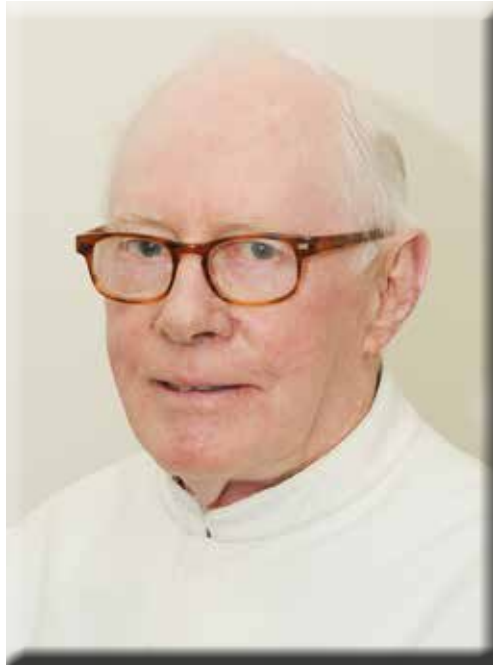


Eucharistic Celebration for the  
Life and Entrance into Eternal Life  
of  
Brother Bernard Noel Bulfin fsp



Born: Born: 27 December 1936  
Entered Eternal Life: Tuesday 17 July 2018  
Funeral: Wednesday 25 July 2018  
Holy Cross College, Ryde  
Principal Celebrant: Fr Austin Bulfin



Celebrants: Fr Austin Bulfin (*Manchester UK*)  
Fr Paul Monkerud & Fr Greg Morgan (*Past and present PPs of the  
Ryde-Gladesville Parish*)  
along with other priest friends of Bernard and the Patrician Brothers

## **INTRODUCTORY RITES (please stand)**

### **ENTRANCE HYMN: Be Thou My Vision**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Be thou my best thought by day and by night  
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou art my great Father, and I thy true Son;  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Be thou my shield and my sword for the fight;  
Be thou my armour and be thou my might;  
Thou art my soul's shelter and thou my high tower:  
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

High King of heaven, when battle is done,  
Grant heaven's joy to me, bright heaven's Sun;  
O heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

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### **WELCOME: Br Paul O'Keefe fsp (Provincial)**

## **GREETING**

Fr Austin: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Fr Austin: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

**All: And with your spirit.**

*Please be seated for the reverencing of the body of Brother Bernard Bulfin  
and the placing of symbols.*

## **BLESSING WITH HOLY WATER**

Fr Austin: In the waters of baptism, Bernard died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May he now share with him eternal glory.

## **PLACING OF SYMBOLS**

*(please be seated)*

Pall: Brs Aengus, Mark, Patrick, Domenic

Bible & Rosary Beads: Br Gerard Bulfin

Celtic Cross: Br Mark

Sash: Br Aengus

Photo: Br Mark

Eels scarf: Br Aengus

Parklea Hymn Book: Sr Marcia

Catholic Education Award: Br Kelvin Canavan fms

## **EULOGY (Br Gerard Bulfin fsp)**

## COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

Fr Austin: Almighty God and Father, by the mystery of the cross, you have made us strong; by the sacrament of the resurrection, you have sealed us as your own. Look kindly upon your servant, Bernard, now freed from the bonds of mortality and count him among your saints in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING:** Santo Passarello

*A reading from Isaiah 43:1-2, 4-5*

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my Shepherd** (Brian Boniwell) (sung)

The Lord is my Shepherd and I want to follow  
Wherever he leads me wherever he goes  
Over the mountains the waters and byways  
Valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

**(R): I want to go to meet him there,  
to lay myself down in his love.  
The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow,  
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.**

And while on the journey to where we are going,  
He promised to be there, to help us along.  
And over the mountains, we'll walk on together,  
To know all the wonders, he's given to me. **(R)**

Brian Boniwell © 1978, Corinda, Qld, Australia

**SECOND READING:** Br Patrick Lovegrove fsp

*A reading from the second letter to Timothy.*

My life is already being poured out as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *(please stand)*

**All: Alleluia! Alleluia**

**Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.**

**All: Alleluia! Alleluia**

**GOSPEL** (Fr Ron Peters)

Fr Ron: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Fr Ron: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and

gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HOMILY** (Fr Paul Monkerud)

*(please be seated)*

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL** *(please stand)*

Fr Austin: Gracious God, we thank you for Bernard's noble life and for his presence in our own lives. We recall the special times he shared with us. In our sorrow we remember your Son's invitation to bring our needs to you in prayer and with absolute confidence.

