

The Grouped Parishes of Annahilt and Magherahamlet

Tenebrae Service on Good Friday 2 April 2021

The Clergy enter in silence.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

God himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. By his wounds we are healed.
1 Peter 2 v 14

Almighty and loving God, we confess that it is all too true that we, like sheep, have gone astray and that each one of us has turned to his or her own way.

We abhor ourselves when we are reminded that our Lord was despised and rejected by those for whose transgressions he was pierced.

It is with all humility that we take for ourselves the healing we have by his wounds and the peace that has been brought us by the punishment which was upon him.

We offer ourselves now to him so that the will of the Lord may be prospered, and after the suffering of his soul he may see the light of life and be satisfied as he hears the resolve of those he has justified to live the new life to the glory of his name. **Amen.**

Our Father...

Hymn CH 236

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

O, the old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see;
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
to pardon and sanctify me.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory for ever I'll share.

Sermon The Rector

Anthem All in the April Evening

Twelve candles, along with the Christ Candle, remain lighted through the first five sections of the reading: then they are extinguished one by one at the conclusion of the next twelve sections. The last, which is the Christ Candle, is then relit for the Passion Hymn.

1. St Matthew 26 v 1-5
2. St Matthew 26 v 6-13
3. St Matthew 26 v 14-16
4. St Matthew 26 v 17-19
5. St Matthew 26 v 20-25

The first candle is extinguished.

6. St Matthew 26 v 26-30
7. St Matthew 26 v 31-35

The second candle is extinguished.

8. St Matthew 26 v 36-46

The third candle is extinguished.

9. St Matthew 26 v 47-56

The fourth candle is extinguished.

10. St Matthew 26 v 57-68

The fifth candle is extinguished.

11. St Matthew 26 v 69-75

The sixth candle is extinguished.

12. St Matthew 27 v 1-10

The seventh candle is extinguished.

13. St Matthew 27 v 11-14

The eighth candle is extinguished.

14. St Matthew 27 v 15-26

The ninth candle is extinguished.

15. St Matthew 27 v 27-31

The tenth candle is extinguished.

16. St Matthew 27 v 32-44

The eleventh candle is extinguished.

17. St Matthew 27 v 45-50

The extinguishing of the twelfth candle and the Christ candle. A loud noise is heard. The last section is heard in darkness, after which the Christ candle is relighted.

18. St Matthew 27 v 51-54

Silence. Then return of light.

Hymn CH 599

‘Take up thy cross’, the Saviour said,
‘if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.’

Take up thy cross; let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm:
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only they who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Let us pray:

Kneel

It was for you, Lord Jesus, that you endured all this:
the hatred, the treachery, the rejection of others, the scourging, the
mockery, the crown of thorns, the agony and shame and dereliction
of the cross.

It was for us and for our salvation that you suffered and died. Give
us each on a deeper understanding of what you have done for us,
and of what we owe to you: that we may live as those who are no
longer their own but have been bought with a price, the price of
your life- blood, O lamb of God, our most gracious Redeemer and
King. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn (Sung kneeling)

The Story of the Cross – Part V ‘The Resolve’

O, I will follow thee,
Star of my soul!
Through the great dark I press
To the goal.

Yea, let me know thy grief,
Carry the Cross,
Share in thy Sacrifice,
Gain thy loss.

Daily I'll prove thy love
Through joy and woe;
Where thy hands point the way
There I'll go.

Lead me on year by year,
Safe to the end,
Jesus my Lord my Life,
King and Friend.

Dismissal

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and
for ever. **Amen.**

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