For the Sake of Christ

In loving memory of Arleen Dunne

Based on 2 Corinthians 5:15; 12:7–10

Ken Canedo

INTRO  Rubato, espressivo (q = ca. 60)

Gm9 Am7 Dm Am7 Dm Am7

REFRAIN

Melody

For the sake of Christ, I will-ing-ly ac-cept my weak-ness and my trials, for

Harmony

Dm Dm/C Bbmaj7 Dm/A Gm9 Am7 Bbmaj7 C6

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when I am powerless, then I am strong.

1. All
2. And

When I am powerless, then I am strong.

Gm Dm/A Bbmaj9 B6 Am7

when I am powerless, then I am strong.

Gm Dm Am7 Dm Am7

to Verses 1, 2

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to Verse 3

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VERSES 1, 2

1. (Al -) though in God’s love my life was blest, my faith was given to the
   Dm Dm/C Bbmaj7 C/B> Dm/A Gm C
2. (And) so when I am weak, then I am free. The power of Christ will rest in

   Dm Dm/C Bbmaj7 C/B> Dm/A Gm C

1. test. For mercy did I pray, and then I heard God say, “My
2. me. Through all that I endure, the love of God is sure. His

   Fadd9 F Ebmaj7 A7 Dm Dm/C

   rit. molto rit. D.S.

   Gm Am7 Bbmaj7 Am7 Gm Am7 Dm Am7

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VERSE 3: Stronger

3. (He) died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves. Oh, live for Christ who gave his life, and now is raised on high.

poco meno mosso

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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NC mp a tempo poco rit.

Capo 5:

Gm9 Am7 Dm Am7 Dm Am7

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REFRAIN

(Fmaj7) (Am) (Fmaj7) (Dm9)

(Dm) (Am/G)

Melody a tempo

For the sake of Christ, I will-ing-ly ac-cept my wea-k-ness and my trials, for

Harmony a tempo

For the sake of Christ, I will-ing-ly ac-cept my trials.

(Dm) (Am/E) (Gm9) (Bbmaj7) (F6) (Em7)

Gm Dm/A Bbmaj9 B6 Am7

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1, 2 (Am) (Em7) (Am) (Em7)

(Dm) Am7 Dm Am7

to Verses 1, 2

3 (Am) (G/B) (C/E) (F)

(Dm) (Am) (Em7) (Am) (Em7) (Am)

Dm Am7 Dm Am7 Dm

to Verse 3

Final

Final

strong. 3. He strong.

strong. strong.

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Composer Notes

This is St. Paul’s powerful and moving testimony about the redemptive suffering of Christ, who taught us to let go of power and embrace our weakness. God’s grace is more than enough to see us through any trial.

The key to performing this song lies in keeping it simple. Sometimes at liturgy we have too much of what I call “AIAT” (All Instruments, All the Time). Give the musicians and the assembly a break and try varying the times when all the instruments are playing. For this song, I recommend piano and cello (if you have one) only.

The melody is almost chant-like. Try singing the first refrain a cappella, like chant. Bring in the contrapuntal harmony after the first verse. Breaking into SATB on Verse 3 will make the song soar; please watch the dynamics. Bring the song to a soft landing with a solemn final refrain.

—Ken Canedo

For the Sake of Christ
FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST

For the sake of Christ, I willingly accept my weakness and my trials,
for when I am powerless, then I am strong.

1. Al-though in God’s love my life was blest, my faith was
given to the test. For mercy did I pray, and then I heard God say,
2. And so when I am weak, then I am free. The power of
Christ will rest in me. Through all that I endure, the love of God is sure.

1. “My grace is enough for you. My grace is enough for you.”
2. His grace is enough for me. His grace is enough for me.

3. He died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves.
3. Oh, live for Christ who gave his life, and now is raised on high.

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