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Remembering God's Perfect Demands

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Welcome

He Stood before the Court

CW 408



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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Confession and Absolution

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.
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.**

Christ, the Life of All the Living


CW 396 sts. 6-7



6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion and hast borne it
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, for thy sor - rows




pa - tient - ly, e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,
deep and sore, for thine an - guish in the gar - den,



ful - ly to a - tone for me. Thou didst choose to
I will thank thee ev - er - more, thank thee for thy



be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
groan - ing, sigh - ing, for thy bleed - ing and thy dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
for that last tri - um - phant cry and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

Presider: Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means, “The place of a skull.”

All: They offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

Men: They crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

Presider: Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Women: Now it was the third hour when they crucified him.

Lectern: Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.”

Men: Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek.

Presider: So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that ‘this man said, “I am the King of the Jews.””

Pulpit: Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

Women: When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

Presider: So they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it. Instead, let’s cast lots to see who gets it.” This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

Men: So the soldiers did these things. Then they sat down and were keeping watch over him there.

Women: People who passed by kept insulting him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!”

Presider: Those who were crucified with him also insulted him. In the same way the chief priests, experts in the law, and elders kept mocking him.

All: They said, “He saved others, but he cannot save himself. If he’s the King of Israel, let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now, if he wants him, because he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

Men: One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

Women: But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong.”

Men: Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.”

Presider: Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise.”

Women: Jesus’ mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

Presider: When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother!” And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

Lectern: It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun was darkened.

Presider: At the ninth hour Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Pulpit: When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah!”

Presider: After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I thirst.”

Women: A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, and soaked it with sour wine. Then he put it on a stick and gave him a drink.

Presider: When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished!” Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” When he had said this, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

All: Suddenly the temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and rocks were split. Tombs were opened, and many bodies of saints who had fallen asleep were raised to life. Those who came out of the tombs went into the holy city after Jesus’ resurrection and appeared to many people.

Presider: When the centurion and those who were guarding Jesus with him saw the earthquake and how he cried out with a loud voice and breathed his last, they were terrified and began to glorify God, saying, “This man really was righteous. Truly this was the Son of God.”

Men: When all the groups of people who had gathered to see this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their chests.

Lectern: All those who knew Jesus, and many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and who had served him, were there, watching from a distance.

Women: Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, Salome, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons.

Presider: Since it was the Preparation Day, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses over the Sabbath (because that Sabbath was a particularly important day).

Pulpit: They asked Pilate to have the men’s legs broken and the bodies taken away.

Men: So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who was crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other man.

Women: But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

All: Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear. Immediately blood and water came out.

Men: The one who saw it has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.

Women: Indeed, these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, “Not one of his bones will be broken.” Again another Scripture says, “They will look at the one they pierced.”

Presider: When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathaea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews. Joseph of Arimathaea, a prominent member of the council, was a good and righteous man. He had not agreed with their plan and action. He was looking forward to the kingdom of God. He boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

All: Pilate was surprised that Jesus was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had been dead for a long time. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he granted the body to Joseph.

Men: Joseph bought a linen cloth, came, and took Jesus' body away.

Women: Nicodemus, who earlier had come to Jesus at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-two pounds.

Lectern: They took Jesus' body and bound it with linen strips along with the spices, in accord with Jewish burial customs.

Presider: There was a garden at the place where Jesus was crucified. And in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid.

Men: So they laid Jesus there, because it was the Jewish Preparation Day, and the tomb was near.

Women: Joseph took the body and laid it in his own new tomb that he had cut in the rock. He rolled a large stone over the tomb's entrance and left.

Pulpit: The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed after Joseph, and they observed the tomb and how Jesus' body was laid there.

Women: Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph were watching where the body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Presider: On the next day, which was the day after the Preparation Day, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered in the presence of Pilate and said, "Sir, we remembered what that deceiver said while he was still alive: 'After three days I will rise again.' So give a command that the tomb be made secure until the third day. Otherwise his disciples might steal his body and tell the people, 'He is risen from the dead.' And this last deception will be worse than the first."

Men: Pilate said to them, "You have a guard. Go, make it as secure as you know how."

All: So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and posting a guard.

Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

CW 404 sts. 1-3, 5



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing in your ho - ly
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion fas - ci - nate my
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es with the broad and
5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, grant that in your



wounds I find, ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing pains of
sin - ful mind, let me think a - bout your pas - sion, and new
eas - y road, with se - duc - tive, sin - ful vic - es, let me
death I trust, know - ing death has lost its pow - er since you



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
weigh the aw - ful load you were will - ing to en - dure.
crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let your ag - o - ny



tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, show the per - il,
let me then be on my guard, say - ing, "Christ for
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure, mas - ter - ing each
ev - er help and com - fort me; when I die be



and from sin - ning keep me ere its first be - gin - ning.
me was wound - ed," that the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
wild temp - ta - tion, calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
my pro - tec - tion, light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

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Remembering God's Perfect Demands

⁶Since you desire truth on the inside,
in my hidden heart you teach me wisdom.

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Members of Our Savior's give generous and free will gifts to honor the Lord and support our ministry of the gospel. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.

As the offering is gathered, please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew.

Please Stand

Prayer of the Church

God, our Father, by the sacrifice of your Son you reconciled the world to yourself.

We thank you for the precious gift of forgiveness. Refresh us with the joy of salvation, that we may walk in the way of peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Renew our minds and wills, that daily we may speak your word of peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Our Savior's School students will sing the Lord's Prayer. The congregation is invited to sing along as they feel comfortable.

Lord's Prayer

CW 230

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -
liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the
pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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Go in peace. Christ Jesus has set you free.

Thanks be to God.

Round Me Falls the Night

CW 791



1 Round me falls the night; Sav - ior, be my light.
2 Earth - ly work is done; earth - ly sounds are none.
3 Bless - ed, heav'n - ly light, shin - ing through earth's night,



Through the hours in dark - ness shroud - ed
Rest in sleep and si - lence seek - ing,
voice that oft of love has told me,



let me see your face un - cloud - ed;
Je - sus, let me hear you speak - ing:
arms so strong to clasp and hold me—



let your glo - ry shine in this heart of mine.
“Nei - ther fret nor fear; I am al - ways near.”
care - ful watch now keep, Sav - ior, o'er my sleep.

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Join Us for a Holy Week Breakfast This Sunday

Please join us on Palm Sunday, April 13, at 10:00 a.m. for a Holy Week breakfast and fellowship. Our Ladies' Aid is sponsoring this event, and they'd love to see you! There will not be Bible Class this Sunday.

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday, April 13 ~ 11:00 am Worship

10:00 am Holy Week Breakfast

Maundy Thursday, April 17 ~ 1:00 pm Communion Worship

Good Friday, April 18 ~ 1:00 pm Worship

Easter Sunday, April 20 ~ 11:00 am Festival Service

10:35 Donuts & Coffee Fellowship



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