
in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.  
Grant them pardon; bring them comfort.  
May their faith grow stronger  
and their eternal salvation be assured.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All depart in silence.*

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