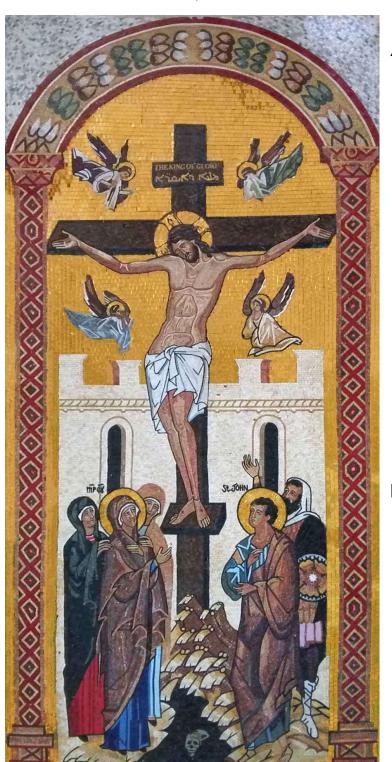


Holy Cross Day September 14th, 2025



A most cordial welcome to our guests! Please fill out a Guest Card located in the pew racks and place it on the offering plate. Thank you!

Notice for guests concerning the Lord's
Supper: As Lutherans, we at Concordia confess
the traditional Christian understanding of the
Sacrament of the Altar, that it is the true body
and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the
bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for
us Christians to eat and drink. In this Sacrament,
we receive the forgiveness of sins that He won
for us through His glorious death and

resurrection, and along with that forgiveness, the gifts of life and salvation. If you have not been instructed in this understanding of Holy Communion, or if you presently belong to a church that does not share this confession, we respectfully request that you remain in your pew at that point in the service or come forward and cross your arms over your chest, to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing. If you have

questions, objections, or would like to learn more, the pastor will be happy to speak with you after the service.

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Confession and Absolution

813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng



- Still lift your standard high,Still march in firm array,As pilgrims through the darkness wend
 - Till dawns the golden day. Refrain
- At last the march shall end;
 The wearied ones shall rest;
 The pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. Refrain
- \triangle 7 Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom we adore:

The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

One God forevermore. Refrain

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 184

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- Who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

LSB 185

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit



Psalm 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: v. 2

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;* break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

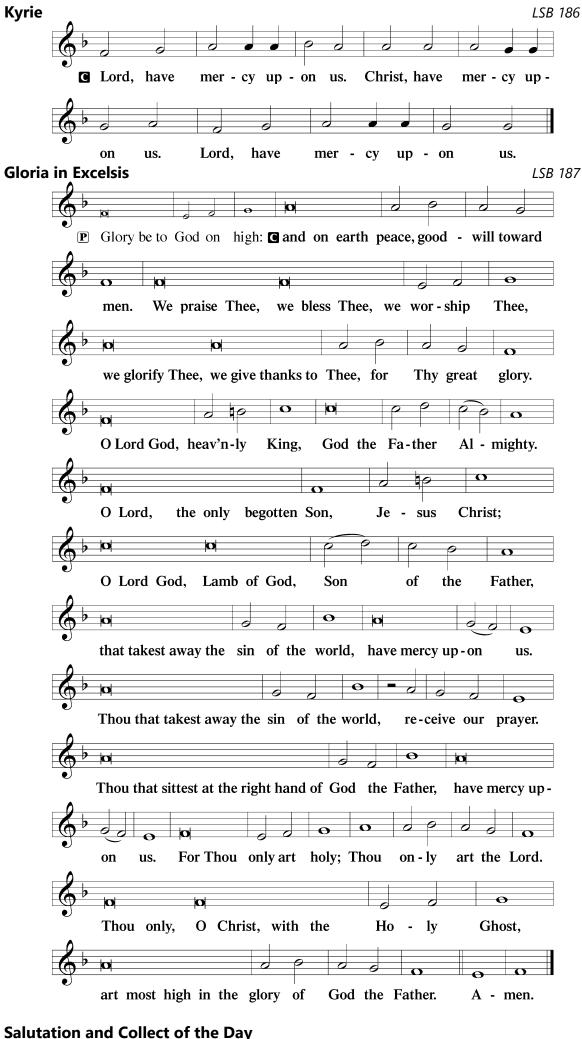
With trumpets and the sound | of the horn* make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

