

of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: the Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Then, the people kneeling, the Priest shall pronounce the Benediction:

The God of Peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Amen.*

The church bell will be rung 33 times following the Benediction; we ask that you remain kneeling in your pew until after the tolling of the bell.

Today's Ministers:

The Rev. Jason Shelby, St. Francis, Palos Verdes Estates

The Rev. Josh Paget, St. Cross, Hermosa Beach

The Rev. Stephen Smith, St. Cross, Hermosa Beach

The Rev. Dr. Rachel Nybeck, St. Cross, Hermosa Beach

The Rev. Julie Beals, Christ Church Redondo Beach and St. Andrew's, Torrance

The Rev. Pat Eustis, Christ Church Redondo Beach, and St. Andrew's Torrance

The Rev. Deacon Celeste Stump, St. Francis, Palos Verdes, and the Canterbury, Ranch Palos Verdes

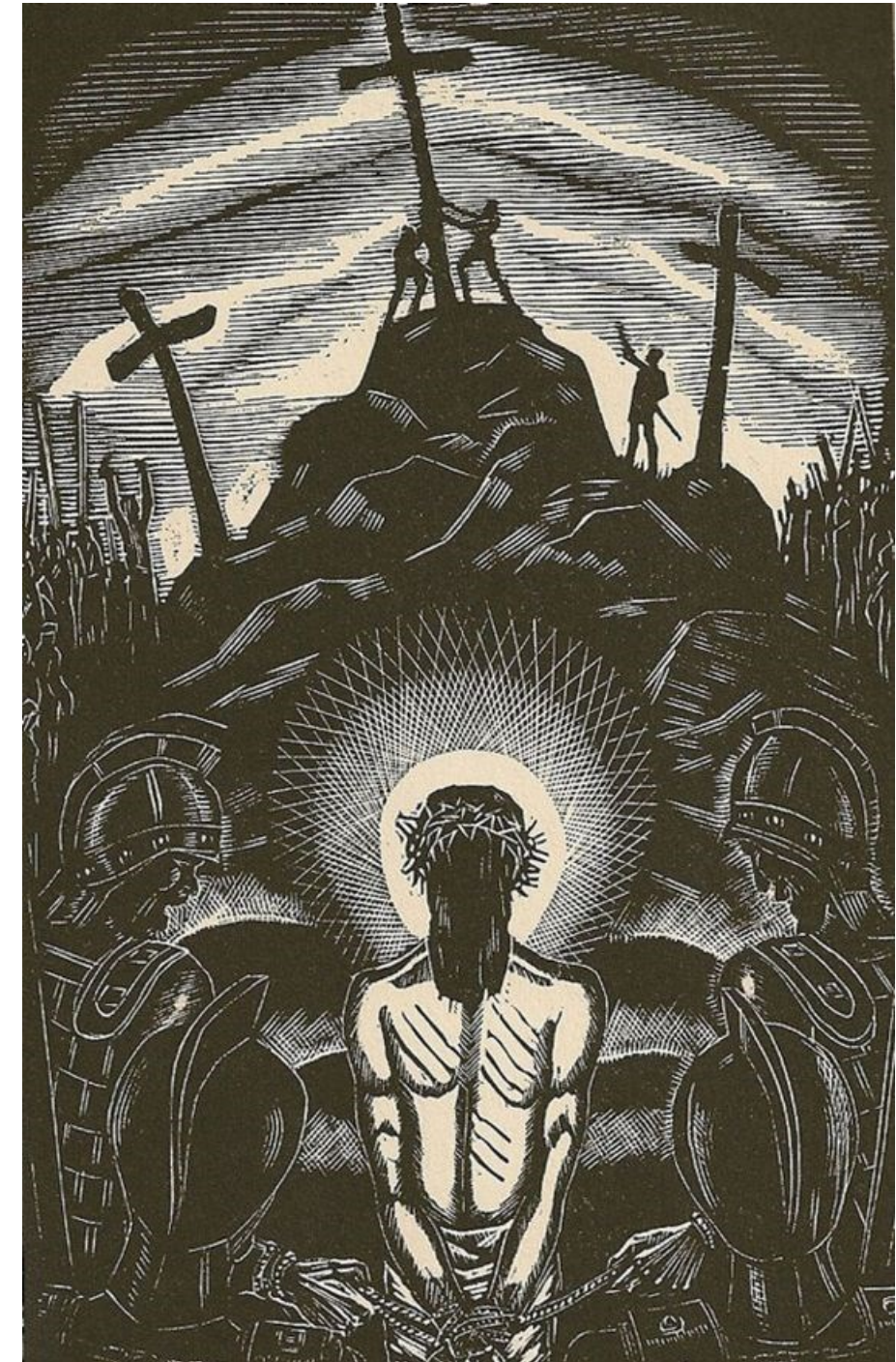
This Evening: Veneration of the Cross at Christ Church, Redondo—7:00pm

3/30 Holy Saturday, The Great Easter Vigil at St Francis, 8 :00pm

In the Cross of Christ's Glory

Good Friday

March 29, 2024



St. Francis Episcopal Church

Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

This is a meditative service, and there is no expectation that one stays for its entirety. Appropriate times to enter and exit are during the long periods of silence; if you arrive during the prayers, please quietly wait to take a seat until the short reflection or the prayerful silence. Please refrain from any talking or other loud noises.

