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1. Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, for us yourself once giving
to the darkest depths of woe:
through your suff'ring, death and merit,
life eternal we inherit;
thousand, thousand thanks are due,
dearest Jesus, unto you.
2. You have suffered great affliction
and have borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion:
our atonement full and free.
Lord, you chose to be tormented
that our doom should be prevented;
thousand, thousand thanks are due,
dearest Jesus, unto you.
3. Lord, for all that bought our pardon,
for the sorrows deep and sore,
for the anguish in the garden,
we will thank you evermore,
thank you for the groaning, sighing,
for the vict'ry of your dying,
for that last triumphant cry,
praise you evermore on high.

TEXT: Ernst Christoph Homburg (1659). Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1863), alt.

TUNE: Christoph Anton (c. 1642); C. Gregor Choralbuch (1784)

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