



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

Zechariah 12:10

It Is Finished

Today's Theme: Scattered Sheep

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.

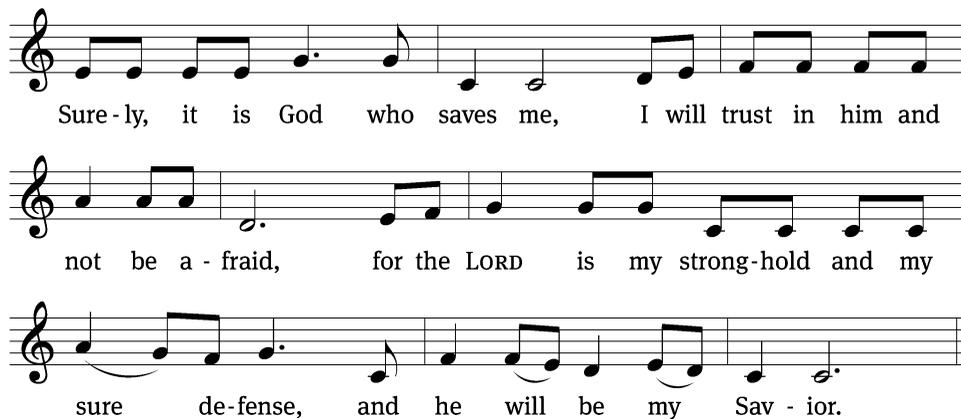
By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

Amen.

73B Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

Psalm 73B

Refrain



Sure - ly, it is God who saves me, I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid, for the LORD is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

I am always / with you;
you hold me by my / right hand.
You guide me with your / counsel,
and afterward you will take me into / glory.
Whom have I in / heav'n but you?
And earth has nothing I desire be- / sides you.
My flesh and my / heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for- / ever.
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

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Psalm Prayer

Lord Jesus, we are shortsighted and focus only on this life. We try to make this earth our perfect home and become discontent when life goes better for the wicked than it does for us. Turn our eyes toward you, and help us to live each day with the confidence that heaven is our ultimate and perfect home, for there we will live with you and the Father and the Spirit.
Amen.

Passion History - Part Three

Jesus is Tried by the High Priest

57 Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the experts in the law and the elders were assembled. 58 Peter was following him at a distance and went as far as the courtyard of the high priest. He went inside and sat down with the guards to see how it would turn out. 59 The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put him to death. 60 They found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward 61 and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'" 62 The high priest stood up and said to him, "Have you no answer? What is this that these men are testifying against you?" 63 But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I place you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God!" 64 Jesus said to him, "It is as you have said. But I tell you, soon you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven." 65 Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? See, you have just heard the blasphemy! 66 What do you think?" They answered, "He is deserving of death!" 67 Then they spit in his face and punched him. Some slapped him 68 and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who hit you?"

Peter Betrays Jesus

69 Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came to him and said, "You were also with Jesus the Galilean." 70 But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I don't know what you're talking about." 71 When Peter went out to the entryway, someone else saw him and said to those who were there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth." 72 Again Peter denied it with an oath and said, "I do not know the man." 73 After a little while those who stood by came and said to Peter, "Surely you are also one of them because even your accent gives you away." 74 Then he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man!" Just then the rooster crowed. 75 And Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

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.

432 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken

CW 432

Sermon

Scattered Sheep

Reading

Zechariah 13:7-9

Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man who is my associate, declares the LORD of Armies. Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones. This will take place in the whole land, declares the LORD: Two thirds of those who remain in it will be cut off and perish, but one third will be left in it. I will put that third into the fire, and I will refine them as silver is refined, and I will test them as gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, "This is my people." And they will say, "The LORD is my God."

Stand

Confession of Faith - The Second Article (Redemption)

The Zechariah reading today mentions the covenant name "LORD" three times, a reference to the Trinity. We Confess that Jesus, the Third Person of the Trinity is LORD as well.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

Offering

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

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.

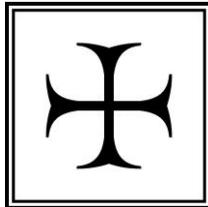
Blessing

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

Be Seated

421 Son of God, by God Forsaken

CW 421



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