

421 Son of God, by God Forsaken

CW 421

- 1 Son of God, by God forsaken,
 hear your people's humble plea:
Source of life, by death o'ertaken,
 feed us from the barren tree.

- 2 Friend of sinners, none befriends you,
 left to die while all deride;
sinless, yet not one defends you
 when condemned and crucified.

- 3 Son of Man, your foes assail you,
 crown with cruel thorns your brow.
King of kings, no sword avails you
 in your hour of deepest woe.

- 4 Healer of the broken, anguished,
 nails your hands and feet impale.
Lord of all, you hang there vanquished
 by the death your friends bewail.

5 Light of Light, no brightness cheering
rends the gloom of that dread day
till your mercy's beams, appearing,
drive the clouds of sin away.

6 Come, O Christ, and grant us freedom
by your bondage on the tree.
Lead our steps to that fair kingdom
where you reign eternally.

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(Stand)

Opening Sentences

CW 215

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and the day is almost over.

Be our light and scatter the darkness,
and hear our evening prayer and praise.

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- 1 Gladd'ning light of purest glory,
shining down from heav'n on high,
from the everliving Father—
hail, most blessed Jesus Christ!

- 2 In the fading light of evening,
as the setting sun departs,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
we adore you, Lord our God.

- 3 For your gift of life unending,
joyful voices ever sing
hymns of praise that rightly honor,
Son of God, your saving name.

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Prayer

Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. By your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light

of your presence through the darkness of this world.
Come and bless us as we worship you – Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit.

Amen

(Be seated)

Psalm 141

CW 217

Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Psalm Prayer

Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord,
and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing your
praise with the Church on earth and forever in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our lord.

Amen

71 God is My Strong Salvation

Psalm 71

In you, LORD, I have taken / refuge;

let me never be / put to shame.

In your righteousness, rescue me and de- / liver me;

turn your ear to me and / save me.

Be my rock of / refuge,

to which I can / always go. *Refrain*

Since my youth, God, you have / taught me,

and to this day I declare your / marv'ulous deeds.

Even when I am / old and gray,

do not forsake / me, my God,

till I declare your power to the next gener- / ation,

your mighty acts to all who / are to come.

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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Lord God, grant us your Holy Spirit that we may hear and believe your Word. Cleanse our minds and renew our hearts that we may live for you here and hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Fourth Part of the Passion History

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

661 Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord **CW 661**

- 1 Draw near and take the body of your Lord,
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Saved by his body and his holy blood,
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

- 2 Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,
has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.
He gave his life for greatest and for least,
himself the off'ring and himself the priest.

- 3 Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere
and take the pledges of salvation here.
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends,
gives all believers life that never ends.
- 4 With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
Lord of the nations, to whom all must bow,
in this great feast of love be with us now.

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Sermon *Matthew 26:26-30*

(Stand)

Song of Mary

CW 220

- 1 My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,
and my spirit rejoices in you.
You have looked with love on your servant here,
and blessed me all my life through.
Great and mighty are you, O Holy One,
strong is your kindness evermore.
How you favor the weak and lowly one,

humbling the proud of heart.

2 You have cast the mighty down from their thrones,
and uplifted the humble of heart.

You have filled the hungry with wondrous things,
and left the wealthy no part.

Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One,
strong is your justice, strong your love,
as you promised to Sarah and Abraham,
kindness forevermore.

3 My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,
and my spirit rejoices in you.

You have looked with love on your servant here,
and blessed me all my life through.

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(Be seated)

Offering

(Stand)

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us
pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the leaders of our synod and district, for all pastors in Christ, for all who are servants of the Church, and for all the people of God, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all who govern our nation and for all public servants, that they may be upheld and strengthened for every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord:
to you, O Lord.

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.**

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you
all.

Amen.

(Be seated)

- 1 Now the day is over,
 night is drawing nigh;
shadows of the evening
 steal across the sky.

- 2 Jesus, give the weary
 calm and sweet repose;
with your tend'rest blessing
 may my eyelids close.

- 3 Comfort ev'ry sufferer
 watching late in pain;
those who plan some evil,
 from their sin restrain.

- 4 Thro' the long night watches
 may your angels spread
their bright wings above me,
 watching round my bed.

- 5 When the morning wakens,
 then may I arise

pure and fresh and sinless in your holy eyes.

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