

THREE DAYS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD (5)

A forgiving Saviour – Luke 23:32-38

3rd April 2022



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Welcome and notices

- Palm Sunday next week
- Holy Week services:
 - Wednesday Communion 10am (13 Apr)
 - Maundy Thursday Communion 7.30pm (14 Apr)
 - Good Friday all-age service 10.30am (15 Apr)
 - Good Friday walk of witness 12-3pm
 - Good Friday silent prayer 12-3pm
 - Easter Sunrise service 6.30am (17 Apr)
 - Easter Communion celebration 10.30am
 - Easter Praise 5pm



Also Norwich Passion Play by the Saltmine Theatre Company will be on Easter Saturday 16 April, 11am and 3pm. It's FREE!



Call to worship

‘Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon’ (Isaiah 55:6-7).



Opening prayer

Lord of all time and eternity, we come in praise and thankfulness for your kindness to us and your love for us. We are sorry for the times we have ignored you and lived as though you don't live.



Forgive us, we pray, that our lives
may once again be centred on
you, to the glory of your holy
name. **Amen.**



Assurance of pardon

Psalm 32:1 declares 'Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.' You are blessed because in Christ your sins are forgiven. Now follow him wherever he may lead you,



and may his Holy Spirit guide
your steps to the glory of God
the Father. **Amen.**



Songs

- JESUS, MY KING,
- SEEMS LIKE SO LONG AGO
- OH, THE JOY OF YOUR
FORGIVENESS



JESUS, MY KING, my wonderful Saviour



**JESUS, MY KING, my wonderful
Saviour,
All of my life is given to Thee.
Now I am living in Your great
salvation,
Your precious blood is making me
free.**



**Wonderful Saviour, wonderful
Saviour,**

You are so near, so precious to me.

**Wonderful Saviour, wonderful
Saviour,**

**My heart is filled with praises to
Thee.**



**Freedom from sin, Oh wonderful
story,**

**All of its stains washed whiter than
snow.**

**Jesus has come to live in this
temple;**

All of my days His love I will show.



**Wonderful Saviour, wonderful
Saviour,**

You are so near, so precious to me.

**Wonderful Saviour, wonderful
Saviour,**

**My heart is filled with praises to
Thee.**



**Jesus my Lord, I'll ever adore Thee,
Lay at Your feet my treasures of
love.**

**Lead me in ways to show forth Your
glory,**

**Ways that will end in heaven
above.**



**Wonderful Saviour, wonderful
Saviour,**

You are so near, so precious to me.

**Wonderful Saviour, wonderful
Saviour,**

**My heart is filled with praises to
Thee.**



**When in that bright and beautiful
city,
There I will see Your glories untold.
I will be like You, my wonderful
Saviour;
I will sing praise while ages unfold.**



**Wonderful Saviour, wonderful
Saviour,**

You are so near, so precious to me.

**Wonderful Saviour, wonderful
Saviour,**

**My heart is filled with praises to
Thee.**





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**SEEMS LIKE SO LONG AGO,
Upon a rugged cross,
Jesus, the Lamb of God,
Was crucified for us.
The ransom there was paid
To set the sinner free,
And His blood still cries mercy over me.**



**Still cries mercy, mercy, mercy.
His blood still cries mercy over me.
(Repeat)**



**My Saviour's dying words
Expressed love pure and true:
'Father, forgive them,
For they know not what they do.'
He interceded there
Despite His agony,
And His prayer still pleads mercy over
me.**



**Still cries mercy, mercy, mercy.
His blood still cries mercy over me.
(Repeat)**



**I thank You, Lord,
That I don't get what I deserve;
I thank You for Your awesome grace.
Instead of judgement,
The abundance of Your love,
Goodness and mercy all my days.**



**Still cries mercy, mercy, mercy.
His blood still cries mercy over me.
(Repeat)**





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OH, THE JOY OF YOUR FORGIVENESS
Slowly sweeping over me;
Now in heartfelt adoration
This praise I'll bring
To You, my King,
I'll worship You, my Lord.



Offertory prayer

Loving Lord, in heartfelt adoration we offer you these gifts and our lives, for your glory's sake. **Amen.**



Luke 23: 32 - 38

32 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. 33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals –



one on his right, the other on his left.

34 Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him.



They said, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One.'

36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.'

38 There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Activity

Table talk – Forgiveness

Craft – make and decorate a cross
to remember God has forgiven you
because of Jesus



Prayers

Loving Father God, we remember before you Roger Hinton who died on Tuesday evening. We thank you for his life and faith, for his insatiable appetite for learning and knowledge, for his love of music



and his service to the community, in particular the Bowthorpe Community Trust. We pray for Sheila and their daughter Sarah, that as they grieve they may know that Roger is safe in your hands.



We also pray for Sylvia and the loss of her son Andrew. We pray for your comfort and peace to be with Sylvia and all the family, just as we pray for all people whose loved ones have died.



We also pray for Ukraine and Russia,
that reconciliation and forgiveness
may be found between these two
nations that once considered
themselves brothers.