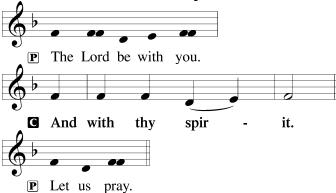
and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;* he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual



Isaiah 49:22a; John 3:14b–15

"Behold, I will lift up my hand to the | nations,* and raise my signal to the peoples," | [says the Lord.] So must the Son of Man be | lifted up,*

that whoever believes in him may have e- | ternal life.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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Thanks be to God.





The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.



Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

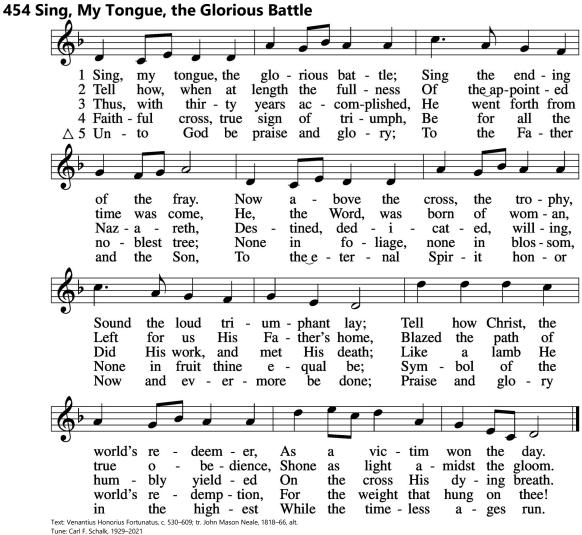
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.





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Votum

f P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand



Offering

Andante C. Kern

-Installation of Congregation Officers-

-Blessing of a new Red Burse and Veil for the Sacrament of the Altar-

Dedicated by Dean and Mary Goldbeck in thanks to God for health granted to Aiden Goldbeck, and to the congregation of Concordia for its prayers

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, give us grace to proclaim the triumph of the cross throughout the world, so all would rejoice in the victory of that love which hate could not destroy and that life which death could not overcome. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, Your Son's cross and crucifixion is folly to the world, but it is the source of repentance and forgiveness for all His elect. Preserve the preaching of the cross in our midst, that from this life-giving tree we would continually receive Your faith-preserving gifts. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord, remember in mercy all pastors and servants of Your Church, and enable them by Your Spirit to proclaim the wisdom of the cross. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father in heaven, look with favor on the households of this congregation, and grant that all may live in love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Ruler of the nations, bring an end to war, hatred and bloodshed, that all people would know Your peace, love and justice. Protect those who serve in our armed forces, even as they labor to protect us. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Loving Father, we commend to You all who have requested intercessions, especially The Family of Charlie Kirk, the soul of Tyler Robinson, The Sisson Family, Taylor, Claudette, Marvin, Peter, Mel, Rob, Pat, Bill, Paula, Aiden, Mark, Katherine, The Bland Family, Diana, Wayne, Gary, Cassandra, Victor, W. I., Niculaus and Dominic. Be near to them, and grant them a happy issue out of their troubles. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful God, the fall of Adam closed the way to the Tree of Life, but the death of Christ on the tree of the cross has opened to us the way of everlasting life. Give us the fruit of His cross: Your forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy Father, we give You thanks for all the faithful who have gone before us. Keep us in faith, until You bring us to share at last with them in the unending joy of Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him, with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, forever and ever. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament



