We sing the praise of him who died

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Melody: Breslau

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We sing the praise of him who died, of him who died upon the cross; the sinner's hope let men deride, for this we count the world but loss.

Inscribed upon the cross we see in shining letters, 'God is love'; he bears our sins upon the Tree; he brings us mercy from above.

The Cross! it takes our guilt away: it holds the fainting spirit up; it cheers with hope the gloomy day, and sweetens every bitter cup.

It makes the coward spirit brave, and nerves the feeble arm for fight; it takes its terror from the grave, and gilds the bed of death with light:

the balm of life, the cure of woe, the measure and the pledge of love, the sinner's refuge here below, the angels' theme in heaven above.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

Music: German traditional melody as used by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)