

## Welcome and Invitation to Worship

A sentence of Scripture is said, calling the people to prepare themselves for worship.

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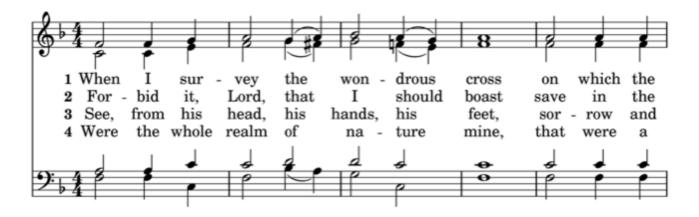
The people kneel, and observe a time of silent prayer.

## Prayers for Individuals before Worship

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: by the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray you, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

They may be said or sung.

Celebrant	Lord have mercy upon us.
People	Christ have mercy upon us.
Celebrant	Lord have mercy upon us.







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Celebrant	Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People	His mercy endures for ever. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And with your spirit.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

A reading from Isaiah 52:13-53:12

13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. 14 As many were astonished at you-- his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind-- 15 so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. 53:1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 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, and no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned--every one--to his own way; and the LORD

has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? 9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

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

#### Psalm 40:1-14

- <sup>1</sup>I waited patiently upon the Lord; \* he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- <sup>2</sup> He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;\* he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- <sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; \* many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
- Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \* they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- <sup>5</sup> Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!

how great your wonders and your plans for us! \* there is none who can be compared with you.

- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \* but they are more than I can count.
- In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \* (you have given me ears to hear you);
- Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \* and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*
  'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'
- I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*
   behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.
- Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
   I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*
   I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- 12 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; \* let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

13 For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; \*

they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

14 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; \*

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## A reading from 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.

5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.
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.""

8 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), 9 then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. 10 And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

11 And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts,

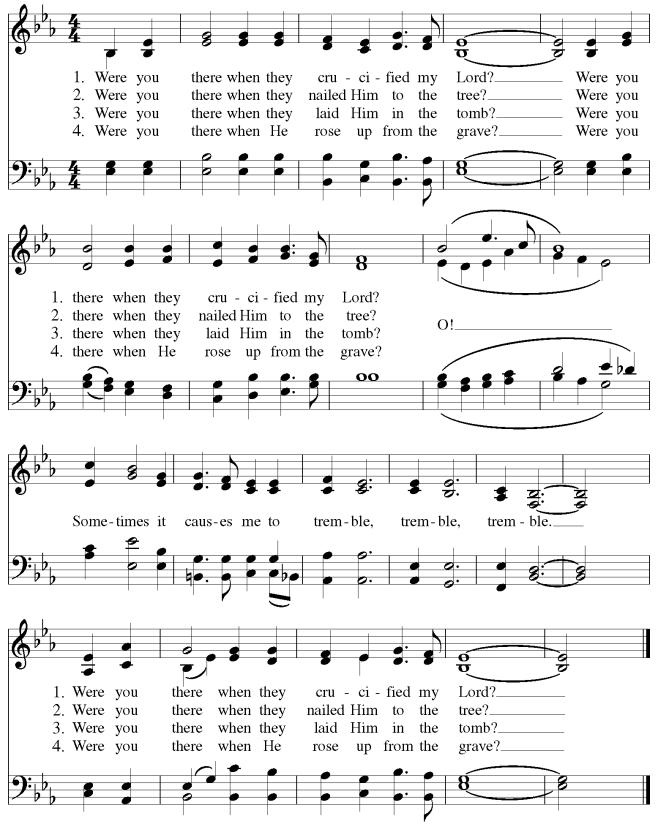
and write them on their minds,"

17 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. (ESV)

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



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*Narrator* [1] When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. [2] Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. [3] So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. [4] Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them,

*Jesus* "Whom do you seek?" *Soldiers* "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus "I am he."

*Narrator* Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. [6] When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. [7] So he asked them again,

Jesus "Whom do you seek?"

Soldiers "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go."

*Narrator* [9] This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." [10] Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) [11] So Jesus said to Peter,

Jesus "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

*Narrator* [12] So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Judeans arrested Jesus and bound him. [13] First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. [14] It was Caiaphas who had advised the Judeans that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

[15] Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, [16] but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. [17] The servant girl at the door said to Peter,

Servant girl "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?"

Peter "I am not."

*Narrator* [18] Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. [19] The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. [20] Jesus answered him,

*Jesus* "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. [21] Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said."

*Narrator* [22] When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying,

Officer "Is that how you answer the high priest?"

*Jesus* "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?"

*Narrator* [24] Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. [25] Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him,

Servants (2) "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?"

Peter "I am not."

Narrator [26] One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the

man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

Servant "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"

*Narrator* [27] Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed. [28] Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. [29] So Pilate went outside to them and said,

Pilate "What accusation do you bring against this man?"

*Priests* "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you."

Pilate "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law."

Priests "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death."

*Narrator* [32] This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die. [33] So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him,

Pilate "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?"

*Pilate* "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?"

*Jesus* "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

Pilate "So you are a king?"

*Jesus* "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

Pilate "What is truth?"

