The Ascension of the Lord
May 24, 2020

SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS PARISH | FARNOSŤ SVÄTÝCH CYRILA A METODA

A Personal Parish Established To Serve The Slovak Catholic Community In The Archdiocese Of Detroit

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18b-19

41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48314 • (586) 726-6911 • Fax: (586) 685-1070 • www.saintcyrils.church

MASS Intentions

©JPPC

May 23, Saturday – Sobota - *(Outdoor Mass)

5:30PM For Danny & Melissa Kray (5th Wed. Ann.) req. Wolf's
❖For James Wilkins req. Mother
❖For Mark Varchetti ❖For Anthony Maya
❖For Terry Gasparski
❖For Jim Glantz & Marguerite Seraphinoff (Wed. Day)
❖†Brian Czach (B'Day) req. Family
❖†Christine Branch ❖†Wilfred Pennington
❖†Al Newcomer & Family

May 24, Sunday, The Ascension of the Lord- Nedeľa

Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:18-23, Mt 28:16-20 (58)

7:30AM **(Mass Inside Church)**
For a Special Intention req. Maddalena DiCicco
❖For Daniel Wilkins req. Mother
❖For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family
❖†Vera Bolday
❖†Danny Babbie
❖†Araceli Faraldo
❖†Julita Valbuena

9:30AM *(Outdoor Mass)**
For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality
❖For James Yates (B'Day)
❖For Tim Fuller ❖For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖For the Vitale & Monsu Families
❖†Donald Weil, II req. James D. Weil
❖†Stefania Bak
❖†Richard Francis Martus
❖†James Zabowski req. Wife
❖†Brian Czach req. Fayad Family
❖For the Dec. Members of the Knights of Columbus St. Nicholas Council & their Families

11:30AM *(Slovak)* ****(Mass Inside Church)**
For Margareta Urdova req. Kopil Family
❖For Gabriela Liptakova req. Kopil Family
❖†Paul Magusin ❖†Joe Venglar

6:00PM *(Latin)-Tridentine:* *(Mass Inside Church)**
❖†Helen Kujaw Chegash req. Janet Reichling

8:30PM *Outdoor Mass**
For the Intentions of all Parishioners

May 25, Monday – Pondelok - *(Outdoor Mass)

12:00PM For Sophia & Family
❖For Mike & Annette Schefke (53rd Wed. Ann.)
❖For the Deceased Members of the Vacaj Family
❖†Baby Tommy ❖†Michael Burke
❖†Richard Francis Martus

May 26, Tuesday – Utorok - *(Outdoor Mass)

12:00PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖For Hayley Reynolds & Family
❖For the O'Brien Family req Percy Family
❖†Richard Francis Martus
❖†Francis Maiorano
❖For the Deceased Members of the Hasaj Family

May 27, Wednesday – Streda - *(Outdoor Mass)

12:00PM LM For Melissa Mazurkiewicz (B'Day)
❖For the Krahala Family & Friends
❖For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family
❖†Rebecca Pullis ❖†Charles Lesko
❖†Richard Francis Martus

May 28, Thursday – Štvrtok - *(Outdoor Mass)

12:00PM For Rob & Annie Avery (9th Wed. Ann.)
❖For Gary Rudzewicz
❖For Tim Gasparski
❖For Carl & †Stephanie Varchetti & Family
❖†Matthew Margiewicz
❖†Richard Francis Martus

May 29, Friday – Piatok - *(Outdoor Mass)

12:00PM For James & Greete Varchetti
❖For Elizabeth Timmerman
❖†Brian Czach req. Fayad Family
❖†Richard Francis Martus

May 30, Saturday – Sobota - *(Outdoor Mass)

(Pentecost Vigil)
*Baptism of the Catechumens & Reception into the Catholic Church

5:30PM For Fernando Siwa (B'Day)
❖For Jim Glantz
❖For the Glenn Wilkins Family
❖For the Gammo & Gill Families
❖†Richard Francis Martus
❖†Charles & Isabella Varchetti
❖†Stefania Bak
❖†Michael Couet
❖†Gary Schwendy

May 31, Pentecost Sunday - Nedeľa

Acts 2:1-11, 1 Cor 12:32b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23 (63)

