IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

Hymn Devotion - March 26

Scripture – I Corinthians 2:1-2, 4-5

Galatians 6:14

In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Towering o’er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o’ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me,  
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Towering o’er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.

John Bowring (1792-1872)

The Cross it towers and sometimes even seems to loom over time - it is ever present, never to be or should be forgotten. It gives light to our path and we can abide in its shadow. One thing that is sure is that humans are not the wrecks of time because we are created in the image of God although we may make wrecks of our own lives but we always have a refuge in the Cross of Christ where peace and joy can be found.

1. In whose cross should we give praise and thanksgiving?

2. What are some of the “wrecks” of time?

3. What gathers around the head of the cross sublime?

4. Verse 2: What do the woes of life sometimes do?

5. List the two woes:

6. What will never forsake us?

8. Verse 3: What is beaming?

9. What does it shine on our way?

10. The Cross has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ adding

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the day.

11. Verse 4: Bane is ruin, woe. List the two sets of opposites:

12. How are these opposites sanctified?

13. What is in the Cross that knows no measure?

14. What does joy do?

15. Verse 5: Is a repeat of the first verse - Give some reasons why the verse may have been repeated:

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

Hymn Devotion - March 27

Scripture – Mark 11:7-10

Matthew 21:9

All glory, laud and honor,  
To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To Whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David’s royal Son,  
Who in the Lord’s Name comest,  
The King and Blessèd One.

The company of angels  
Are praising Thee on High,  
And mortal men and all things  
Created make reply.

The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went;  
Our prayer and praise and anthems  
Before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion,  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises;  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King.

Theodulf of Orleans (c. 750-821)

Translated by John Mason Neale

(1818-1866)

He is our Redeemer and King all glory, praise and honor are due him! Not only for what He did for us on Calvary but just the fact that He is who He is - creator and redeemer!

We are asking here that He accept our praises as He accepted the praise of the Hebrews on the first Palm Sunday although He knew they were going to go from hosannas to horrible accusations in just a few days. He knows as well that we are going to sin as well but still is ready to accept our praise, forgive us when we fail and accept our praise again.

1. Laud is praise. All glory, praise and honor to whom?

2. Where does the sound come from?

3. Hosannas are a shout of adoration. What did they do?

4. Who is He? (Name two)

5. In Whose name does He come?

6. Who is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. Verse 2: Who was praising on high?

8. Who made a reply?

9. Who are the people of the Hebrews?

10. What did they go before Him with?

11. What three things did they present before Him?

12. Verse 3: Passion is the suffering of Christ. Before the passion what happened?

13. We raise our melody to now the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

14. He accepted the praises of those on the first Palm Sunday now what is asked?

15. What does He delight in?

16. How is Jesus described?

O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

Hymn Devotion - March 28

Scripture - Isaiah 53:4-6

Matthew 27:28-29

O sacred Head, now wounded,

With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded

With thorns, Thine only crown;  
How pale Thou art with anguish,

With sore abuse and scorn!

How does that visage languish

Which once was bright as morn!

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered,

Was all for sinners’ gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression,

But Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!

’Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor,

Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow

To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow,

Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever,

And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never

Outlive my love to Thee.

Attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux

(1091-1153­)

Translated from Latin into German by

Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)

Translated into English by

James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859)

We know we cannot outlive God’s love for us but we also do not want our love for Him to go away either. He suffered for our sin, our sin is the reason He went to the cross. His once bright and shining face grew sad and hurt as died. His pity, concern for us never goes away, it even grows stronger as our faith and relationship with Him grows stronger.

1. A synonyms of sacred are holy, blessed, divine to name a few. What has happened to the sacred Head?

2. How was it wounded?

3. What was this Head surrounded with?

4. He was pale with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. With \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Visage is literary a face; a countenance. Languish is to be or grow feeble; lose or lack vitality. What was the face once like?

7. Verse 2: Who gained by the suffering of Jesus?

8. Whose was the sin or transgression did Jesus suffer?

9. Who suffered the pain?

10. The fall in this line is to literary bow down or perhaps even prostrate.

Who deserves His place?

11. How are we asking God to look upon us?

12. Vouchsafe means to condescend to give or grant. What are we asking God to grant us?

13. Verse 3: What is often hard to find words to express?

14. What words are used to describe Jesus?

15. How did Jesus feel when dying?

16. Does His pity for us as sinners ever end?

17. What is our wish?

18. Fainting here could even mean death - Even at death what do we never, never want to let happen?

AND CAN IT BE?

