



They will look on me,
the one
they have pierced...

Zechariah 12:10

It Is Finished

Today's Theme: Look at the One who was Pierced

794 Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow

CW 794

Stand

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.

Silence for personal reflection

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.

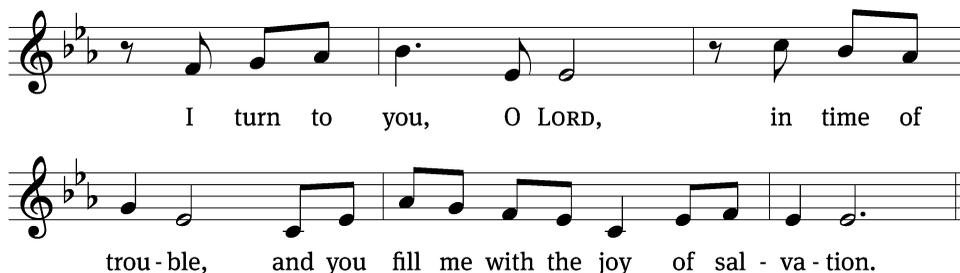
By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

Amen.

32A I Turn to You, O LORD

Psalm 32A

Refrain



I turn to you, O LORD, in time of
trou-ble, and you fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

Tone



Blessed is the one whose transgressions are for- / given,
whose sins are / covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count a- / gainst them
and in whose spirit is / no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wast- / ed away
through my groaning / all day long.

For day and night your hand was heav- / y on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of / summer.

Then I acknowledged my / sin to you
and did not cover up my in- / iquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the LORD."

And you forgave the guilt / of my sin. *Refrain*

You are my / hiding place;
you will protect me from / trouble.

Many are the woes of the / wicked,
but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who / trusts in him.

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, whenever we feel the crushing burden of our sin, show us again how blessed we are. You have lifted our transgressions from us. You have covered our sins with the robe of your Son's righteousness. You no longer count our misdeeds against us. For this great deliverance, we rejoice and sing your saving name.

Amen.

Be seated

Passion History - Part Four

Judas' Fails to Trust Jesus

1 Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people reached the decision to put Jesus to death. 2 They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor. 3 Then 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 4 and said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? That's your problem." 5 He threw the pieces of silver into the temple and left. Then he went out and hanged himself. 6 The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put these into the treasury, since it is blood money." 7 They reached a decision to buy the potter's field with the money, as a burial place for foreigners. 8 So that field has been called The Field of Blood to this day. 9 Then 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, 10 and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord commanded me.

Jesus is Tried by Pilate

11 When 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." 12 When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. 13 Then Pilate said to him, "Don't you hear how many things they are testifying against you?" 14 But he did not answer him—not even one word, so that the governor was very surprised. 15 At the time of the Festival the governor had a custom to release to the crowd any one prisoner they wanted. 16 At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. 17 So 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?" 18 For Pilate knew that they had handed Jesus over to him because of envy. 19 While 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.”
20 But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus put to death. 21 The governor asked them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” “Barabbas!” they said. 22 Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called Christ?” They all said to him, “Crucify him!” 23 But the governor said, “Why? What has he done wrong?” But they kept shouting even louder: “Crucify him!” 24 When 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.” 25 And all the people answered, “Let his blood be on us and on our children!” 26 Then he released Barabbas to them, but he had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified.

Passion History Response

We all have gone astray like sheep. Each of us has turned to his own way
But the Lord has charged all our guilt to him.

433 God Was There on Calvary

CW 433

Sermon

Look at the One Who Was Pierced

Sermon Text

Zechariah 12:10–13

I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace, who pleads for mercy. Then they will look at me, the one they have pierced. They will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child. They will grieve bitterly for him, as one grieves over his firstborn. On that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, as great as the mourning for Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. The land will mourn, each family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves;

Stand

Confession of Faith - The Third Article (Sanctification)

Zechariah's prophecy for today mentions pouring the Spirit of Grace, the Holy Spirit, out on his people. He helps us see Jesus as pierced for us. We confess the Holy Spirit today.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Be seated

Offering

During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

Stand

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, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

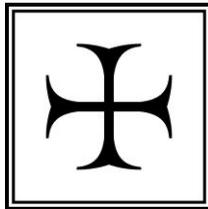
Blessing

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

Amen.

Be seated

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