

Thought for the day – Monday 27th June 2022

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Father, Forgive. - Parable and Paradox

Luke 23.34 Then said Jesus “Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Father, forgive, and so forgiveness flows;
Flows from the very wound our hatred makes
Flows through the taunts, the curses and the blows,
Flows through our wasted world, a healing spring
Welling and cleansing, washing all the marks
Away, the scores and scars of every wrong.
Forgiveness flows to where we need it most;
Right in the pit and smithy of our sin,
Just where the dreadful nails are driven in;
Just where our woundedness has done its worst.
We know your cry of pain should be a curse,
Yet turn to you and find we have been blessed.
We know not what we do, but heaven knows
For every sin on earth, forgiveness flows.

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I am so grateful for Malcolm’s poems
And for the love of Christ.