Br Charles Barry: Creator and creating God, we express our deep gratitude for the gift of the fully human, fully alive witness of Bernard's life. May he live on in us in our imitation of his legacy.  
Lord Hear us

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Phillip Stewart: Bernard touched the lives of so many as a Catholic educator, as a prison chaplain, and all he encountered throughout his many years of generous and faith-filled expression of true Brotherhood. Infuse us all with his friendliness and his noble sense of vocation.  
Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Michael Krawec: He loved visiting the Patrician schools, taking pride in their embrace of the charism, and affirming staff and students in their endeavours. Pour your blessings on the many friends in the schools who mourn his loss. Also, give consolation and peace to his colleague Patrician Brothers in grief at this time.  
Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Veronica Chapman:* Bernard had a special affection for the inmates and fellow staff -‘his mates’, at Parklea jail. Give comfort and hope to them and to all who are deprived of true liberty.  
Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Brendan McCann:* Within the Communion of Saints, he is now re-united with his parents, Edmund and Margaret, his sister Helen. Bless his siblings: Austin, Tom, Gerard, Josephine and Pat as well as his many nieces, nephews, and all member of the Bulfin family.  
Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Eleanor Burgess:* In his comparatively short stays at Ryde and Hornsby hospitals he was given great care. Bless abundantly the doctors, the nurses, and all the workers who were so professional and so helpful to him and to his visitors in his final weeks.  
Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fr Austin: Heavenly Father, our cherished Bernard lived his life with tremendous enthusiasm, enfolding arms and humble faith. Help us in our turn, to share the joy of the Gospel, grow closer to one another and more mindful of the needs of others. Then may our own hope of eternal life with you and with those who have gone before us become so much stronger. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son and our risen brother and saviour

**All: Amen**



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PROCESSION OF THE OFFERINGS *(please be seated)*

(David Reardon and Merryl Foster)

#### **We Come To Your Feast**

We place upon your table, a humble loaf of bread:  
the gift of field and hillside, the grain by which we're fed;  
we come to taste the presence of him on whom we feed,  
to strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us,  
to love in word and deed.

Refrain: **We come to your feast, we come to your feast:  
the young and the old, the frightened, the bold,  
the greatest and the least.**

**We come to your feast, we come to your feast  
with the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands,  
we come to your feast.**

We place upon your table, a simple cup of wine:  
the fruit of human labor, the gift of sun and vine;  
we come taste the presence, of him we claim as Lord,  
his dying and his living, his leading and his giving,  
his love in cup outpoured. **R.**

We gather 'round your table, we pause within our quest,  
we stand beside our neighbors, we name the stranger "guest."  
The feast is spread before us; you bid us come and dine:  
in blessing we'll uncover, in sharing we'll discover  
your substance and your sign. **R.**

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## INVITATION TO PRAYER

Fr Austin: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Fr Austin: Lord, we are united in this sacrament by the love of Jesus Christ. Accept these gifts and receive our brother, Bernard, into the glory of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever.

**All: Amen**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Fr Austin: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Fr Austin: Lift up your hearts.

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

Fr Austin: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right and just.**

## PREFACE

Fr Austin: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed, for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory as without end we acclaim:

**All: Holy, 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.**

## Memorial Acclamation

Fr Austin: The mystery of faith.

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

## Doxology

Fr Austin: 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, forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer

Fr Austin: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching we dare to say:

**All: 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.**

Fr Austin: 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.

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

### Sign of Peace

Fr Austin: 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 him peace and unity in accordance with your will.

**All: Amen.**

Fr Austin: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Fr Austin: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## Lamb of God

**All: 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.**

## Holy Communion

Fr Austin: 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.

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

## COMMUNION HYMN

### Our Supper Invitation

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.  
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.  
Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill.  
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find  
Just what the journey means; walk while there's time.  
Food for the journey will answer your need.  
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.  
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.  
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.  
Share with your people, that love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.  
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

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## **I am the Bread of Life** (Susan Doolan)

I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;  
And who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Refrain: **And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up on the last day.**

The bread that I shall give is the flesh for the life of the world,  
And if you eat of this bread, you will live forever, you will live forever.

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of man  
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me,  
Even if you die, you will live forever.

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God  
Who has come into the world.

