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THE WONDROUS CROSS

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.

Look to the cross! The Lenten season again is with us. It brings us humbly before our Savior. Truly we have been made rich through the forgiveness of our sins, which we gained through Jesus' death. Jesus, the Prince, dying in a horrible way for the paupers' sin.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

We owe everything to Jesus. We are saved by His grace, not of our own merit. It is a gift given to us by God. We, in gratitude, want to live for Him. The earthly things seem unimportant now. These we can sacrifice, can give up. He gave His life – His sacrifice.

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?

His life! That's a lot! We look at His suffering the pain of the crown of thorns on His brow, the beating, the nails through His hands and feet. The sorrow of our sins was truly His greatest pain. How could He do all this for us? Surely we don't deserve it. But He loved us, very deeply does He love us, and this love was so great that He could do this for us!

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

All the things of this world, the riches, the jewels, nothing could repay Jesus for this act of love. Love so great can only be returned by our total dedication to Him. As the hymn says, "my soul, my life, my all." To do this, we need to be repentant. We express repentance not only during Lent, but throughout the year.

THE PASSION PSALM - A PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

PSALM 51 (ESV)

Read Responsively

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,
so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.**

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.

Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You.

**Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness.**

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**For You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
You will not be pleased with a burnt offering.**

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Do good to Zion in Your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;
then will You delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on Your altar.

Amen.

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