7:30AM ****(Mass Inside Church)**
For the Intentions of all Parishioners

9:30AM *(Outdoor Mass)**
For Fr. James Brent
❖For Jo Marie Nardi
❖For George and Helen Emmendorfer
❖For the Czach Family req. Fayad Family
❖†Richard Francis Martus
❖†Richard & Margarete Charen

11:30AM *(Slovak)* ****(Mass Inside Church)**
For Fr. Juraj Nuota req. Rosary Society
❖For Stefan Korcek (86th B'Day) req. by Maria Korcek
❖For Ruzena Kovacova (69th B'Day) req. Stefan & Maria Korcek ❖†Paul Magusin req. Pilarski Family
❖†Otilia Sefcikova (100th B'Day) req. by Stefan & Maria Korcek

6:00PM *(Latin)-Tridentine:* ****(Mass Inside Church)**
❖For RoseAnn Lebioda

8:30PM *(Outdoor Mass)**
For Marvin Hanna Shaina
❖For the Tonietti Family

***Outdoor Holy Masses:**
*Please pre-register (www.saintcyrils.church)
This will assist in liturgical planning.
Please wear face mask & bring folding chair & hand sanitizer.

****Indoor Holy Masses:**
**Registration REQUIRED (www.saintcyrils.church.church)
Limited # of people allowed at indoor Holy Masses.
Please wear face mask & bring hand sanitizer.
Arrive 15-30 minutes prior to Holy Mass.
~ IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE STAY HOME ~

Welcome Back

to the public celebration of the Holy Mass

"Know, O Christian, that the Mass is the holiest act of religion.
You cannot do anything to glorify God more,
nor profit your soul more, than by devoutly assisting at it,
and assisting as often as possible."

-St. Peter Julian Eymard

WEEKEND HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 5:30PM (Vigil) – OUTSIDE in the Back Parking Lot; Pre-registration
Sundays: 9:30AM & 8:30PM – OUTSIDE in the Back Parking Lot; Pre-registration
Sundays: 7:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak) & 6:00PM (Latin Tridentine) – INSIDE; Registration Required
Due to the limited number of space available, confirmed registrations are required for the Indoor Holy Masses.
Registration begins on Wednesday each week at www.saintcyrils.church
For Indoor & Outdoor Holy Masses, please wear face masks and bring hand sanitizer if possible.
For Outdoor Holy Masses, please bring a folding chair and dress appropriately in case of inclement weather.

WEEKDAY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Weekday Holy Mass: 12:00PM – OUTSIDE (Weekday Holy Masses pre-registration not necessary)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 10:00AM - 11:00AM; Registration Required
Tuesday & Thursday: 6:00PM - 7:00PM; Registration Required
Registration Forms for Confession are Available on the Parish Website: www.saintcyrils.church
Confessions are outdoors by the Slovak cross and by the garage behind the church building. Please wear a face mask.

Baptism of the Catechumens and Reception into the Catholic Church

While candidates and catechumens all over the Archdiocese of Detroit anticipated entering into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, due to the suspension of public Masses, the long-awaited date was postponed. These eager candidates and catechumens began their RCIA journey in Summer, 2019, and on Saturday, May 30th, at the 5:30PM Pentecost Vigil Holy Mass, our RCIA members will finally receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

The following individuals will receive the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation:

Daniel Gaetke, Branden Jones, Linda Kleinsorge

The following individuals will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Denise Charen, Connor Chupa, William Metz

Please continue to pray for these candidates and catechumens as they prepare to enter the Catholic Church.

Food Drive & Face Mask Drop-Off Drive Huge Success

Thank-you to everyone who donated food items at the Drop-off Food Drive last Monday. Together we filled not one, not two but THREE trucks/SUVs with boxes and bags and cans of food. The staff at St. Christine's were overjoyed by the size of this donation! They are now well-stocked for meeting the needs of the 200 families who come to them each week. The director sends a sincere thank-you to each parishioner who contributed to the food drive as well as to all those who made monetary donations on Monday and through the parish during lent. Thanks to your generosity, St. Christine's continues to offer necessities, compassion and hope to those in need in the Brightmoor Neighborhood of Detroit.

