



# WHEN I SURVEY THE WORDROUS

A MUSICAL FOR EASTER

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The Cross Has the Final Word
The Wonderful Cross
Victory in Jesus
What Wondrous Love Is This

What Wondrous Love Is This
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
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# **FOREWORD**

As Easter approaches each year, I find myself looking forward to all that comes with this time of year. Trees and flowers bud and bloom ... the landscape turns green ... birds sing at the first light of each new day. It is all such a wonderful scene. Everywhere one looks, there is new life and vibrant color.

Meanwhile, the closer the calendar gets to Holy Week, I am reminded of the glory of the cross of Jesus Christ. As I behold the beauty and majesty of Calvary's tree, I am immediately struck by the ugliness of my own humanity and sin. I cannot begin to understand the magnitude of what Christ endured for me—such unrelenting agony and shame. He traded my unrighteousness for His perfection. What a Savior!

First Corinthians 1:18 says, "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (NIV). As you sing these songs throughout your weeks of preparation and celebration this year, I encourage you to prayerfully consider anew the unimaginable gift of atonement, redemption, and freedom that Jesus purchased for you upon the cross. He gave His blood and life so that the cross might endure as the ultimate symbol of salvation, hope, and eternal power for all mankind.

In Christ.

Craig Adams

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Because He Lives (Amen), Never Once, and Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Arranged by Craig Adams



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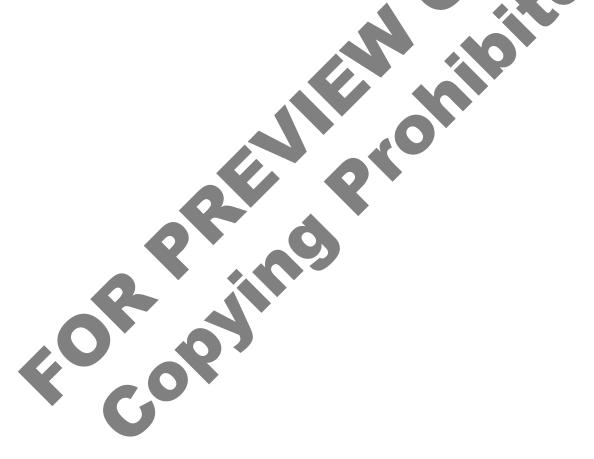






#### NARRATION 1

Never has there been a more enduring symbol of God's faithfulness than the cross of Christ. Unreasonably accused, unjustifiably convicted, and unduly sentenced, the only Son of God was beaten beyond recognition, nailed to a cross of wood, (music begins) and hung to die in agony and shame. The sin and iniquity of all mankind was laid upon our selfless suffering servant, Jesus.



## Ten Thousand Angels

Words and Music by RAY OVERHOLT Arranged by Craig Adams























#### NARRATION 2

The Gospel of Luke recounts history's darkest hour in this way: "It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three, because the sun's light failed. The curtain of the sanctuary was split down the middle. And Jesus called out with a loud voice, 'Father, into your hands I entrust my spirit.' Saying this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what happened, he began to glorify God, saying, 'This man really was righteous!' All the crowds that had gathered for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, went home, striking their chests. But all who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, (music begins) stood at a distance, watching these things" (Luke 23:44-49, CSB).

From the distance of more than two thousand years, we, too, look upon the bitter crucifixion of Christ. Considering the weight of our own sin and imperfection, our souls cry out, "What wondrous love is this, O my soul!"

## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

























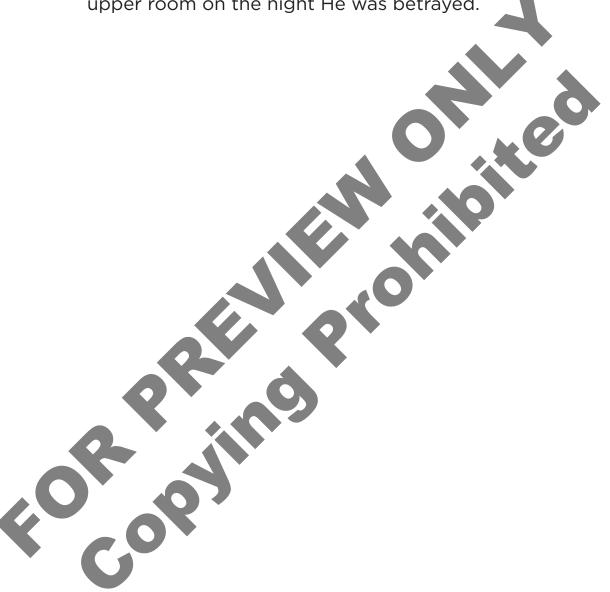




## NARRATION 3



In the shadow of the cross, our hearts frame the moments Jesus shared with His disciples in the upper room on the night He was betrayed.



### The Broken Who Break the Bread

Words and Music by BEV HERREMA, DON KOCH, and ALLI LaPOINTE Arranged by Craig Adams



















## NARRATION 4

Let us pause to remember and give thanks for the sacrificial and spotless Lamb of God.

"As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take and eat it; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them and said, 'Drink from it, all of you. For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:26-28, CSB).

Thanks be to our loving heavenly Father, this perfect atonement was only the beginning of His plan! Never before has there been a more powerful and transformational instance of God's faithfulness than this: Three days after Jesus had been crucified and buried, the Almighty God fulfilled His promise and breathed everlasting life into Jesus' body. (music begins) The stone was rolled away from the tomb, and Jesus, the King of glory, walked out alive! Let's lift a triumphant song of praise, now and forevermore! Christ is risen, just as He said!

#### For Choir and Congregation

## He Arose Medley

includes

Christ Arose, Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, and Victory in Jesus



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and Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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THE BROKEN WHO BREAK THE BREAD

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