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JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN

1. Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe;
2. Thou, O Christ, hast tak - en on Thee bit - ter strokes, a cru - el rod;
3. Thou didst bear the smit-ing on - ly that it might not fall on me;
4. Then for all that wrought our par-don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

who Thy-self for us once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe,
pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee, O Thou sin - less Son of God;
stood-est false - ly charged and lone-ly that I might be safe and free;
for the an-guish in the gar - den, I will thank Thee ev - er-more,

pa - tient - ly didst yield Thy breath but to save my soul from death;
on - ly thus for me to win, res - cue from the bonds of sin;
com - fort-less that I might know com - fort from Thy bound - less woe;
thank Thee with my lat - est breath for Thy sad and cru - el death,

praise and glo - ry ev - er be, bless-ed Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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for that last and bit - ter cry, praise Thee ev - er - more on high.

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