

Close to Thy Cross, O Christ

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1. Close, close to Thy cross, O Christ! My guilt - y soul would fly; Thy
 2. Close, close to Thy cross, O Christ! My bur - dened soul would go; There's
 3. Close, close to Thy cross, O Christ! My tempt - ed soul would stand; No
 4. Close, close to Thy cross, O Christ! My wea - ry soul would rest; No

flow - ing blood can wash me white From sins of crim - son dye!
 sweet re - lief in Thy warm love For ev - ery grief I know!
 foe can harm, no work o'er - task, While un - der Thy kind hand!
 wrath, no fear, no sha - dows there Dis - turb my qui - et breast!

Refrain

Close to Thy cross, close to Thy cross, Je - sus, my Lord, I cling;

Shel - ter me there, shel - ter me there, 'Neath Thy pro - tect - ing wing.