

READING: Matthew, 11:28:30

HOMILY.

FAMILY TRIBUTE.

The Old Rugged Cross.

On a hill far away, stood an old rugged Cross  
The emblem of suff'ring 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  
Oh, that 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, stain'd with blood so divine  
A wondrous beauty I see  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me  
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  
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 forever I'll share  
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

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING.

### POEM: TAKE MY HAND.

Written by: Kelly Frost

Take my hand and come with me  
I'll try to take your pain  
Like you have done for me  
Through the sunshine and the rain.

There is nothing i can give you  
That would take it all away  
A beautiful soul of a beautiful man  
Fading day by day.

Your body tired, your mind not still  
No peace can you find  
Take my hand and come with me  
I will try to quiet your mind.

My hand is all i can offer  
To help you find your peace  
For you to hold it close to you  
And never to release.

Now is the time to close your eyes  
No more fighting you have to do  
So close your eyes and rest now Grandad  
Knowing we all love you.

### COMMENDATION:

### LORD'S PRAYER:

### BLESSING:

### RECESSIONAL:

*The family kindly invite you to join them  
at Blacon Crematorium for 12pm*

*Committal and Reflection*

*Blacon Avenue  
Chester, CH1 5BB*

*If you wish to make a donation to our chosen  
charities: British Heart Foundation, Marie Curie  
it can be made after the service via a collection plate.*

*THANK YOU.*

