

434 Upon the Cross Extended

CW 434

- 1 Upon the cross extended,
see, world, your Lord suspended;
your Savior yields his breath.
The Prince of life from heaven
himself has freely given
to shame and blows and bitter death.
- 2 Who is it, Lord, that bruised you?
Who has so sore abused you
and caused you all your woe?
We all must make confession
of sin and dire transgression,
while you no ways of evil know.
- 3 I caused your grief and sighing
by evils multiplying
as countless as the sands.
I caused the woes unnumbered
with which your soul is cumbered,
your sorrows raised by wicked hands.

4 Your soul in griefs unbounded,
your head with thorns surrounded,
you died to ransom me.
The cross for me enduring,
the crown for me securing,
you healed my wounds and set me free.

5 Your cross I place before me,
its saving pow'r restore me,
sustain me in the test.

It will, when life is ending,
be guiding and attending
my way to your eternal rest.

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(Please Stand for the Final Stanza)

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.

Hymn of Light

CW 216

- 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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Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe,
who led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day
and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by
the light of your Christ. May his Word be a lamp to our
feet and a light to our path, for you are merciful and you

love your whole creation. We, your creatures, glorify you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(Be seated)

Psalm 141

CW 217

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

Amen.

89 Forever I Will Sing

Psalm 89

Refrain

Forever I will sing the goodness of the LORD, the goodness of the LORD.

I will sing of the LORD's great love for- / ever;

with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all gener- / ations.

I will declare that your love stands firm for- / ever,

that you have established your faithfulness in / heav'n itself.

The heavens praise your / wonders, LORD,

your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the / holy
ones. *Refrain*

Who is like you, LORD God Al- / mighty?

You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness sur- /
rounds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to ac- / claim you,
who walk in the light of your / presence, LORD.

They rejoice in your name / all day long;
they celebrate your / righteousness.

**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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(The following prayer is said:)

Lord, we rejoice in you and acclaim your love and
faithfulness. Grant that as we have sung your praises
here on earth, so we may proclaim your wonders with
all your saints in eternity; through Jesus Christ, your
Son, our Lord. Amen.

Amen.

- 1 See this wonder in the making:
God himself this child is taking
as a lamb safe in his keeping,
his to be, awake or sleeping.
- 2 Miracle each time it happens
as the door of heaven opens
and the Father beams, “Belovèd,
heir of gifts a king would covet!”
- 3 Far more tender than a mother,
far more caring than a father,
God, into your arms we place him/her/them,
with your love and peace embrace him/her/them.
- 4 Here we bring a child of nature;
home we take a newborn creature,
now God’s precious son or daughter,
born again by Word and water.

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Sermon

(Stand)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations
will call me blessed

The Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in ev'ry generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm;
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise made to our fathers, to Abraham,
and to his children forever. Amen.

(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.

Prayer of the Day

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.
Amén.

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.**

Benedicamus

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 God, who made the earth and heaven,
darkness and light:

you the day for work have given,
for rest the night.

May your angel guards defend us,
slumber sweet your mercy send us,
holy dreams and hopes attend us
all through the night.

2 And when morn again shall call us
to run life's way,
may we still, whate'er befall us,
your will obey.

From the pow'r of evil hide us,
in the narrow pathway guide us,
never be your smile denied us
all through the day.

3 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
and, when we die,
may we in your mighty keeping
all peaceful lie.

When the last dread call shall wake us,
then, O Lord, do not forsake us,
but to reign in glory take us
with you on high.

4 Holy Father, throned in heaven,
all-holy Son,
Holy Spirit, freely given,
blest Three in One:
grant us grace, we now implore you,
till we lay our crowns before you
and in worthier strains adore you
while ages run.

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