12:00 Noon

The minister shall begin by reading the following Sentences of Scripture:

And they bring Him to the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull...And it was the third hour, and they crucified Him. And the superscription of His accusation was written over, The King of the Jews. *St. Mark 15:22, 25, 26*

It is nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, where with the Lord hath afflicted me. *Lamentations 1:12*

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

Here the minister shall say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Answer: Amen.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray.

Here the minister shall kneel, and the people with him, and he shall say:

Lord have mercy upon us.

Answer: Christ have mercy upon us.

Minister: Lord have mercy upon us.

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 in to temptation, But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Almighty God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contended to be betrayed, and give 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*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst say to Thy disciples, come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile; grant, we beseech Thee, to Thy servants now gathered together here, so to seek Thee whom our souls desire to love, that we may both find Thee and be found of Thee, and grant such love and such wisdom to accompany the words which shall be spoken in Thy Name, that we may not fall to the ground, but may be helpful in leading us onward through the toils of our pilgrimage to that rest which remaineth, where, nevertheless, they rest not day nor night from Thy perfect service, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

places may be made plain. Lift us above unrighteous anger and mistrust, into faith, and hope, and charity. In all things draw us close to our Savior Christ, that Thy lost image may be traced in us again, and all men, looking at us, may know that we have been with Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; Make us, we beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days, that, when we shall have served Thee into our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of Thy Holy Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope, in favor with Thee, our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, so by continually mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by Thy death didst take away the sting of death; Grant to us Thy servants so to follow in faith where Thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in Thee, and awake up after Thy likeness; through Thy mercy, who livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon them. *Amen.*

Here the minister shall say:

Let us make our prayers in silence.

The silence shall continue until 2:55 p.m.

An Act of Faith: To be said by the minister and Congregation, all kneeling:

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that so often I have wounded Thee by my sins.

Then the minister shall say:

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

Answer: And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Answer: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Minister and people:

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he arose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand

great mercy keep us in the same, O Blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and Glorify as one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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 estates of men in Thy Holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Merciful God, who hast made all men, and hates nothing that Thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; have mercy upon all who know Thee not as Thou art revealed in the Gospel of Thy Son. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to Thy fold, that they may be made of flock under One Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and didst send Thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh; Grant that all men everywhere may seek after Thee and find Thee. Bring the nations into Thy fold; pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten Thy kingdom; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here the minister shall say:

Let us make our prayers in silence.

The silence shall continue until 2:35 p.m.

An Act of Faith: To be said by the minister and Congregation, all kneeling:

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that so often I have wounded Thee by my sins.

Meditation on the Seventh Word — Jason Shelby

“Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit.”

After the address, the Minister shall say:

The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray.

Here, all kneeling, the Minister shall say:

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,

Answer: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Then shall be said the Collects and Prayers following:

O Eternal God, who committest to us the swift and solemn trust of life; Since we know not what a day may bring forth, but only that the hour for serving thee is ever present, may we wake to the instant claims of Thy holy will, not waiting for tomorrow, but yielding today. Lay to rest, by the persuasion of Thy Spirit, the resistance of our passion, our indolence, or our fear. Consecrate with Thy presence the way in which our feet may go, so that the humblest work may shine and the rough

Here the minister shall say:

Let us make our prayers in silence.

The silence shall continue until 12:10 p.m.

An Act of Faith: To be said by the Minister and Congregation, all kneeling:

Oh God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that so often I have wounded Thee by my sins.

An Introductory Address

After the address the Minister shall say:

The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray.

Here, all kneeling, the Minister shall say:

Oh Savior of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,

Answer: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Then shall be said the Collects and Prayers following:

Almighty and everlasting God, who of Thy tender love towards mankind hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon Him our flesh and to suffer death upon the Cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who has given Thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that His immeasurable benefit, and also endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

O Lord, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; That through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Here the minister shall say:

Let us make our prayers in silence.

The silence shall continue until 12:30 p.m.

An Act of Faith: To be said by the Minister and Congregation, all kneeling:

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that so often I have wounded Thee by my sins.

