

'Take Up Thy Cross', the Savior Said

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Setting: "Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book", 1931.

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♩ = 120

1. "Take up thy cross," the Sa - vior said, "If thou wouldst My dis - ci - ple be;
2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight Fill thy weak spi - rit with a - larm;
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, Nor let thy fool - ish pride re - bel;
4. Take up thy cross then in His strength, And calm - ly sin's wild de - luge brave,
5. Take up thy cross and fol - low Christ, Nor think til death to lay it down;

De - ny thy - self, the world for - sake, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter Me."
His strength shall bear thy spi - rit up, And brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.
Thy Lord for thee the cross en - dured, And saved thy soul from death and hell.
'Twill guide thee to a bet - ter home, It points to glo - ry o'er the grave.
For on - ly those who bear the cross May hope to wear the glor - ious crown.

6. To Thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
All praise forevermore ascend:
O grant us in our home to see
The heavenly life that knows no end.