



True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as
Messiah: grant us the faith
to know you and love you,
that we may be found
beside you on the way of
the cross, which is the path
of glory.
Amen

*Now the daylight flees;
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His
head.*

*Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life;
"Finished!" the victory cry.*

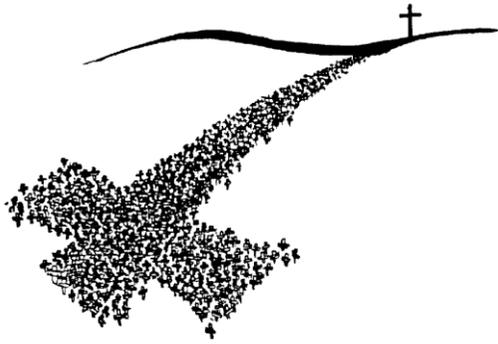
*This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the
wrath—*

*We stand forgiven at the cross.
(Stuart Townend)*



**WATCHING
FROM A
DISTANCE**

**Anticipating
the cross in
Mark's gospel**



NOTES

@ the beginning of Mark's story

Jesus

Heaven being torn open

Jesus the Son of God

@ the end of Mark's story

Jesus

The temple curtain was torn in two

Jesus the Son of God

Mark 1 v 9 - 11

⁹One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. ¹⁰As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy."

¹⁴ Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. (Hebrews 9 v 14)

Mark 15 v 37 - 39

³⁷ Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, "This man truly was the Son of God!"

¹⁹ And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. ²⁰ By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. (Hebrews 10 v 19 - 22)