Meditation On The First Word — Josh Paget

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

After the address, the Minister shall say:

The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray.

Here, all kneeling, the Minister shall say:

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,

Answer: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Then shall be said the Collects and Prayers following:

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth; send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. Grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ’s sake. *Amen.*

O God of Love, who hast given a new commandment, through Thine only begotten son, that we should love one another even as Thou didst love us, the unworthy and the wandering, and gavest Thy beloved Son for our life and salvation we pray Thee, Lord, give to us Thy servants in all time of our life on earth a mind forgetful of past ill-will, a pure conscience and sincere thoughts, and a heart to love our brethren; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

O Blessed Jesus, who didst excuse and forgive those who nailed Thee to the Cross; Grant that we may follow Thy holy example in bearing all injuries and unkindnesses, and may learn to love and bless our persecutors, to excuse those who ignorantly wrong us, and to pray for all those who despitefully use us; that so learning the lessons of Thy Passion, we may be made partakers of the glory of Thy resurrection, who livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who has shown us the true way of blessedness in the life and teaching of Thy Son, and in His suffering and death dost teach us that the path of love may lead to the Cross, and that the reward of faithfulness may be a crown of thorns; Give us grace to learn these hard lessons, and to take up our Cross and follow Christ in the strength of patience, and in the constancy of faith. And may we have such fellowship with Him in His sorrow, that we may know the secret of his strength and peace, and even in our darkest hour of trial and anguish see the shining of the eternal light; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here the minister shall say:

Let us make our prayers in silence.

Thee, that coming to Him we may never hunger; and believing on Him we may never thirst; that so, dwelling in Him, and He in us, we may have everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

O God of Love, we yield Thee thanks for whatsoever Thou hast given us richly to enjoy; for health and vigor, for the love and care of home, for the joys of friendship, and for every good gift of happiness and strength. We praise Thee for all thy servants, who, by their example and encouragement, have helped us on our way; and for every vision of Thyself which Thou hast given us in sacrament and prayer; and we beseech Thee that all these Thy benefits we may use in Thy service, and to the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the strength of the weak, and the comfort of sufferers; Mercifully hear our prayers on behalf of the sick, who call upon Thee; and grant, by Thy almighty power, that their sickness may be banished, if it be thy gracious will and their strength recalled; and that their health thereupon being restored they may give Thee praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here the minister shall say:

Let us make our prayers in silence.

The silence shall continue until 2:15 p.m.

An Act of Faith: To be said by the minister and Congregation, all kneeling:

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that so often I have wounded Thee by my sins.

Meditation on the Sixth Word — Celeste Stump

“It is finished.”

After the address, the Minister shall say:

The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray.

Here, all kneeling, the Minister shall say:

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,

Answer: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Then shall be said the Collects and Prayers following:

O Almighty God and heavenly Father, who, by Thy divine providence hast appointed for each one of us our work in life, and hast commanded us that we should not be slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving Thee; help us ever to remember that our work is Thy appointment, and to do it heartily as unto Thee. Preserve us from slothfulness, and make us to live with loins girded about, and lamps burning, that, whensoever our Lord may come, we may be found striving earnestly to finish the work Thou hast given us; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray Thee, this congregation with Thy love and favor; enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in our hearts a love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy

us nor forsake us, help us never to doubt Thy presence with us in all the trials and temptations of this life. Though the storm beat hard, and the path be rough, may we feel thy nearness, and the helping touch of Thy hand. In sorrow and suffering, and in joy and pleasure, be ever close to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here the minister shall say:

Let us make our prayers in silence.

The silence shall continue until 1:55 p.m.

An Act of Faith: To be said by the minister and Congregation, all kneeling:

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that so often I have wounded Thee by my sins.

Meditation on the Fifth Word — Pat Eustis

“I thirst.”

After the address, the Minister shall say:

The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray.

Here, all kneeling, the Minister shall say:

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,

Answer: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Then shall be said the Collects and Prayers following:

Help us, O gracious Father, to strive to supply the needs of the Saviour in His Body, the Church, and in His Poor; remembering how he said, “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” Help us, O mighty Father, to thirst after righteousness, remembering the promise of Thy Son Jesus, that those who so thirst shall be filled with the water of life. Give us sympathy, O God, with those who need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who has prepared for those who love Thee such good things as pass man’s understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant into Thy people that they may love the things which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who has sent Thy Son from heaven to be the Bread of Life; Grant, we pray

The silence shall continue until 12:50 p.m.

An Act of Faith: To be said by the Minister and Congregation, all kneeling:

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that so often I have wounded Thee by my sins.

Meditation On the Second Word — Stephen Smith

“Today though shalt be with me in Paradise.”

