

Near the Cross

A Suite for Lent or Holy Week

SATB with narration, opt. descant, congregation and instrument ensemble

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1. Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Narrator: Several hundred years before Jesus walked this earth, the prophet Isaiah

① **Pensively, freely** ♩ = ca. 92

envisioned and articulated the last hours of the Savior's life as He was led to a cross just

outside of Jerusalem: "Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows. He was pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us

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② peace was laid upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:4-5)

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a tempo

20 SA *p*

Je - sus, keep me near the cross;

24

there a pre - cious foun - tain,

28

free to all, a heal - ing stream,

32 3

flows from Cal - vary's moun - tain.

36 SA *mp*

TB *mp*

In the cross, in the cross,

mp

40

be my glo - ry - ev - er,

44

till my rap - tured soul shall find

48

rest be - yond the riv - er.

4

52

poco rit.

poco rit.

55 *a tempo*

mp

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,

a tempo

59

bring its scenes be - fore me;

63

mp

help me walk from day to day

help me walk from day to day

67 5

with its shad - ow o'er me.

with its shad - ow o'er me.

71 *mf*

mf

In the cross, in the cross,

mf

75

be my glo - ry ev - er,

79

till my rap - tured soul shall find

83

6 *rit.* *mp*

rest be - yond the riv - er.

rit. *mp dim.* *p*

2. Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Narrator: The Apostle Paul reminds us that the way of the cross was a choice: "Christ Jesus did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing,

Slower, tenderly ♩ = ca. 84

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