

# Before Your Cross, O Jesus

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*Ferdinand Q. Blanchard, 1929; alt.*

*Mark 8:34; Gal. 6:14; Phil. 1:27; 3:7-10*

1 Be-fore your cross, O Je-sus,  
our lives are judged to-day;  
the mean-ing of our ea-ger strife  
is test-ed by your way.  
A-cross our rest-less liv--ing  
the light streams from your cross,  
and by its clear, re-veal-ing beams  
we mea-sure gain and loss.

2 The hopes that lead us on-ward,  
the fears that hold us back,  
our will to dare great things for God,  
the cour-age that we lack,  
The faith we keep in good--ness,  
our love, as low or pure,  
on all, the judg-ment of the cross  
falls stead-y, clear, and sure.

3 Yet hum-bly, in our striv-ing,  
we rise to face its test.  
We crave the power to do your will  
as once you did it best.  
On us let now the heal--ing  
of your great Spir-it fall,  
and make us brave and full of joy  
to an-swer to your call.

2 John 1:3; Isa. 2:2-4

Refrain, Satish Kumar

Stanzas, Marty Haugen, 1985

*Refrain* C C7 F G C G/B Am

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from de -

Dm7 G C Dm7 C7/E C7 Dm7

spair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to

G C/E E7 Am Dm7 G

love, from war to peace; let peace fill our hearts, let

Em Am Dm7 C/E Dm/F C/G G7 C

peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse.

*to Stanzas*

*Last time, end*

1 Still all the an-gry cries, still all the an-gry guns, still now your  
 2 So man-y lone-ly hearts, so man-y bro-ken lives, long-ing for  
 3 Let jus-tice ev-er roll, let mer-cy fill the earth, let us be -

Dm7 G Em7 Am

peo-ple die, earth's sons and daugh-ters. Let jus-tice roll, let  
 love to break in - to their an - guish. Come, teach us love,  
 gin to grow in - to your peo - ple. We can be love,

Dm7 G7 C Am Dm7

mer - cy pour down, come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.  
 come, teach us peace, come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.  
 we can bring peace, we can still be your way of com - pas-sion.

E7 Am F D7/F# C/G G7 C to Refrain