

## **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

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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.