

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**"Lift High the Cross"**

Hymnal No. 159

*Refrain:*

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.  
The hosts of God in unity combine.**

*Refrain*

**Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.**

*Refrain*

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.**

*Refrain*

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!**

*Refrain*

**\*Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20**

Hymnal No. 888

This is the good news which we have received,  
in which we stand and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins, was buried,  
was raised on the third day, and appeared to the women,  
then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**WE believe Jesus is the Christ,  
the Anointed One of God, the first born from the dead,  
in whom we hold together, in whom the fullness of God  
was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood  
of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Preparation "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**  
Hymnal No. 298

**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.**

**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 to his blood.**

**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?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

**\*Hymn of Response "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" Hymnal No. 163**

**Ask ye what great thing I know,  
that delights and stirs me so?  
What the high reward I win?  
Whose the name I glory in?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.**

**Who defeats my fiercest foes?  
Who consoles my saddest woes?  
Who revives my fainting heart,  
healing all its hidden smart?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.**

**Who is life in life to me?  
Who the death of death will be?  
Who will place me on his right,  
with the countless hosts of light?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.**

**This is that great thing I know;  
this delights and stirs me so:  
faith in him who died to save,  
him who triumphed o'er the grave:  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.**