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## **Communion Reflection: O SANCTISSIMA**

O Sanctissima O Piissima  
Dulcis Virgo Maria  
Mater amata intemerata  
Ora ora pro nobis

*O most holy, O most devoted  
Sweet Virgin Mary  
Mother with love unswerving  
Pray, o pray for us.*

Tota pulchra es O Maria  
Et macula non est in te  
Mater amata intemerata  
Ora ora pro nobis

*You are true beauty, O Mary  
And there is no stain of sin in you  
Mother with love unswerving  
Pray, o pray for us*

Sicut lilium inter spinas  
Sic Maria inter filias  
Mater amata intemerata  
Ora ora pro nobis

*Like the lily among the thorns  
So are you O Mary among women  
Mother with love unswerving  
Pray, o pray for us*

In miseria in angustia  
Ora Virgo pro nobis  
Pro nobis ora in mortis hora  
Ora ora pro nobis

*In our misery and anguish  
Pray for us, O Virgin  
Pray for us in the hour of our death  
Pray, o pray for us*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Fr Austin: Lord God, may the death and resurrection of Christ, which we celebrate in this Eucharist, bring our brother, Bernard, the peace of your eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

**THANKS** (Brother Paul O’Keeffe)

## **FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL**

### **INVITATION TO PRAY**

Fr Austin: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Bernard and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Bernard again and enjoy his friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of God’s kingdom. Therefore let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

## **SPRINKLING OF WATER AND INCENSING**

## SONG OF FAREWELL

Come to his aid, O saints of God. Come meet him angels of the Lord.

Refrain: **Receive his soul, O saints of God. Present him now to God most high. Present him now to God most high.**

May Christ who called you take you home. May angels lead you to Abraham. **R.**

Give him eternal rest, O Lord. May light unending shine on him. **R.**

## PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Fr Austin: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our Brother Bernard, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessing which you bestowed upon Bernard in this life: they are signs of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn towards us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with the assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our Brother, Bernard, forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Fr Austin: Bernard, may the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN** (*please stand*)

### **Hail Glorious St Patrick** (Adapted version)

Hail glorious St Patrick, we honour your name  
Your story inspires us to make Christ our aim  
The fires you ignited are still burning bright  
With the message of our story that Christ is our light  
With the message of our story, with the message of our story  
With the message of our story, that Christ is our light

Hail glorious St Patrick, your vision was grand  
You spread Christ's Gospel throughout Ireland  
The lesson you gave us invites us to strive  
That faith in Christ Jesus be always alive  
That faith in Christ Jesus, that faith in Christ Jesus,  
That faith in Christ Jesus, be always alive

Your legacy now flourishes in many lands  
Far removed from the scene and the work of your hands  
Still here in Australia, we gladly proclaim  
That Christ within us may ever remain  
That Christ within us, that Christ within us,  
That Christ within us, may ever remain

### **At the Grave**

#### **Salve Regina**

Salve Regina, mater misericordiae: vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.

Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae.

Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle.

Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.

Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsiliium ostende.

O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.



### Years of service

1954	Profession of Temporary Vows
1956 – 1961	Blacktown – teacher
1957	Profession of Perpetual Vows
1962 – 1963	Forest Lodge – teacher
1964 – 1965	Ryde – teacher
1966 – 1988	Blacktown – principal
1989 – 1990	Renewal courses
1991 – 2001	Fairfield – principal
2002	Ryde - Clinical Pastoral Training,
2003 - Present	Ryde - Parklea Chaplaincy



## Snippets from e-mail tributes to Bro Bernard

Dear Brothers

We have lost a giant in Bernard. He was courageous to the last. Here in Bangalore the three of us are still coming to terms with losing Bernie so quickly. We are sharing about the impact he had on our lives. Our evening prayer led by John V, focussed on him and a Parramatta scarf was in view. Quite a few of the Brothers here had met him at some stage. We recalled his zest for life and interest in people - his perpetual curiosity about every imaginable thing. A journeyman all his life in every respect but grounded in solid faith that released unbounded optimism and a positive view about anyone he should meet along the way.

*(Bro Peter Ryan, Congregational Leader, currently sharing in the Patrician Renewal Program, Lorica, Bangalore, India where Brothers John Verhoeven and Thomas Rice are participants.)*

T'was only two weeks ago that he was going strong in his ministry at Parklea Prison, where each day he showed the face of Christ to the inmates. One of life's gentlemen and an elder of the Patrician tribe who will be truly missed.

Loved by all who knew him.