Thank-you also to everyone who donated masks. They will be delivered to St. Aloysius this week.

Erin Rybicki, Christian Service Coordinator

ADORATION 101

When All Seems Lost By: Paul Ray

The other day I came across a quote from St. Padre Pio. It was taken from a book containing his personal letters to his spiritual director. The vast majority of time we read quotes from the saints which encourage us, uplift us and inspire us. Yet, we must realize that the saints were human too. They felt the same pain we feel – oftentimes even worse – and they struggled just as we do. That's a comforting thing to know. We're here on earth preparing for heaven and so were all the saints. We're "Working out our salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12) just as all the saints had since the beginning. This is important to remember. St. Padre Pio said:

"The night grows ever darker and I do not know what the Lord still has in store for me. There are so many things I would like to say but I cannot. I am a mystery even to myself. When will the moment come when the mists of my soul fall away? When will the sun rise within me? Can I hope for it in this world? I believe it will never come to pass." (ST. PADRE PIO: Letter to Spiritual Director, March 17, 1916)

As you can see he suffered greatly, and most of us can relate to him. Suffering as a Christian is normal, it doesn't mean something is wrong with us or we're doing things wrong. As long as we're sincere in our intent to do the will of God we have nothing to fear. We know St. Padre Pio ended up as one of the most well renowned saints of the modern Church. We can take comfort in knowing that he suffered greatly as we do, yet he overcame through Christ. So can we! St. Alphonsus Ligouri in his masterpiece, "Uniformity to the Will of God" taught me something along these lines which transformed my life. He taught that we are to see everything that happens in life, the pleasant along with the unpleasant, as coming directly from the hand of God. Why? Because in God's Providence He knows exactly what we need to transform us into the person He created us to be. Sometimes hardships are the only way we can become that person. After all, if the Father did not keep His only Son from suffering and pain, why should we think we're any different? He will bring about an even greater good out of it as long as we remain faithful to Him like Jesus and the saints were. Life is not easy, but together we can get through it with the mighty grace of God and each other! – *Paul A. Ray*

A CHALLENGE TO DISCIPLESHIP

From MAY 24 through MAY 30:

In this week's challenge I challenge everyone to watch a good Catholic/Christian movie each night with your family or by yourself. I recommend using the FORMED.COM app or website which has a multitude of solid movies. Never underestimate the impact a good movie has on us, and it's a great way to get closer to our Lord. If you want my personal recommendations feel free to email me at stpolycarp77@yahoo.com! – *Paul A. Ray*

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Youth Ministries

LIFE TEEN NIGHTS & EDGE NIGHTS ♦ OFF

For more information, please contact: *Alex Lewis* and *Christian Dresen*, edge@saintcyrils.church

May 19, 2020– 1st Public Holy Mass since March 14, 2020

Public Holy Masses Resume

On Tuesday, May 19, Holy Masses at Ss. Cyril & Methodius, resumed although they look and feel quite different from what we used to take for granted. At our Church, some Masses will be held indoors with the congregation wearing face masks and sitting 6' apart, and some will be held outdoors, with 6' distancing and face masks, rain or shine, with the birds as accompaniment to our music and the breeze as our heating and cooling. One thing is certain, Jesus is with us, as He has always been and always will be.

These have been challenging times, but we can now rejoice as a parish family and celebrate the liturgy together once more. Please read the guidelines on our web-site for the indoor and outdoor Masses. They are new to everyone. Understanding and following these guidelines will help things run more smoothly during these initial days. Also, please be patient. We are all doing our best to adapt during this transitional period.

We are looking forward to celebrating Holy Mass with our Parish family again! However, please be respectful of your fellow parishioners and please stay home if you have a fever or cough, are feeling sick or have been exposed to anyone who may be sick or have coronavirus. If we put others at risk by exposing them to coronavirus at Mass, we are putting the entire Parish community at risk and could jeopardize our ability to offer future public Holy Masses. Thank you for your consideration of others.

"See you on Sunday!" *Father Libor Marek & Father Juraj Nuota*

He Who Sings, Prays Twice

Praise Be to Jesus Christ! I'm overjoyed that public Masses are resuming at Ss. Cyrils and throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit. I wanted to take a minute and share with you how our precautions regarding public Masses will impact music ministry at out our church.