Hymn Devotion - March 29

Scripture – Romans 8:1-3

Acts 12:7

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior’s blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain—  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:  
*Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

He left His Father’s throne above  
So free, so infinite His grace—  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam’s helpless race:  
’Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!

*Refrain*  
’Tis mystery all: th’Immortal dies:  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine.  
’Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.

*Refrain*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature’s night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
*Refrain*

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th’eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

That is the mystery - How can it be that He would die for me? Love is the only answer. Love that sets our heart free allowing us to rise go forth and follow Him. Don’t be imprisoned in sin be set free by the blood of Jesus.

1. What is the “interest” that we gain in the Savior’s blood?

2. What did He do for me and you?

3. How did we cause His pain?

4. How did we pursue Him to death?

5. Verse 2: What did He leave?

6. So \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and His grace so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. What was the only thing He had left?

8. What kind of race are we?

9. What is mercy?

10. What is the “it” in the last line?

11. Verse 3: What is it all?

12. Who is the Immortal?

13. What do we have a hard time exploring?

14. Who tries?

15. What has been tried to measure?

16. It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_all! Let earth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

17. Who should enquire no more?

18. Verse 4: What is an unsaved spirit?

19. Bound by \_\_\_\_\_ in nature’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

20. The eye of Christ sent forth a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ray.

21. I woke - the next three lines are a vivid picture of what happens to a heart and soul when what happens?

22. Verse 5: What do we not have to dread in Christ?

23. What is ours?

24. Looking at the last sentence describe all that we are and all that we can do when Christ is our own:

25. Chorus: What is the reason Christ died for us?

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

Hymn Devotion - March 30

Scripture - Luke 24:46-49

Matthew 28:7

The day of resurrection!

Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness,

The Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,

From earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over,

With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,

That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal

Of resurrection light;  
And listening to His accents,

May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own “All hail!” and, hearing,

May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!

Let earth the song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph,

And all that is therein!  
Let all things seen

And unseen their notes in gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord hath risen,

Our joy that hath no end.

John of Damascus (eighth century)

Translated by John Mason Neale

(1818-1866)

Let the heavens be joyful; the earth begins to sing the whole world is in the mode of this victory this success in overcoming death for all eternity. We the seen will blend with the unseen, the risen Lord, we have not seen Him we have the Gospels written by those who did see the risen Lord. Because of this risen Lord our joy will have no end. Hallelujah!

1. What is the earth to do about the day of resurrection?

2. List the two “Passover”statements:

3. List the two “from” statements:

4. Who brought us over?

5. How?

6. Verse 2: How can our hearts be pure from evil?

7. How then can we see?

8. What kind of light can we see the Lord?

9. Accents are the way things are said. First we must do what?

10. How then we may hear?

11. When we hear the “All hail” what is our response?

12. Verse 3: Now let the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

13. Let \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

14. What will the world around do?

15. Who will do all this?

16. Let all things \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

17. What will blend?

18. Why?

19. When will our joy end?

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

Hymn Devotion - March 31

Scripture – John 12:12-13

Hosanna, loud hosanna,

The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple

The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them

Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises,

The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed

Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving,

And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of men and angels

Rode on in lowly state,  
Nor scorned that little children

Should on His bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!”

That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer,

The Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise Him

With heart and life and voice,  
And in His blissful presence

Eternally rejoice!

Jeannette Threlfall (1821-1880)

Now the song is very old but the significance has not changed He is our Redeemer, Lord of heaven and our King! We now praise Him with our very heart, life and voice. In eternity we will be in His blissful presence and will be singing His praises as we rejoice forever!

Hosanna in the Highest! Amen.

1. Hosanna is a shout of adoration - affection, love - Lord, save us! A cry of praise. How is this praise, adoration made?

2. Who sang the praise?

3. Where was it sang?

4. How was the song described?

5. To whom was it sang?

6. What had He done for the children?

7. How is the praise sung by the children described?

8. Verse 2: Olivet is another way to say Mount of Olives. Who are the “they” in this line?

9. Who were they among?

10. What were they doing?

11. Who is the Lord of?

12. What state did He ride in?

13. Nor = and not. Synonyms of scorn are ignore, disregard, rebuff.

What did Jesus do about the praise from the children?

14. Verse 3: Where was the Lord exulted to?

15. How old is the song?

16. What is Christ to us? (Name them all in the two lines)

17. How long should we praise Him?

18. What with?

19. How is the presence we will be in described?

20. How long will the rejoicing be?