Finally, we pray for all in need of forgiveness; those who need to forgive others but cannot, those who need to forgive themselves but will not. Father God, may your forgiveness break into the lives



of all seeking forgiveness and reconciliation. We thank you for your forgiveness for us through the cross and the death of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be
done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

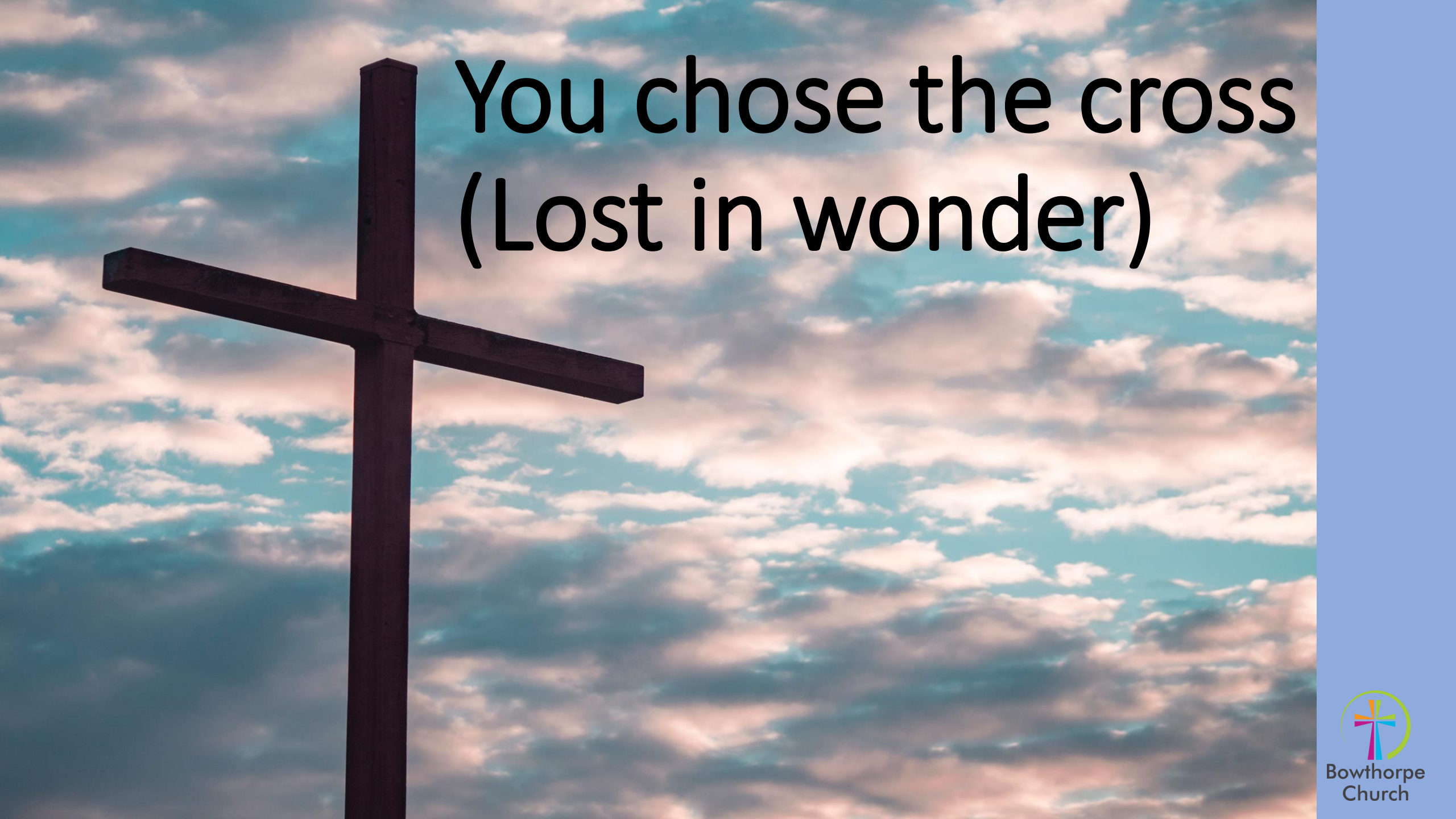


**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against
us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and
the glory are yours now and for
ever. Amen.**





You chose the cross
(Lost in wonder)



**You chose the cross with every
breath**

The perfect life, the perfect death

You chose the cross

A crown of thorns you wore for us



**And crowned us with eternal life
You chose the cross
And though your soul was
overwhelmed with pain
Obedient to death you overcame**



**I'm lost in wonder, I'm lost in love
I'm lost in praise for evermore
Because of Jesus' unfailing love
I am forgiven, I am restored**



**You loosed the chords of sinfulness
And broke the chains of my
disgrace
You chose the cross
Up from the grave victorious**



You rose again so glorious

You chose the cross

**The sorrow that surrounded you
was mine**

**Yet not my will but yours be done
you cried**



Closing prayer and blessing

Loving, forgiving God, help us this week to be those who forgive because we have been forgiven.

Help us to walk in your mercy and love, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit be among you and remain
with you always. **Amen.**



Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.