Proper Preface It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



P 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,

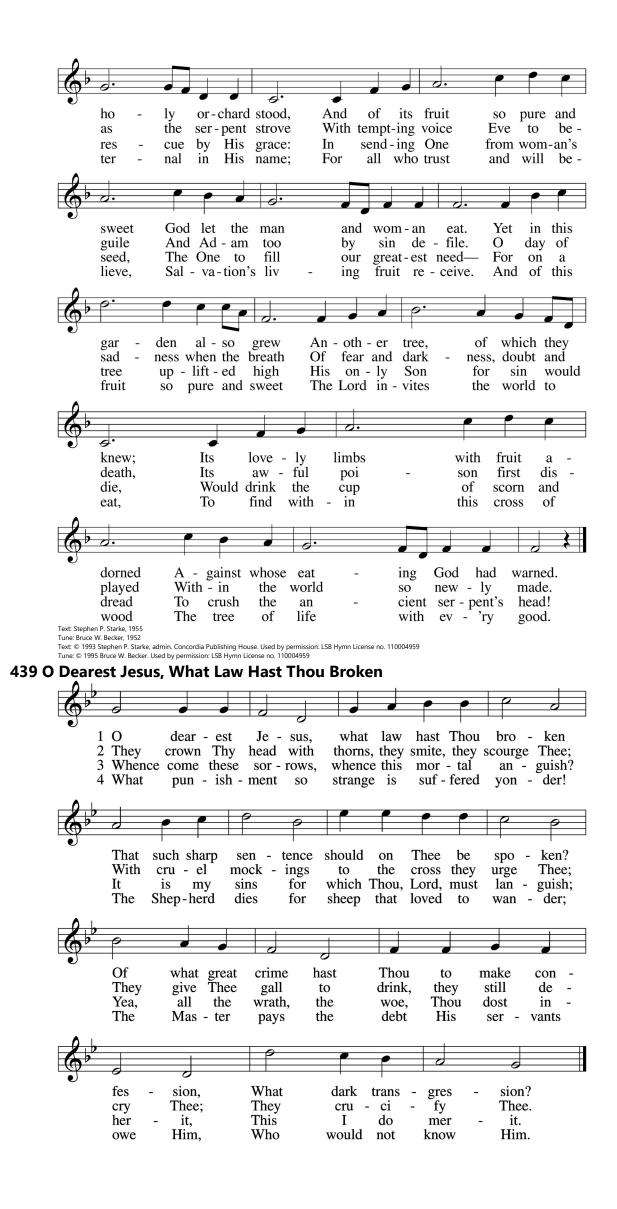
but deliver us from evil.





