

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE INVOCATION & THE CONFESSION

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit to a yoke of slavery; do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence.

C: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Do not be deceived; God is not mocked.

(Silence for meditation and self-examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned.

P: The works of the flesh are obvious:

C: immoral ways, filthy thoughts, shameful deeds, idolatry and sorcery, enmity and strife, jealousy and anger, drunkenness and carousing. For such as these we ask forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ.

P: According to the will of God our Father, Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to set us free. In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

C: We have been crucified with Christ. Now we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.

P: The Lord has put away your sin.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you

THE HYMN – “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of glory, Father of love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – “In Christ Alone”

THE SERMON: “Our Only Hope – the Cross of Christ”

THE APOSTLES CREED (not spoken on Saturday evening)

LEADER: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostolic Creed:

**CONG: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION


Pastor: Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

THE OFFERTORY AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN – “The Wonderful Cross”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, From the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone - my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when striving cease!
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone - who took on flesh
Fullness of God and helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

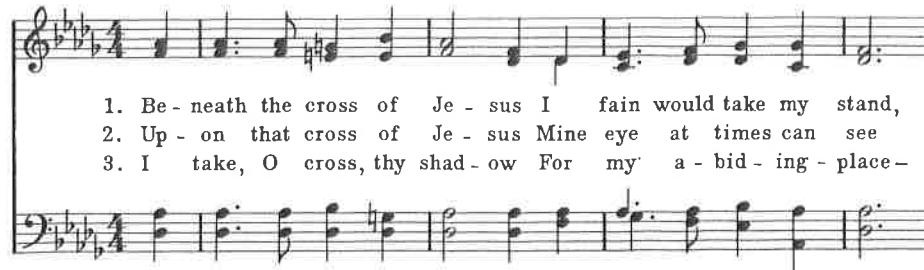
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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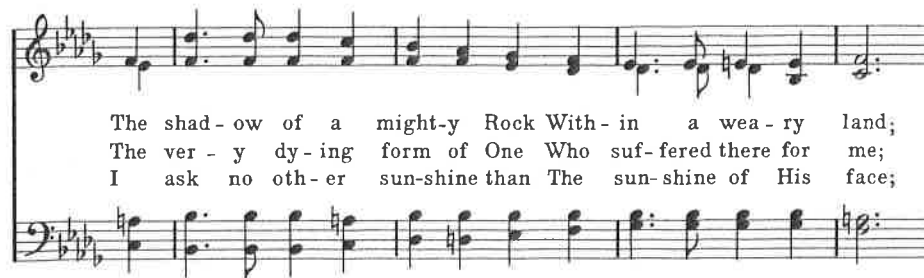
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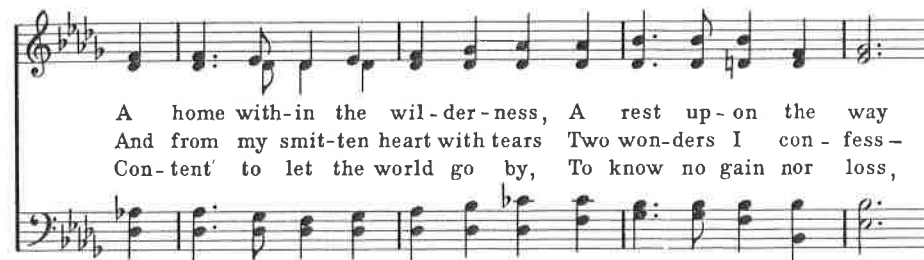
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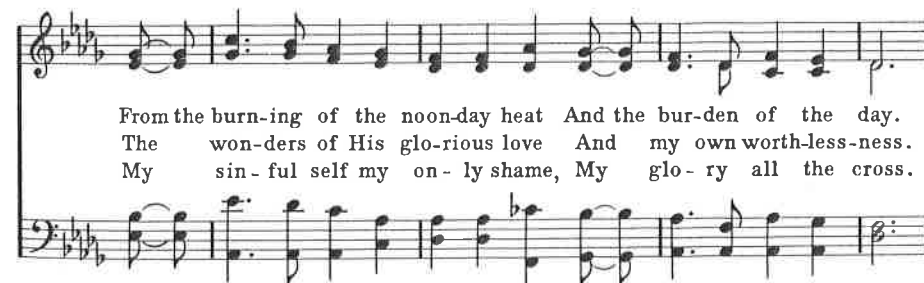
1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2. Up - on that cross of Je - sus Mine eye at times can see
 3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow For my a - bid - ing - place -



The shad - ow of a might - y Rock With - in a wea - ry land;
 The ver - y dy - ing form of One Who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than The sun - shine of His face;



A home with - in the wil - der - ness, A rest up - on the way
 And from my smit - ten heart with tears Two won - ders I con - fess -
 Con - tent' to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,



From the burn - ing of the noon - day heat And the bur - den of the day.
 The won - ders of His glo - rious love And my own worth - less - ness.
 My sin - ful self my on - ly shame, My glo - ry all the cross.

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience bear our cross,
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

Through a world that would de - ceive us And to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where he is there is no loss.
 He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, since you are our head,

On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, Pil - grims here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, We shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion That would lead us in - to sin;
 We are your own liv - ing mem - bers; Where you live, there we shall be

Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do our Fa - ther's bid - ding.
 All dis - com - forts that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 Then by grace we all may win Un - told fruits of his cre - a - tion.
 In your pres - ence con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bid - e; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; Help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, un - to you I die, There to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, if I faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN
 PM

THE WONDERFUL CROSS

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.

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.

3. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. (Chorus)

4. 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.