

Words from the Cross

- *Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*

*Luke, John and Matthew bear full witness
In their words in scriptures scribed
As the last our Saviour uttered
As on the crucifix He died*

*For his tormentors He begged absolution: "Father,
forgive them, they know not what they do."
Teaching kindness, love, forgiveness
A kindled lamp to light the way for me and you*

Luke 23:33-34

*To Mary, His Mother, He gave all his people
In the person of His apostle, John,
And to all of us He gave, thus, His Mother:
"There is your mother." "Woman, there is your son."*

John 19:25-27

*To his cross-mate, a criminal, a brigand
Who, too, that day, at Golgotha, dies,
A promise of sweet mercy, "I assure you:
This day you will be with me in paradise."*

Luke 23:39-43

*"I am thirsty." And, "Now it is finished."
And then, at His humanity's end,*

John 19:28, John 19:29-30

*"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
"Father, into Your hands my spirit I commend."*

Matthew 27:45-46

Luke 23:44-46