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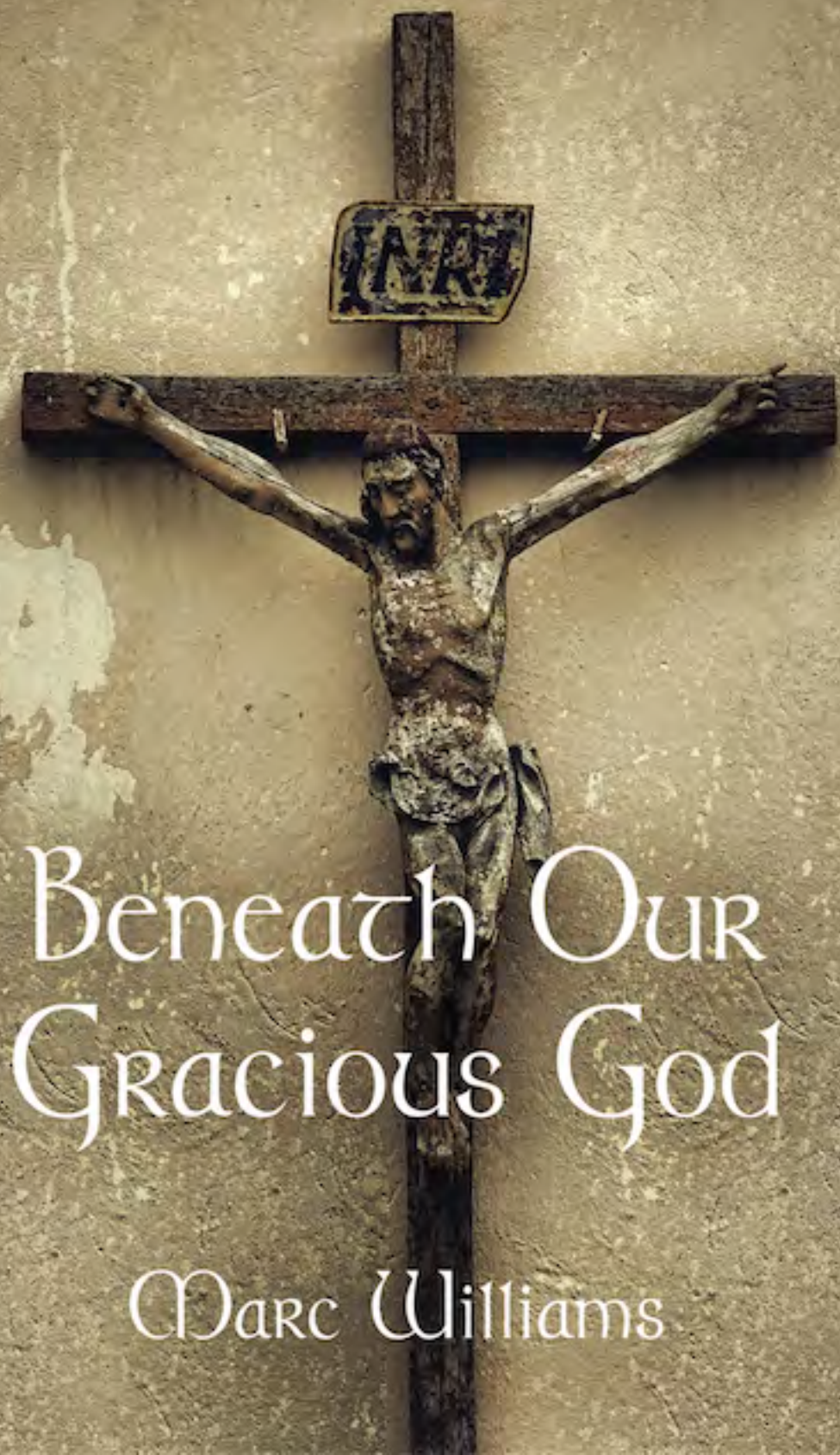
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## **"ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN"**

mouthed to the crowds daily hovering  
around disciples called aloud thru God  
's arcane plan to fashion fresh reverence  
from all the years of wandering idolatry  
in the desert until one day after trial

    You are hauled upon the Cross  
after all both of You have said & done  
        for faith to gain our favour,  
since it is thru us that Your Kingdom  
shall one day prosper from the alembical  
-ly necessary acts of our up-raised mercy  
upon one another,

        riper than promises  
& prayers presuming so. Over twenty centuries,  
we never grasped how to more than taste  
bits of Scripture to numinously better ourselves

because who we are freely leaves You alone  
to merely watch us either laugh or stumble

thru fields of vices, ambition & orphanancy  
wanting no patient Father to guide us  
until calamities squeeze hard our prayers  
bellowed as puerile visitors to Your sanctuary  
to be saved & forgiven

        as delinquent children  
loving the age of no one's requested consent,  
while sprouting holy doubts. No one could shout  
loudly enough to firmly turn our heads,

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no flood or famine can usurp our hearts  
to be relieved of the malice or ennui  
stilling the vowels of mercy to fall asleep  
even while praying—only hollowed casuistry  
after so many days of vowing to become

faith-full to our unseen

Father & Your sacrificial Son,  
bothersomely forgotten until sorely needed  
while bleeding in trenches in our combat  
tinier than death but wounding us  
worse than bearably true.

How to take

You from our impalpably wise Creator  
to be bodily memorable always tomorrow,

no church clutchable at stricken midnight  
or Biblical revival gyrating after sin  
's refusal to die again for our salvation,

how to render You memorable in faith & service  
is to lessen our selves as living hosts

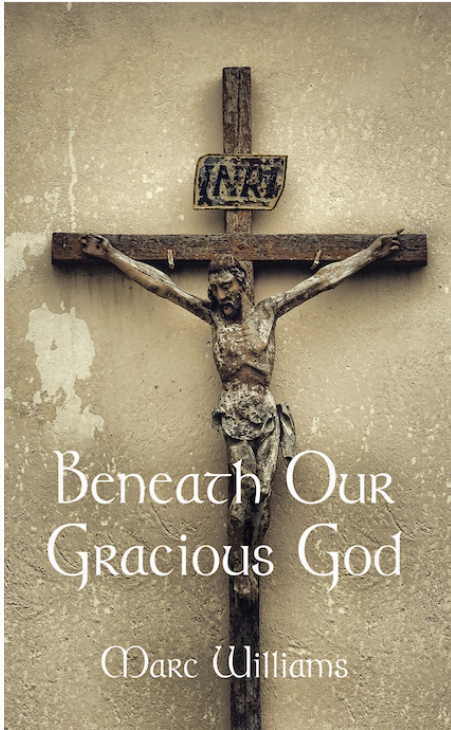
by steadying the ancient wrestling match  
between us & You,  
between what we need & what You want  
for & from us,

God swelling our bellys  
thru our righteous sight of Jesus' face  
wearing Your resurrected peace

no longer entombed or shrouded from human







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