

*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"*

1 Thessalonians Ch5 vv17-18.

## THE PARISHES OF GOLDTHORPE, HICKLETON & BOLTON UPON DEARNE

### Parish Intercession List



In this leaflet it is hoped that, as a parish, we will find some direction and focus for our prayers that through praying together for the same things and the same people we may find a common purpose in responding to the needs of our world and our parish and place ourselves more readily into the hands of God.

It is hoped that either weekly or daily we can take some time together to pray wherever we are for the needs of our Church, our World, our parish, the individuals we come across and the departed. For, 'all things are possible for God'.

If you would like anyone or anything added to this prayer list, please hand it to the vicar in writing, the list will be revised weekly.

#### Daily Prayer for our Parish

Heavenly Father grant us grace in Goldthorpe, Hickleton and Bolton upon Dearne to worship you with all our being, to show your love to all our neighbours and to proclaim your saving power to all the world and in all we do to glorify your Name grant us humble and penitent hearts and all this through the saving merits of our faith in Jesus

### Week commencing ADVENT IV (A)

THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST & SAINT MARY MAGDALENE, GOLDTHORPE

21<sup>st</sup> December 2025

### ADVENT IV Year A



## THE PARISH MASS

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*When the bell rings we stand*

**LO! he comes with clouds descending  
Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
God appears, on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at nought and sold him  
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing, Deeply wailing, Deeply  
wailing  
Shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion  
Still his dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation  
To his ransomed worshippers:  
With what rapture, With what rapture,  
With what rapture  
Gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,  
High on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory:  
Claim the kingdom for thine own:**

**O come quickly! O come quickly! O  
come quickly!  
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!**

**Priest:** \* In the name of the Father and  
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**People:** Amen

**Priest:** The Lord be with you  
**People:** And with your spirit.

*The Mass is introduced along with its intention and  
we light the fourth candle on our Advent Wreath*

**Priest:** Jesus said, 'Anyone who does  
what my Father in heaven wants  
is my brother or sister or mother.'

**People:** I am the servant of the Lord.  
Let it be to me according to his  
word.

*The fourth candle is lit and this response is used*

**Priest:** Jesus is the light of the world.  
**People:** A light no darkness can ever  
put out.

**We sing:**

**Advent candles tell their story  
as we watch and pray,  
longing for the Day of Glory,  
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.  
Pain and sorrow, tears and sad  
ness changed for gladness on  
that Day.**

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Mary's gift, beyond all telling,  
was to give Christ room.  
She gave God a human  
dwelling  
in a mother's womb.  
Who could guess the final  
story?  
- cross and glory; empty tomb!

**Priest:** Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**Choir:** Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Kyrie eleison.

**People:** Kyrie eleison

**Choir:** You come in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy: Christe eleison

**People:** Christe eleison

**Choir:** You will come again in glory with salvation for your people:

Kyrie eleison

**People:** Kyrie eleison

**Priest:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**People:** Amen.

*The Collect or prayer for the day*

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*We sit for The First Reading*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet  
Isaiah  
*Isaiah 7:10-14*

In those days: The LORD spoke to Ahaz: 'Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.' But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.' And Isaiah said, 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.'

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm  
*Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R cf. 6*

Let the LORD enter; he is the king of glory.

**Let the LORD enter; he is the king of glory.**

The LORD'S is the earth and its fullness, the world, and those who dwell in it. It is he who set it on the seas; on the rivers he made it firm.

**Let the LORD enter; he is the king of glory.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD?

Who shall stand in his holy place? The clean of hands and pure of heart, whose soul is not set on vain things.

**Let the LORD enter; he is the king of glory.**

Blessings from the LORD shall he receive, and right reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the people who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

**Let the LORD enter; he is the king of glory.**

## Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

**Sick:** Dorothy, Derrick Norris, Janet Newsome, Janet Watkinson,  
Will Hanley, Rena Shaw, Mary Haigh, John Freeborn.  
**Years Mind:** Harry Dainty, John Reginald Darmon,  
Jack Stevenson  
**Church:** Matthew Scott.  
**Local Community:** Lowfield Meadows (B)  
**General:** For the spread of the Gospel

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December

**Sick:** Beverley, Hannah Rebecca, Enid Green.  
**Years Mind:** George Robert Dale, Louisa Margaret Davis,  
Harry Campion  
**Church:** Donna & Ian Stott  
**Local Community:** Manor Avenue (G)  
**General:** Thanksgiving for the Incarnation

## Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

**Sick:** Brenda Goodwin, Ann Stones, Jennifer Spink, Diane, Ian  
Edward 1<sup>st</sup> Earl Halifax  
Jean Shirley  
Lowfield Road (B)  
That we may be ready

## Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December

**Sick:** Tina Faeney, Barbara Smith, Willow Brown.  
**Years Mind:** Hugh Robert Roddam, Herbert Leslie Bennett,  
George Hickling, Gladys Turner,  
Joan Sykes  
**Church:** Manor Way (B)  
**Local Community:** Manor Way (B)  
**General:** Thanksgiving for the Incarnation and for our Parish

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

**Sick:** Arthur Jones, Bob Pennington, David Stanton,  
Mary Wilkinson, Josephine Mellor.  
**Years Mind:** Harry Heptonstall, Dorothy Brown, Harry Needham,  
Arthur Vernon Williams Pr, Hilda Mary Firth,  
Freda Wilcox, Ron Wilmet  
**Church:** Avril & Joe Skitt.  
**Local Community:** Magdalene Gardens (G)  
Thanksgiving for the Incarnation

## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December

**Daily**  
For the dead  
For our families  
For Peter Bishop of Sheffield  
For Stephen Bishop of Beverley  
For the Unity of Christ's Church  
For our Church Wardens and PCC members  
For the growth of our Christian Family  
For the poor, the sick and those with no hope  
For any who need our prayers  
For ourselves

General:

Thanksgiving for the Incarnation

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### December 2025

Sun 21st	3.30pm Carols & Christingle 6pm Nine Lessons & Carols
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am Brian Perry's funeral
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	4pm Crib Service 6pm Carols around the tree
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	9pm Vigil Mass Midnight Mass 9am Parish Mass 9.30am Parish Mass 10.30am Parish Mass
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	10am Mass
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	10am Mass
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	9am Parish Mass 10.30am Parish Mass 10.30am Parish Mass
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am Mass
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	10am Mass
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	10am Mass

### January 2026

Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	10am Mass
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am Mass
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am Mass
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	EPIPHANY
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am Focal Ministry Meeting
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	12noon SSC Meeting
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	10am Coffee Morning

### February 2026

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am Coffee Morning
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	ASH WEDNESDAY
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	10am Coffee Morning

### March 2026

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am Hickleton PCC
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	1pm Bolton PCC
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am Coffee Morning
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	10am Goldthorpe PCC
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am Coffee Morning
	PALM SUNDAY

### April 2026

Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	EASTER DAY
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.45am Bolton APCM
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	7pm Hickleton APCM
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am Coffee Morning

(CW) Bolton church

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Goldthorpe

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(GW) Hickleton Club

(Fr B / CW) Bolton

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*The Second Reading follows*

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

*Romans 1:1-7*

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an Apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*We stand for the Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel — which means, God with us.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Priest: The Lord be with you*

*People: And with your spirit.*

¶A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*Matthew 1:18-24*

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel

of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel' —which means, God with us. When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife. The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Homily now follows we sit*

*We stand for*

*The Profession of Faith (Creed)*

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,**

**born of the Father before all ages.**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven**

*At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.*

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,**

the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the **\*Resurrection** of the dead and the life of the world to come Amen.

*The Bidding Prayers now follow*

*Response*

*Priest: Lord, in your mercy*

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Priest: \*Rest eternal grant unto them  
O Lord*

*People: and let light perpetual shine upon them*

*Priest: May they rest in peace*

*People: Amen*

*People: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.*

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,**  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free**  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
**From depths of hell Thy people save,**  
And give them victory o'er the grave.  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer**  
Our spirits by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**O come, Thou Key of David, come**  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might,**  
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

*If the prayers of blessing are said aloud the people respond each time*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*We stand*

Pray, my Brothers and Sisters that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

*The prayer over the Offerings*

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

*Priest: The Lord be with you*

*People: And with your spirit*

*Priest: Lift up your hearts*

*People: We lift them up to the Lord.*

*Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*People: It is right and just*

Day	Service/Event	Intention
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025 <i>O Rex Gentium</i>	8am Mass at Goldthorpe	For the spread of the Gospel
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December <i>O Emmanuel</i>	10.30am Mass at Bolton Church Hall 10.30am Brian Perry's funeral at Goldthorpe 7pm Mass at Goldthorpe	That we may be Ready
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December CHRISTMAS EVE	4pm Crib Service at Goldthorpe 6pm Carols around the tree at Hickleton 9pm Vigil Mass of Christmas at Bolton 12midnight. Midnight Mass at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December CHRISTMAS DAY	9am Parish Mass at Hickleton 9.30am Parish Mass at Bolton 10.30am Parish Mass at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> December S. Stephen	10am Mass at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> December S. John the Evangelist	10am Mass at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation and for our Parish
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 THE HOLY FAMILY (A)	9am Parish Mass at Hickleton 10.30am Parish Mass at Bolton 10.30am Parish Mass at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation, Resurrection and for our Parish

## NOTICES

### Today

At 3.30pm we will be holding a Christingle Service at Saint Andrew's, Bolton upon Dearne. All Welcome.