You will notice that we do not have hymnals in the pews. These have been temporarily removed during this time per the guidelines for resumption of public Masses from the Archdiocese, because of potential virus transmission from people handling them at different Masses and the virtual impossibility of adequately sanitizing them all after each public liturgy. During this time, we will do our very best to sing music that we know well and that can be easily sung without worship aids.

The worship office at the Archdiocese has asked us to share some concerns about singing in public. A study was presented which suggested that singing produces 6-10x more droplets that may transmit viral particles than speaking or breathing. Of course, we are all asked to wear masks in public places, and the bishop's guidelines have prompted Fr. Libor to require all persons coming to public Masses to wear a mask at Ss. Cyrils. This includes when we sing. As difficult as it may be, please keep your masks on even when you are singing at Holy Mass. An exception will be the ministers at the altar and the organist/cantor, since they will be physically distant from the congregation to mitigate droplet transmission during singing. Additionally, the Archdiocese's guidelines discouraged congregational singing in public Masses altogether; if you feel this is best for you, God will understand if you praise Him in your heart! For our part, many parts of the Mass which would ordinarily be sung will be recited to keep congregational singing to a minimum, but we will still be singing some well-known hymns and responses at Holy Mass. Again, please wear your masks, even during these parts of the Mass. As God wills, we will be back to a more normal celebration of Holy Mass before we know it, and I appreciate your understanding.

Unfortunately, due to social distancing guidelines we are still not able to have public gatherings outside of Holy Mass at this time; this means that choirs are still on pause. I hope to resume in the Fall. If anyone is interested in virtual choir performances or virtual choir meetings via Zoom, please reach out to me.

Please reach out to me at any time if you have any comments, concerns, or ideas on how I can better serve us through music ministry during this time. My email address is: jlong@saintcyrils.church. May God Bless us all! *-Joseph Long*

Prayer to the Blessed Trinity

Heavenly Compassionate Father, These days we have to keep our distance from each other, Please don't You be distant from us.
Jesus our Lord, Savior and brother, These days we cannot visit each other, Please come to our homes and visit us.
Holy Spirit of Healing, These days we are fearful of each other's breath, Please breathe on us Your calming presence.
Amen

American Red Cross Blood Drive • July 23

Donating blood products is essential to community health and the need for blood products is constant. As part of our nation's critical infrastructure, healthy individuals can still donate in areas that have issued shelter in place declarations. (At the time of this publication, Michigan's shelter-in-place order is in place through May 28.) The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need.

Continuous blood and platelet donations are needed for the regular blood supply and in a fight against coronavirus. In times of crisis, the Red Cross is fortunate to witness the best of humanity as people roll up a sleeve to help those in need.

Please schedule an appointment to donate blood today! Whole Blood donations can be made every 56 days, Power Red donations every 112 days, Platelet donations every 7 days and AB Elite Plasma donations every 28 days.

If you wish to be a Whole Blood donor at our Blood Drive on July 23, between 1:00PM - 6:45PM, your last blood donation cannot be later than May 28 so please schedule accordingly. Thank you for your generosity! Please sign up to donate blood:

www.redcross.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Parish Slovak Festival 2020

Publicity Chairperson Needed

We have a great Parish Slovak Festival here every August. We know it. We need to let others in the community, near and far, know about it.

The Festival Planning Committee is seeking a volunteer to fill the new role of Chairperson for Publicity. We need someone who will be able to publicize our festival in order to reach a wide audience by: * Contacting local press to promote the festival (e.g., newspapers, radio stations, and TV stations) * Maintaining a social media stream before and during the Festival (e.g., Facebook and Twitter) * Reaching out to various organizations so they can disseminate festival information to their members (e.g., Slovak organizations and our Vicariate) * Distributing festival information to local businesses for display (e.g., festival flyer)

Please prayerfully consider if you could fill this role for our festival, the parish's largest fundraising event. It could be filled by one person or a couple of people who would like to work together in publicizing the festival.

For more information, please contact John Fournier at j4nier58@gmail.com or 248-410-5866

Financial Peace University • June 2

How different would your experience with COVID-19 have been if you had NO DEBT? Learn the tools to recession proof your family's financial life with Financial Peace University (FPU).