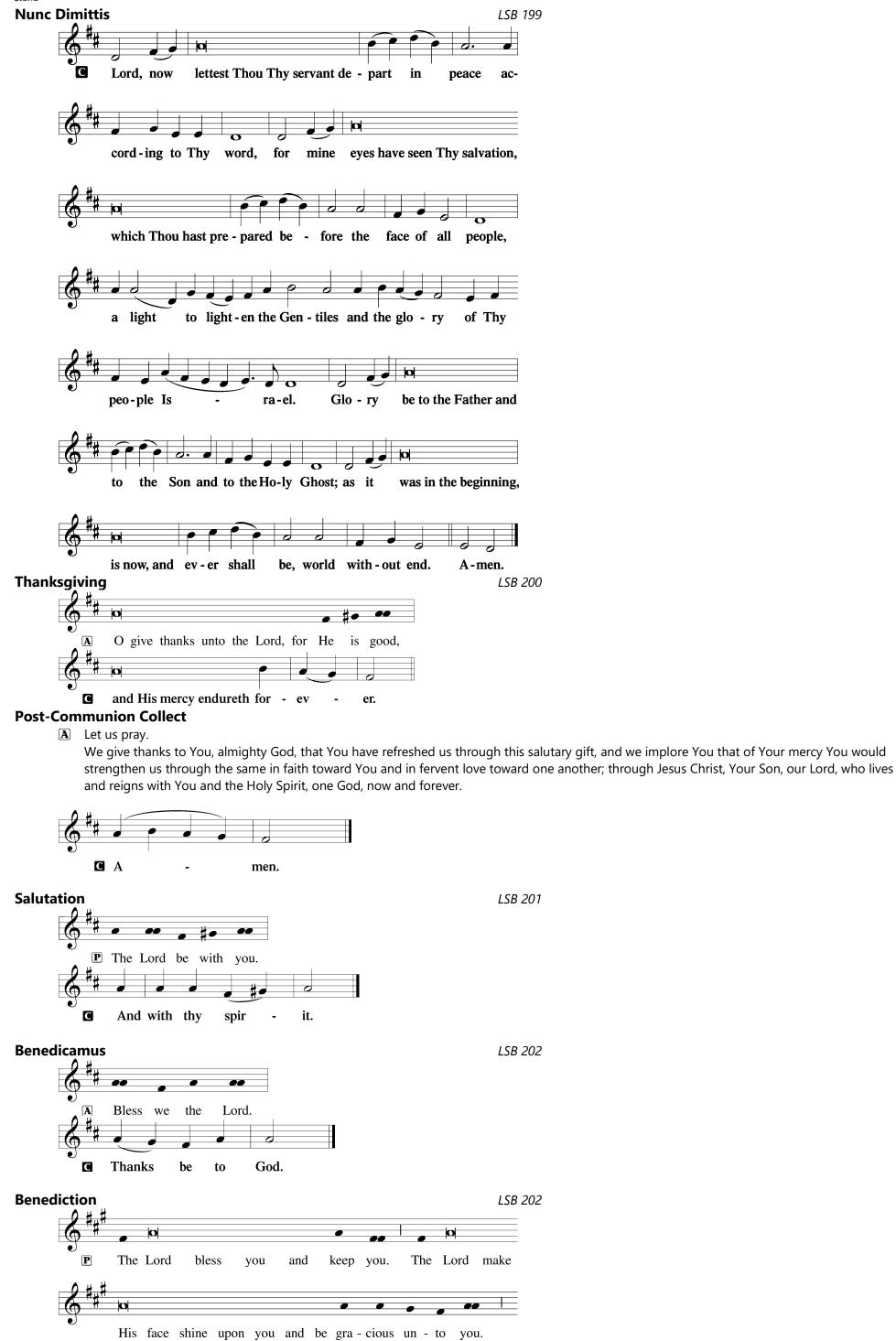
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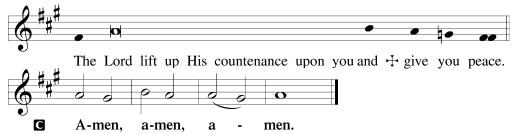
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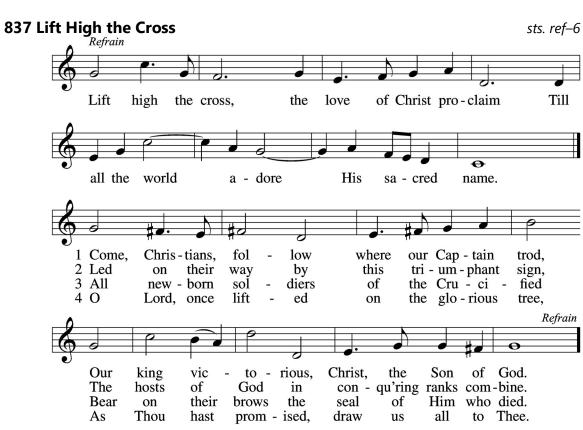


- 5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness; The sinful child of man may live in gladness; Man forfeited his life and is acquitted; God is committed.
- 6 There was no spot in me by sin untainted; Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted; My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me,
- O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded, That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded! All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying While Thou wert dying.
- 8 O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory! How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story? How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer? What dare I offer?
- 9 For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder— Thy woes, Thy mercy, still transcend our wonder. Oh, how should I do aught that could delight Thee! Can I requite Thee?
- 10 Yet unrequited, Lord, I would not leave Thee; I will renounce whate'er doth vex or grieve Thee And quench with thoughts of Thee and prayers most lowly All fires unholy.
- 11 But since my strength will nevermore suffice me To crucify desires that still entice me, To all good deeds O let Thy Spirit win me And reign within me!
- 12 I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,
 That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
 To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor
 Henceforth forever.
- 13 Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me, I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me. I shall not fear what foes can do to harm me Nor death alarm me.
- 14 But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it; Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it; Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness Nor shame my weakness.
- And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven
 To me the crown of joy at last is given,
 Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,
 I, too, shall praise Thee.

Stand







- Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- So shall our song of triumph ever be: 6 Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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