



WE EXIST TO... GROW IN
CHRIST, LOVE LIKE CHRIST,
LIVE FOR CHRIST

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

THE POWER OF THE CROSS (please stand)

Verse 1

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day.
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus

This the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath,
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Verse 2

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Chorus

This the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath,
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Verse 3

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Chorus

This the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath,
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Verse 4

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

Chorus

This the pow'r of the cross,
Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING (Please be seated)

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.*" [Luke 23:32-34]

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." [Luke 23:39-43]

...but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "*Woman, behold, your son!*" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "*Behold, your mother!*" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. [John 19:25-27]

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" [Matt 27:45-46]

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "*I thirst.*" [John 19:28]

A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. [John 19:29-30]

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "*Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!*" And having said this he breathed his last. [Luke 23:44-46]

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD (please remain seated)

Verse 1

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus
Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Verse 2
For my pardon this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing, this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

Verse 3
Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

Verse 4
This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

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**MESSAGE: "THE SEVEN SAYINGS OF JESUS
ON THE CROSS"**

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS
(please stand)

Verse 1
On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;

And I love that old cross where the dearest and
best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Chorus
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 someday for a crown.

Verse 2
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.

Chorus

Verse 3
In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so
divine,
Such a wonderful beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and
died
To pardon and sanctify me.

Chorus

Verse 4
To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear.
Then He'll call me someday to my home far
away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

Chorus

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 PETER 2:24
(in unison)

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to
righteousness.

THE WONDERFUL CROSS
(please remain standing)

Verse 1
When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Verse 2
See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Chorus

O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name.

Verse 3
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Chorus

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CLOSING PRAYER