*Narrator* After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them,

*Pilate* "I find no guilt in him. [39] But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

## Congregation/Crowd [40] They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!"

*Narrator* Now Barabbas was a robber. [1] Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. [2] And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. [3] They came up to him, saying,

Soldiers "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Narrator ... and struck him with their hands. [4] Pilate went out again and said to them,

*Pilate* "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him."

*Narrator* [5] So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Pilate "Behold the man!"

*Narrator* [6] When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out,

Priests "Crucify him, crucify him!"

Pilate "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him."

Narrator [7] The Jews answered him, "

*Congregation/Crowd* We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God."

Narrator [8] When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. [9] He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus,

Pilate "Where are you from?"

Narrator But Jesus gave him no answer. [10] So Pilate said to him,

*Pilate* "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?"

Jesus "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."

*Narrator* [12] From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Judeans cried out,

# *Congregation/Crowd* "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."

[13] 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. [14] Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Judeans,

Pilate "Behold your King!"

Narrator [15] They cried out,

## Congregation/Crowd "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!"

Pilate "Shall I crucify your King?"

Priests "We have no king but Caesar."

Narrator [16] So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

## Please Stand

So they took Jesus, [17] and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. [18] There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. [19] Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." [20] 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. [21] So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

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

Pilate "What I have written I have written."

*Narrator* [23] 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, [24] so they said to one another,

Soldiers "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be."

Narrator 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, [25] but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. [26] When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother,

Jesus "Woman, behold, your son!"

Narrator [27] Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus "Behold, your mother!"

*Narrator* And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. [28] After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture),

Jesus "I thirst."

*Narrator* [29] 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. [30] When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said,

Jesus "It is finished,"

Narrator and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

#### Silence (all kneel)

*Narrator* [31] Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Judeans asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. [32] So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. [33] But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. [34] But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. [35] He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. [36] For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." [37] And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

[38] After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Judeans, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. [39] Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. [40] So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. [41] Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. [42] So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

#### We'll sing verse 2, "Were You There," found on page 10.

#### THE SERMON

#### Deacon Deborah Robbins

#### THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

#### All standing, the Deacon says

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 everlasting life. We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

The biddings may be read by a Deacon or other person appointed.

The Celebrant says the Collects.

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

Almighty Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with 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, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

Let us pray for N. our Bishop and for N. our Archbishop: that the Lord our God, who has appointed them to this office, may preserve them in health and safety for the governance of God's holy people.

#### Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, whose judgment upholds all things both in heaven and on earth: as you have appointed these your servants to be our bishops, so also defend them by your mercy against all adversities; that we, acknowledging you as the great Shepherd and Overseer of our souls, may so prosper by their care that we may bring forth the fruit of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Let us pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; and for all God's holy People.

#### Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose 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 their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

Let us pray for N. our *President/Prime Minister/Sovereign*, and for all in Civil Authority; that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek God's honor and glory: and that we, remembering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honor them in accordance with your holy Word.

#### Silence

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

Let us pray 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

Almighty and everlasting God, you multiply your Church in every generation: Grant the gifts of faith and understanding to those being instructed in your holy Word; that being washed in the waters of baptism, they may be born again and numbered among your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

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

#### Silence

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; 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**.

Let us pray for all who 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

O God of truth and love, who desires not the death of sinners but rather that they should turn from their wickedness and live: Look with mercy on 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 your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Let us pray for the Jewish people: that the Lord our God may look graciously upon them and that they may come to full knowledge of Jesus as Messiah and Lord of all.

#### Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, you established your covenant with Abraham and his seed: Hear the prayers of your Church, that the chosen people through whom you brought salvation to the world may also share in the fullness of redemption, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Let us pray for all those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may fill them and bring them into the way of salvation.

#### Silence

Merciful God, creator of all 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**.

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 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

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility 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**.

## DEVOTIONS ON THE CROSS

All stand.

Celebrant	We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
People	Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.
Celebrant	If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him.
People	We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

From the Anglican Prayer Book of Kenya: People accompany their first three responses with a sweep of the arm towards the cross, and their final response with a sweep towards heaven.

Celebrant	All our problems
People	We send to the cross of Christ.
Celebrant	All our sins
People	<b>We send to the cross of Christ.</b>
Celebrant	All the devil's work
People	<b>We send to the cross of Christ.</b>
Celebrant	All our hopes
People	<b>We set on the risen Christ.</b>

The people may come forward to the cross, and nail all their problems, difficulties, sins, and diseases, to the cross. They will be removed and burnt in the Paschal Fire on Easter Morning.



"There is a Redeemer" - Burning Hearts Trio

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One Thank You O my Father For giving us Your Son And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done Jesus my Redeemer name above all names Precious Lamb of God Messiah O for sinners slain When I stand in glory I will see His face There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place

#### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have **†** mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Deacon says one or all of the following

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28* 

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16* 

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15* 

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2* 

#### "How Deep The Father's Love For Us"

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure How great the pain of searing loss The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross My sin upon His shoulders Ashamed I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything No gifts no pow'r no wisdom But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection Why should I gain from His reward I cannot give an answer But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

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## THE BURIAL

#### All are invited to process to the Resurrection Memorial Columbarium.

*Narrator* Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking

for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

## Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (repeat) OH! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

## CLOSING PRAYER

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And with your spirit,
Celebrant	Let us pray,

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your 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 your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.



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