

Thought for the day – Tuesday 23rd March 2021

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For God so loved

While preparing for Mothering Sunday, I glanced at the reading for the 4th Sunday of Lent. It contains possibly the most famous verse in the Bible. John 3.16

The Gideons acknowledge this and say.

“The best known verse in the Bible

There is a verse in the Bible that has been translated into more than 2,300 languages and dialects. It tells of a God who loves us with an everlasting love. The verse is John 3.16.”

It reads “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

I have sung the verse many times – struggling to reach the high notes on the Londonderry Air.

“For God so loved the world” I find it written

In verse sixteen John’s Gospel, chapter three,

He gave His Son” Who was for sinners smitten,

When nailed upon the cross at Calvary.

Such wondrous love, it passes human knowledge,

For Jesus died that we might ever live;

Eternal Life! So none need ever perish

This life to all believing souls He now will give.

WGD Taylor CSSM choruses

Or perhaps easier to sing in the chorus of Jesus is the Saviour.

“For God so loved the world that he gave

His only begotten Son

That whosoever believeth in Him

Should not perish but have everlasting life”

M Wood Youth Praise! don’t mind repeating it.

It has spoken to me throughout my life and speaks to all.