At 6pm we will be holding a traditional service of 9 Lessons and Carols at Saint Wilfrid's, Hickleton

### Christmas Raffle

The Hamper Raffle at Hickleton will be drawn at the Carol Service today. Tickets are still available.

### Flowers for church

If you would like to contribute towards the decoration of church for Christmas please see Joan Poyton at Bolton, Margaret Crofts at Hickleton and Sue Copestake at Goldthorpe. Thank you.

### Christmas Tree Lights

If you would like to sponsor a light on the Christmas Tree at Goldthorpe in memory of a loved one or ones please take a form from the back of church or from Malcolm Addis and return it with the fee. Thank you.

### Stewardship Envelopes

The new Stewardship envelopes are available at Goldthorpe & Hickleton, if you use them please take them, if you would like to know more please see Gordon Wordsworth or Anne Rae for further details.

### Dates for the Diary

You will notice that dates for the Diary run out at the end of 2025. If anyone has any ideas for events throughout next year please let Fr Schaefer have them as soon as possible and in writing please.

### Food Bank

We are collecting items for the Salvation Army Food Bank and there is a basket at the back of church Thank you.

### Coffee Mornings

Each Tuesday, after Mass at Bolton Church Hall there is a Coffee Morning and the chance to socialise and chat. On each first Saturday of the month we hold a Coffee Morning at Bolton Church during the Summer months and on the last Saturday of each month we hold a Coffee Morning at Goldthorpe Church Hall.

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*At the end of the preface we sing*

**Holy, holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*We Kneel*

*After the words of Consecration the priest says:*

**Priest:** The mystery of faith.

**People:** We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

*At the conclusion of the prayer:*

Through him, and with him, and in him O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**People: AMEN.**

*We stand for The Lord's Prayer*

**Priest:** At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**People:** 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

**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**People:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

**Priest:** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace

*We share the sign of peace*

*The Breaking of the Bread*

**People:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

*We kneel*

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**People:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

*The Communion Sentence*

**Priest:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

*We come forward to receive Holy Communion*

*We sing the Communion Hymn*

**The angel Gabriel from heaven came**  
**His wings as drifted snow his eyes as**  
**flame**  
**"All hail" said he "thou lowly maiden**  
**Mary,**  
**Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!**

**"For know a blessed mother thou**  
**shalt be,**  
**All generations laud and honour thee,**  
**Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers**  
**foretold**  
**Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!**

**Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her**  
**head**  
**"To me be as it pleaseth God," she**  
**said,**  
**"My soul shall laud and magnify his**  
**holy name."**  
**Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!**

**Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was**  
**born**  
**In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn**  
**And Christian folk throughout the**  
**world will ever say:**  
**"Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!**

*We stand for the Post Communion prayer*

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

**The Concluding Rites**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **and with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Bow down for God's blessing

May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son and yearn for his coming again, sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent and enrich you with his blessing

**People:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** As you run the race of this present life, may he make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity

**People:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** So that, rejoicing now with devotion at the Redeemers coming in the flesh, you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life when he comes in majesty

**People:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** Go forth the Mass is ended

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

**The Angelus**

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary  
**And she conceived by the Holy Spirit**

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee  
Blessed art thou among women and blessed  
is the fruit of thy womb Jesus  
**Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us**  
**sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**  
**Amen**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord  
**Be it unto me according to thy word**  
Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee  
Blessed art thou among women and blessed  
is the fruit of thy womb Jesus  
**Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us**  
**sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**  
**Amen**

And the Word was made flesh.  
**and dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee  
Blessed art thou among women and blessed  
is the fruit of thy womb Jesus  
**Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us**  
**sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**  
**Amen**

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God  
**That we may be made worthy of the**  
**promises of Christ**

Pour forth we beseech thee O Lord thy grace  
into our hearts that as we have known the  
incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the  
message of an angel, so by his ✕Cross and  
Passion, we may be brought to the glory of  
His Resurrection; through the same, Jesus  
Christ our Lord  
**Amen**

*We sing our final Hymn*

**Down from His glory, ever-living story,**  
**My God and Saviour came, and Jesus**  
**was His name;**  
**Born in a manger, to His own a**  
**Stranger,**  
**A Man of Sorrows, Tears and Agony.**

*Oh, how I love Him! How I adore Him!*  
*My Breath, my Saviour, my All in All!*  
*The great Creator became my Saviour.*  
*And all God's fullness dwelleth in Him*

**What condescension, bringing us**  
**redemption,**  
**That in the dead of night, not one faint**  
**hope in sight,**  
**God, gracious, tender, laid aside his**  
**splendour,**  
**Stooping to woo, to win, to save my**  
**soul!**

**Without reluctance, Flesh and Blood**  
**His substance,**  
**He took the form of man, revealed the**  
**hidden plan.**  
**Oh, glorious myst'ry, Sacrifice of**  
**Calv'ry,**  
**And now I know Thou wert the great I**  
**Am!**