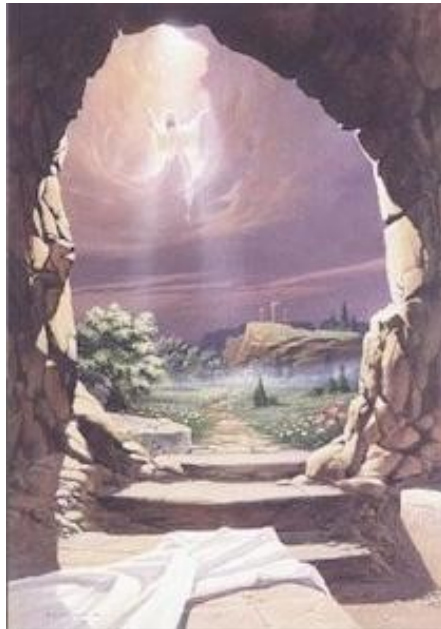


Yet if, at the sight of the Cross,
a light is struck on the rough of the brain
and the mind conceives all bar this is vain,

There comes a voice that reassures:
Thus is the seed of tenderness sown
in the cleft of the heart of stone.

- ANDREW LANSDOWN



Good Friday Service Maldon 2005



- **Call to Worship** (Rev David McMillan)
Christ be with you!
And also with you!

- **Opening Sentences**
Leader: Celebrate the seeds of life which lie within us.
People: **Let us carry them on the way of the cross and safely in-
to risen life in Christ.**
Leader: For God is with us, around us and within us.
People: **Life and love are stranger than death.**
Thanks be to God! *

- **Hymn**
There is a green hill far away
There is a green hill far away,
outside a city wall,
where our dear Lord was crucified
who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell,
what pains he had to bear,
but we believe it was for us
he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,
he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven,
saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin,
he only could unlock the gate
of heaven and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved!
And we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood,
and try his works to do.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

Music: Horsley, Meditation, Sawley

- **Prayers : Fr David McMillan**
- **Gary Fry– “Jesus singing”**
- **Symbolic reading of Easter Story**
- **Blessing and distribution of the Palm crosses**
Fr David McMillan
- **Hymn - Nearer my God to thee**
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee.

Refrain:

*Nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer to thee!*

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone.
yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God to thee. *Refrain*

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
so by my woes to be nearer, my God, to thee. *Refrain*

Or, if on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I'll fly,
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee. *Refrain*

Refrain

Dismissal and Blessing



Leader: As you brought with you the seed in your hand
so believe that it always lies within you.
Follow the cross towards Easter day
It is the path towards life.

May the hand of God be stretched out to meet you,
The courage of Christ carry you beyond the known way,
And the Spirit fill you with the certainty of the power of
Love. Amen

Amen

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*(people are asked to leave in silence—service concludes Easter
Day. You are invited to follow the procession a short distance up
the street.*

*You are also invited to share in Hot Cross buns in the Hall at Holy
Trinity. Thanks again to Maldon Brass Band and the Easter fair
committee)*

Easter Day Service Times:

Anglican. High St.

8am; Holy Communion.

10am Family Service. 11am H.C.

Roman Catholic. Chapel St. Mass 8:30 am

Baptist. Templeton St. 10:30 am.

Uniting Church. Fountain St. 11 am

Salvation Army. Kennedy St. Castlemaine. 11 am

Golgotha

Finally, one arrives at the place
Of the skull because there is nowhere Else to go.
And there before the face Of bone one pauses in despair.

The culmination of all evil
Is displayed before one's eyes:
Man's heart conspired with the devil And cared little for disguise.