

Hymns11.5.8 THE DEATH OF JESUS

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13 NRSV

The death of Jesus give us life;

His broken body makes us whole.

The cross -- its pain and deadly strife--

killed One who would redeem the soul.

*No greater love can humans know, than His which leads our love to grow.*

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He lived by love until the end,

a love destroying death and sin.

Christ calls us then not “slave,” but “friend”

and bids the holy meal begin.

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Christ calls us then in turn to go

into the world with love, to show

to neighbor, stranger, friend or foe

through kindly acts, so they will know,

*that branches growing from God’s vine, will rise with Christ to life divine.*

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