Financial Peace University is a nine-lesson class designed to help you build a budget, dump debt, grow your wealth, and leave money stress behind. Each lesson is based on biblical wisdom and common sense. Sign up for this class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace at fpu.com/1115269. The online class starts on Tuesday, June 2, beginning at 6:30PM. Each class runs approximately 60-90 minutes.

Hello, my name is Jenny Long; my husband Joe and I went through FPU two years ago. We have an average household income and are NOT financial wizards. Like many of us, we didn't think we were in financial trouble, but we did struggle to 'get ahead.' This program gave us the tools and motivation to eliminate our non-mortgage debt, save for the future and build an emergency fund.

When the 2020 recession hit, we knew our family was going to be okay, and we want to share these tools with others. If you have need of assistance with purchasing the class materials (the only cost associated with the class, teaching is on a volunteer basis only), please email us at: jenny_anne2007@yahoo.com. We don't want the cost of the class to keep you from attending and learning, like us, how to have financial peace.

SCHEDULE

Lesson 1 Baby Step 1 & Budgeting - June 02
Lesson 2 Baby Step 2 - June 09
Lesson 3 Baby Step 3 - June 16
Lesson 4 Baby Steps 4, 5, 6, & 7 - June 23
Lesson 5 Buyer Beware - June 30
Lesson 6 Understanding Insurance - July 07
Lesson 7 Building Wealth - July 14
Lesson 8 Real Estate & Mortgages - July 21
Lesson 9 Outrageous Generosity - July 28

God Bless you, *Jenny Long*

Please Remember to Pray for Our Sick Parishioners, Family Members & Friends and Those who are Serving in the Military

We All Need Prayers

Evangelization Prayers During This Pandemic: Our Parish Evangelization Group knows that many parishioners are hurting in many ways during this pandemic and is offering to take special prayer requests during these difficult times.

If you have any prayer intentions - general or specific- please send me a brief email and write in the Subject Line: Pandemic Prayer Intentions. Send your intentions and I will share them with our members - on a confidential basis – and we will pray for them for the next 30 days.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am in the midst of them."

God bless and stay safe, *Ken Pullis*, email: kpullis@gmail.com

Bilingual Rosary Prayer Requests: During the pandemic, the Monthly Bilingual Rosary has still taken place. The May Bilingual Rosary was recorded and can be found on our website: www.saintcyrils.church, go to the "Resource" tab and then "Media". The June Bilingual Rosary will be recorded on Friday, June 12, and will be available on our website shortly after that date.

If you have prayer intentions that you would like included in the June Bilingual Rosary, (which will also be included in a private rosary for the month of June), please either email them to: 100rosary@gmail.com or call or text: (586) 413-4050.

Organized by: *Maria Lamerova* and *Cindy & Dennis Zitny*

The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

With Meditations by Vernerable Fulton J. Sheen

The Agony in the Garden

As a kind person in the face of pain seeks to relieve the sufferings of his friend, so does moral kindness in the face of evil take on the punishment which evil deserves. Every mother would willingly, if she could, bear the aches of her child. A father will pay the debts of his wayward son as if they were his own. Our Lord, though guilty of no sin, nevertheless in His agony in the garden permitted Himself to feel the inner effects of sin, as on the cross He experienced also the external effects of sin. These internal effects were sadness, fear, and a sense of loneliness. "I looked for one that would grieve together with Me, and I found none." He permits His head to feel blasphemies as if His lips had pronounced them; His hands to feel the sins of theft, as if He had stolen; His body to sense the guilt of defilement, as if it were the cause. Innocence knows sin better than the guilty, because the guilty are already part of it. Sin is in the blood. If, therefore, sin is in the blood, to atone for it, blood must be poured out. Our Lord never intended that any other blood than His own should be shed in expiation for sins. The agony in the garden is not a triumph of the plans and the schemes of betrayers and enemies, but is permitted by divine decree. "This is your hour," our Lord said to His enemies. Evil has its hour, but God has His day!