*(From a message to his staff -Peter Wade, Principal at PBC Fairfield)*

Incredibly sad and a great loss of a man who has contributed so much to Catholic education and to society, -all given so generously. My prayers are with the Patricians

*(Phil Stewart Holy Cross College Principal)*

I have just learned of the passing of Bernie. I feel both sad and elated. I don't think I need to explain my feelings of admiration for him at this time

*(Adam Taylor, Former Holy Cross College Principal)*

I have just read the news about Br Bernard. Bless his beautiful soul. I loved his gentle manner and massive heart. I have just lit a candle at home...that candle represents the light that Br Bernard brought to humanity

*(Layla Mardini Senior Staff Member PBC Fairfield)*

Be assured that the Bernie and Brothers will be in our prayers. We've lost a great man and a great educator. I look forward to celebrating a life well lived.

*(Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Schools, Parramatta Diocese)*

My tears are with the Patricians on the sad loss of a wonderful man and a giant in the story of Catholic schools

*(Bro Kelvin Canavan FMS, Former Director of Catholic Schools, Sydney)*

What a sad, sad shock it was to receive the news about Bernie.....So many, many fond memories. It was always a delight to catch up with him. He was a great mate to many Marists.

*(Bro Michael Green FMS Rector Aquinas College Adelaide)*

Like many people, I had a very close affinity with Bernie - a friendship over many years! We enjoyed regular banter during the rugby league season especially,... he was a constant support to me and became a spiritual mentor of mine in more recent years. I will miss him greatly.

*(Dr Zachariah Duke BBI & Honorary Archivist, Holy Cross College)*

I well remember Br. Bernie in his principalship & leadership of Patrician Blacktown, followed by Patrician Fairfield, where he oversaw the redevelopment of the College. He was very passionate about expanding and enhancing facilities for the boys and staff at Fairfield.

*(Terry Keogh Former Director Finance & Property, Sydney Catholic Schools)*

Br Bernard was a remarkable man. A man of God, one of the truly great Patrician Brothers. Kind, generous and compassionate. An inspirational leader and a legend of Western Sydney. He leaves an extraordinary legacy.

*(Santo Passarello Principal, Patrician Brothers' College, Blacktown)*

Brother Bernard (Bernie) was a great Patrician and lived a life of service to others. He was full of energy and compassion. His boundless enthusiasm for life was contagious and he was never bored. Bernie was a wonderful friend to our family over many years and we have fond memories of times spent together.

*(Michael Krawec Succeeded Bro Bernard as first lay Principal at Fairfield Pats. Now Regional Director Sydney Catholic Schools)*

I had great affection for Bernie. We were principals together - me at St Mary's Liverpool and Bernie at Fairfield. Thanks to Bernie, those days were among the happiest of my time in Catholic education: he was kindness itself, and he gave us all enormous encouragement and support, particularly in tough times.

*(From overseas, former Principal at St Mary' Liverpool and St Vincent's Potts Point ---Michele Hugonnet)*



## *thank you*

- To all who have come together today to join in the sacred celebration of the Life of Bro Bernard Bulfin
- To Fr Austin Bulfin for travelling from Manchester to lead in the celebration of the Mass and to the many priests who joined in the concelebration, including long-time Friend from Blacktown days—Bishop Bede Heather
- To Holy Cross College Principal, Phillip Stewart, staff and students, for the goodwill and generous support in hosting the final rituals
- To Bro Mark and Ivan Petch and to the singers who generously rallied in the leading of the music and singing which enriched the liturgy
- To Bro Domenic and Patrician Brothers' College, Fairfield for the design and printing of this Mass booklet

After Mass, the funeral will proceed to the nearby Field of Mars Cemetery, Quarry Road, Ryde for burial in the Patrician Brothers' plot.

Light refreshments will be served adjacent to this Hall for those not travelling to the Field of Mars, and afterwards for those on return from the burial.





Breastplate of St Patrick  
 Christ be  
 with me,  
 Christ  
 before me,  
 Christ  
 behind me,  
 Christ  
 within me,  
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on  
 my right hand, Christ on my left, Christ where  
 I lie down, Christ where I sit down, Christ  
 where I arise. Christ in the heart of everyone  
 who thinks of  
 me, Christ in  
 the mouth of  
 everyone  
 who speaks  
 to me. Christ  
 in every eye  
 that sees me,  
 Christ in  
 every ear that  
 hears me.  
 Salvation is  
 of Christ,  
 Salvation is  
 of the Lord,  
 may your  
 salvation be  
 ever with us  
 Lord