

MOVING TOWARD THE CROSS



MOVING IN STRENGTH

A LITANY FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

He set his face to go to Jerusalem. Luke 9:51

P Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem to take up his cross. Satan tempted Jesus, the disciple Peter rebuked the Lord, but nothing could turn the Savior from his purpose.

C **In strength and with confidence in his heavenly Father, Jesus would take up his cross for our salvation.**

Hymn..... Winchester New LM

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

P Jesus moved in strength toward his cross, but we often wander in sin, lost in weakness and fear. Our words and actions do not witness to Jesus' love.

C Lord Jesus, forgive our doubts and fearful weakness. Comfort us with your love and strengthen us by your Spirit and your Word.

P Blessed be the Lord!

C For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

P The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

C My heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

P The Lord is the strength of his people;

C He is the saving refuge of his anointed.

P Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

C Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

P The strength of God is revealed in the humble weakness of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and in the shameful weakness of his death on the cross.

C God's strength is at work in us through humble things, through water, bread and wine.

P Lord Jesus, as you moved toward the cross in strength and love, strengthen us for a life of service in your name.

C Fill us with your Spirit and make your strength perfect in our weakness.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy pow'r and reign.

Bible Readings for the Second Week of Lent

Sunday..... Luke 9:51-56

Monday Psalm 28

Tuesday..... Matthew 4:1-11

Wednesday Matthew 16:21-23

Thursday 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Friday Hebrews 12:1-2

Saturday Hebrews 12:7-14