The Scourging at the Pillar

Seven centuries before, it had been foretold that our Lord would be so wounded for our sins that we would have "thought Him, as it were, a leper, and as one struck by God and afflicted." The time has come for the fulfillment of that prophecy. Omnipotence is bound to a pillar in the hour oh His death, as He was bound in swaddling clothes in the very hour of His birth. The scourging at the pillar must have been terrible, because whenever our Lord foretold His passion, He always made particular reference to His scourging, as if to emphasize the outrage of His suffering. The scourging is an act of reparation for the excessive cult of the body. In expiation for self-indulgence, His body, as the second Ark of the Covenant, is disclosed to profane eyes, as the Spouse of souls now becomes the plaything of mockers. How many strokes He received, no one knows. The prophet foretold that He would be so scourged that the bones of His body would be numbered. We are saved by other stars and stripes than those on the flag; namely, by the stars and stripes of Christ, by whose stars we are illumined – by whose stripes we are healed.

The Crowning with Thorns

As the scourging was the reparation for the sins of the flesh, so the crowning with thorns was the atonement for the sins of the mind—for the atheists who wish there were no God, for the doubters whose evil lives becloud their thinking, for the egotists, centered on themselves. The soldiers cursed as the thorns pricked their fingers. Then they cursed the Lord, as they drove the crown of thorns into His head, as a mockery of a royal diadem. Into His hands they placed a reed, the symbol of His kingdom, presumed to be false and unstable like the reed. His flesh, already hanging from Him like purple rags, is now covered with a purple robe to ridicule His claim to kingship of hearts and nations. Blindfolding Him, they struck Him, asking Him to prophesy, or tell who it was that delivered the blow. They then bowed down before Him in mock reverence, spitting in His face, that all the martyrs of the world might have courage in their hour of martyrdom. In this Mystery is verified the truth of our Savior's warning: "If the world hates you, be sure that it hated Me before it learned to hate you." He who expects to preserve His faith without being mocked by the world is either weak in it, or else not so bold in goodness as to draw upon himself the mocking insults of another purple robe and a torturing circle of thorns.

The Carrying of the Cross

Any cross would be easy to bear if we could only tailor it to fit ourselves. Our Lord's cross was not made by Him, but for Him. Crosses and burdens are thrust upon us. Our acceptance makes them personal. Our Lord even said that there would be at least seven crosses a week: "Take up your cross daily and follow Me." Crosses are of two kinds: pure ones, which come from the outside, such as pain, persecution, and ridicule; and inner, or impure crosses, which come as the result of our sins, such as sadness, despair, and unhappiness. These latter crosses can be avoided. They are made by contradicting the will of God. The vertical bar of the cross stands for God's will; the horizontal bar stands for our wills. When one crosses the other, we have the cross. Our Lord never promised that we would be without a cross; He only promised that we would never be overcome by one. St. Peter so loved the cross that when the time came for his execution he asked to be crucified upside down. May He who was found guilty of no other crime than that of the excess of love make us hate the load of sin that made His cross. The whole cross borne in union with His will and following in His footsteps is easier to bear than the splinters against which we rebel.

The Crucifixion and Death of our Lord

Our Lord spent 30 years of His life obeying, three years teaching, three hours redeeming! But how did He redeem? Suppose a golden chalice is stolen from an altar and beaten into a large ash tray. Before that gold can be returned to the altar, it must be thrown into a fire, where the dross is burned away; then the chalice must be recast, and finally blessed and restored to its holy use. Sinful man is like that chalice which was delivered over to profane uses. He lost his Godlike resemblance and his high destiny as a child of God. So our blessed Lord took unto Himself a human nature, making it stand for all of us, plunged it into the fires of Calvary to have the dross of sin burned and purged away. Then, by rising from the dead, He became the new head of the new humanity, according to which we are all to be patterned. The cross reveals that unless there is a Good Friday in our lives, there will never be an Easter Sunday. Unless there is a crown of thorns, there will never be the halo of light. Unless there is the scourged body, there will never be a glorified one. Death to the lower self is the condition of resurrection to the higher self. The world says to us, as it said to Him on the cross: "Come down, and we will believe!" But if He had come down, He never would have saved us. It is human to come down; it is divine to hang there. A broken heart, O Saviour of the world, is love's best cradle! Smite my own, as Moses did the rock, that Thy love may enter in!