



It Is Finished

The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah



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641 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, for round us
2 In these last days of sore dis - tress grant us, dear
3 O God, how sin's dread works a - bound! Through-out the
4 Lord Je - sus, help, your Church up - hold, for we are



falls the e - ven - tide, nor let your Word,
Lord, true stead - fast - ness that pure we keep,
earth no rest is found, and false-hood's spir -
slug - gish, thought - less, cold. O pros - per well



that heav'n-ly light, for us be ev - er veiled in night.
till life is spent, your ho - ly Word and sac - ra - ment.
it wide has spread, and er - ror bold - ly rears its head.
your Word of grace, and spread its truth in ev - 'ry place.

- 5 O keep us in your Word, we pray;
the guile and rage of Satan stay.
Oh, may your mercy never cease;
give concord, patience, courage, peace.
- 6 A trusty weapon is your Word,
the Church's armor, shield, and sword.
O let us in its pow'r confide
that we may seek no other guide.
- 7 O grant that in your holy Word
we here may live and die, dear Lord;
and when our journey's ending here,
receive us into glory there.

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**we have sinned against you
in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.**

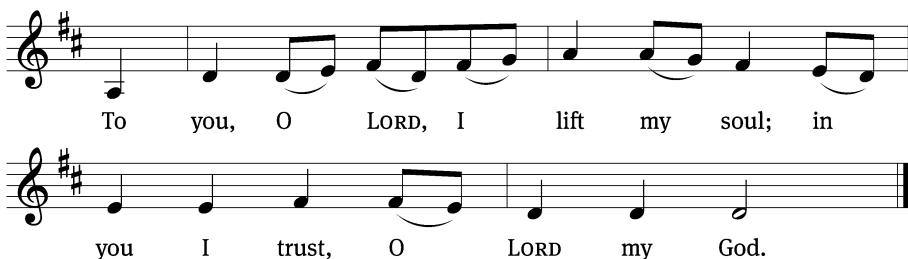
**Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

Amen


25A To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul

Refrain



To you, O LORD, I lift my soul; in
you I trust, O LORD my God.

Tone



In you, LORD my God, I / put my trust.

I trust in you; do not let me be / put to shame.

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me / your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my /
Savior.

Remember, LORD, your great mer- / cy and love,
for they are / from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my re- / bellious
ways;

according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, / are
good. *Refrain*

LORD, forgive my iniquity, though / it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and af- /
flicted.

Look on my affliction and / my distress
and take away / all my sins.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

PSALM PRAYER

Lord, do not remember the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways. Remember instead the great mercy and love that you have shown your people for hundreds of generations. Forgive our sins and teach us to live lives of integrity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASSION READING

Matthew 27:1–26

¹Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people reached the decision to put Jesus to death. ²They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.

³Then when Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he felt remorse. He brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders ⁴and said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? That’s your problem.”

⁵He threw the pieces of silver into the temple and left. Then he went out and hanged himself. ⁶The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, “It is not lawful to put these into the treasury, since it is blood money.” ⁷They reached a decision to buy the potter’s field with the money, as a burial place for foreigners. ⁸So that field has been called The Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price the sons of Israel had set for him, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter’s field, just as the Lord commanded me.

¹¹When Jesus stood in the presence of the governor, the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus said to him, “It is as you say.”

¹²When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, “Don’t you hear how many things they are testifying against you?”

¹⁴But he did not answer him—not even one word, so that the governor was very surprised.

¹⁵At the time of the Festival the governor had a custom to release to the crowd any one prisoner they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they were assembled, Pilate said to them, “Which one do you want me to release to you? Barabbas—or Jesus, who is called Christ?” ¹⁸For Pilate knew that they had handed Jesus over to him because of envy.

¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, Pilate's wife sent him a message. “Have nothing to do with that righteous man,” she said, “since I have suffered many things today in a dream because of him.” ²⁰But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus put to death.

²¹The governor asked them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”

“Barabbas!” they said.

²²Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called Christ?”

They all said to him, “Crucify him!”

²³But the governor said, “Why? What has he done wrong?”

But they kept shouting even louder: “Crucify him!”

²⁴When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing and that instead it was turning into a riot, he took water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, “I am innocent of this righteous man's blood. It is your responsibility.”

²⁵And all the people answered, “Let his blood be on us and on our children!”

²⁶Then he released Barabbas to them, but he had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified.

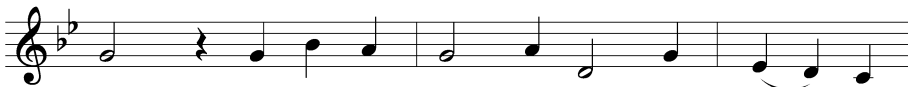
SEASONAL RESPONSE

All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

408 He Stood before the Court



1 He stood be - fore the court on trial in - stead of
 2 These are the crimes that tell the tale of hu - man
 3 The sen - tence must be passed, the un - known pris - 'ner
 4 Shall we be judged and tried? In Christ our trial is



us; he met its pow'r to hurt, con - demned to
 guilt; our sins, our death, our hell— on these the
 killed; the price is paid at last, the law of
 done; we live, for he has died, our con - dem -



face the cross— our King, ac - cused of treach - er -
 case is built. To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays
 God ful - filled. He takes our blame, and from that
 na - tion gone. In Christ are we both dead and



y; our God, a - bused for blas - phe - my!
 dumb. The guilt is ours, no an - swers come.
 day th'ac - cu - ser's claim is wiped a - way.
 raised, a - live and free— his name be praised!

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**THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH,
AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH**

¹⁴For this is what the LORD of Armies says. Just as I planned to bring disaster upon you when your fathers made me angry, says the LORD of Armies, so that I did not relent, ¹⁵so in these days I plan to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah once again. Do not be afraid.

¹⁶These are the things that you are to do: Speak the truth to one another. Render judgments that uphold truth, justice, and peace in your gates. ¹⁷Do not plot evil in your hearts against each other. Do not love false oaths. Indeed I hate all these things, declares the LORD.

PRAYER

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

listen to my cry.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;

hide me in the shadow of your wings.

In righteousness I shall see you;

when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

Be present, O Merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.

Amen

790 Before the Ending of the Day



1 Be - fore the end - ing of the day, Cre - a - tor of the
2 From e - vil dreams de - fend our sight, from all the ter - rors
3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done through Je - sus Christ, your



world, we pray. Your grace and peace to us al - low
of the night, from all de - lud - ing thoughts that creep
on - ly Son, whom with the Spir - it we a - dore



and guard and keep your peo - ple now.
on heed - less minds dis - armed by sleep.
for - ev - er and for - ev - er more. A - men.

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