After the address, the Minister shall say:

The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray.

Here, all kneeling, the Minister shall say:

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious blood has redeemed us:

Answer: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Then shall be said the Collects and Prayers following:

O Holy Jesus, who, of Thine infinite goodness didst accept the conversion of a sinner upon the Cross: Open Thine eyes of mercy upon each of us, when we, in our last hour, turn to Thee for pardon and forgiveness. Renew in us whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by our own carnal will and frailness. Consider our contrition; accept our repentance; and forasmuch as we put our full trust only in Thy mercy, impute not unto us our former sins, but strengthen us with Thy blessed Spirit; and when though art pleased to take us hence, take us unto Thy favor. This we beg through Thy merits, O Lord, our Saviour and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus, who didst stretch out Thine arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross, that all men might come within the reach of Thy saving embrace; Clothe us in Thy Spirit, that we, stretching forth our hands in loving labor for others, may bring those who know Thee not into the knowledge and love of Thee, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen*

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give Thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those Thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech Thee that we, with all those who are departed in the true Faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss; both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Here the minister shall say:

Let us make our prayers in silence.

The silence shall continue until 1:10 p.m.

An act of Faith: To be said by the Minister and Congregation, all kneeling:

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that so often I have wounded Thee by my sins.

Meditation on the Third Word — Rachel Nybeck

“Woman, behold thy son.” ... “Son, behold thy mother.”

After the address, the minister shall say:

The Lord be with you

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray.

Here, all kneeling, the Minister shall say:

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,

Answer: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O lord.

Then shall be said the Collects and Prayers following:

O Blessed Jesus, who hadst compassion on Thy mother in her bereavement, and didst appoint for her a new home with Thy beloved disciple; We beech Thee to bless us in all the duties of our home life, to sanctify all our friendships, and to grant us Thy consolation in all our sorrows and bereavements, that by faith in Thee we may rejoice in the Communion of Thy Saints, and may learn to look for the glories of our eternal home with Thee, who livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who hast knit together Thine-elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son, Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Thou who are the life of all that lives, the Strength of the weak, and the Hope of those that be cast down, inform our minds with Thy Truth, we beseech Thee, and our hearts with righteousness; strengthen our wills to choose the good and to refuse the evil; help us to bear each other's burdens, to forgive one another's faults, and to forbear every defect of judgment and temper in those with whom we live and who daily help us. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

O Eternal God, who alone makest men to be of one mind in a house; Help us faithfully to fulfill our duties as members of our several households. Put far from us all unkind thoughts, anger, and evil speaking. Give us tender hearts, full of affection and sympathy toward all. Grant us grace to feel the sorrows and trials of others as our own, and to bear patiently with their imperfections. Preserve us from selfishness, and grant that, day by day, walking in love, we may grow up into the likeness of Thy blessed Son, and be found ready to meet Him, and to enter with Him into that place which He has gone to prepare for us; for His sake, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Gracious 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 any thing 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 Him who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Here the minister shall say:

Let us make our prayers in silence.

The silence shall continue until 1:35 p.m.

An Act of Faith: To be said by the minister and Congregation, all kneeling:

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that so often I have wounded Thee by my sins.

Meditation on the Fourth Word — Julie Beals

“My God, my God, why hast Thou Forsaken me!”

After the address, the Minister shall say:

The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray.

Here, all kneeling, the Minister shall say:

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,

Answer: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Then shall be said the Collects and Prayers following:

O Blessed Jesus, who didst suffer the darkness of the Cross for our sake, crying with a loud voice to the Eternal Father; Be with us, we beseech Thee, in all our spiritual depression, and when we feel, for a time, that the comfort of Thy Divine Presence has been removed from us, teach us to cry to Him who will hear us, and give us patience to watch till the day breaks and the shadows flee away. This we ask, ever looking for the brightness of Thine appearing, who livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Eternal and unchangeable God, in whom alone we find rest for our weariness and comfort for our sorrow, and from whom cometh all true joy; Keep our hearts, we beseech Thee, ever fixed on Thee through life and death, waiting patiently for that glorious day when we shall rejoice in the fullness of Thy love forever more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord God, in whom we live and move and have our being, open our eyes that we may behold Thy Fatherly presence ever about us. Draw our hearts to Thee with the power of Thy love. Teach us not to be anxious, or fearful, and when we have done what Thou hast given us to do, help us, O blessed Father, to leave the issue to Thy wisdom. Take from us all doubts and mistrust. Lift our thoughts up to Thee in heaven, and make us to know that all things are possible to us, through the merits and mediation of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessed Father, who hast taught us through Thy Son Jesus Christ that Thou wilt never leave