

## 417 It Was a Dark and Dismal Night

CW 417

- 1 It was a dark and dismal night  
when pow'rs of earth and hell arose  
against the Son, our God's delight,  
and friends betrayed him to his foes.
- 2 Before the mournful scene began,  
he took the bread and blessed and broke.  
What love through all his actions ran!  
What wondrous words of grace he spoke!
- 3 "This is my body, slain for sin;  
receive and eat the living food."  
Then took the cup and blessed the wine:  
"This is my all-atoning blood."
- 4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end,  
in mem'ry of your dying friend;

meet at my table and record  
the love of your departed Lord.”

5 Jesus, your feast we celebrate;  
we show your death; we sing your name  
till you return and we shall eat  
the marriage supper of the Lamb.

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## 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

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 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.

**116 I Will Walk in the Presence of the Lord**

*Psalm 116*

*Refrain*

I will walk in the presence of the LORD, in the land of  
the living.

I love the LORD, for he / heard my voice;  
he heard my cry for / mercy.

Because he turned his / ear to me,  
I will call on him as long / as I live.

The LORD is gracious and / righteous;  
when I was brought low, he / saved me. *Refrain*

What shall I return / to the LORD  
for all his good- / ness to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal- / vation  
and call on the name / of the LORD.

Precious in the sight / of the LORD  
is the death of his faithful / servants.

**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, as I face death, turn my thoughts to your body, broken for me, and your blood, spilled for me. Let me rise as you have risen from the dead, to walk with

you forever in the land of the living. I call on your name,  
for you have promised to be with me.

**Amen.**

## **Seventh Part of the Passion History**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **416 When You Woke That Thursday Morning**

CW 416

- 1 When you woke that Thursday morning,  
Savior, teacher, faithful friend,  
thoughts of self and safety scorning,  
knowing how the day would end;  
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,  
now at last the hour had come  
when but One could pay sin's wages:  
you assumed their dreadful sum.
  
- 2 Never so alone and lonely,  
longing with tormented heart  
to be with your dear ones only  
for a quiet hour apart:  
sinless Lamb and fallen creature,

one last paschal meal to eat,  
one last lesson as their teacher,  
washing your disciples' feet.

3 What was there that you could give them  
that would never be outspent,  
what great gift that would outlive them,  
what last will and testament?  
“Show me and the world you love me,  
know me as the Lamb of God:  
do this in remembrance of me,  
eat this body, drink this blood.”

4 One in faith, in love united,  
all one body, you the head,  
when we meet, by you invited,  
you are with us, as you said.  
One with you and one another  
in a unity sublime,  
see in us your sister, brother,  
one in ev'ry place and time.

5 One day all the Church will capture  
that bright vision glorious,  
and your saints will know the rapture  
that your heart desired for us,  
when the longed-for peace and union  
of the greatest and the least  
meet in joyous, blest communion  
in your never-ending feast.

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## **Sermon**

*I Corinthians 10:16-17*

The Three Communion in Holy Communion

I. With Christ and the elements

II. With Christ and us

III. With each other

*(Stand)*

## **Song of Mary**

CW 220

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 every 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.

## Offering

### 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.**

## **Individual Confession and Absolution**

CW 282-283

*Minister:*

In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open  
and from whom no secrets are hidden.

*Penitent:*

**Amen.**

*Minister and Penitent:*

**Open my lips, Lord,**

**and my mouth will declare your praise.**

**You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;**

**you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**

**My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;**

**a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not  
despise.**

**For I know my transgressions,**

**and my sin is always before me.**

**Against you, you only, have I sinned**

**and done what is evil in your sight.**

*Penitent:*

I confess that I am by nature sinful.

I am guilty of many sins.

I am distressed by the sins that trouble me.

*Specific sins may be confessed.*

For all this I am sorry. I pray for forgiveness.

*Minister and Penitent:*

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your  
unfailing love;**

**according to your great compassion blot out my  
transgressions.**

**Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

**Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

*Minister:*

Jesus says to his people, “If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of

your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

*Penitent:*

**Yes, I believe.**

*Minister:*

By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Penitent:*

**Amen.**

*Minister:*

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. You are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

*Minister and Penitent:*

**The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
He will not always accuse,  
nor will he harbor his anger forever;  
he does not treat us as our sins deserve  
or repay us according to our iniquities.**

**For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear  
him.  
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
his love endures forever.**

*Minister:*

Go in peace.

*Penitent:*

**Amen.**

### **Words of Institution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the

forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**Amen.**

**659 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior**

CW 659

- 1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,  
turned away God's wrath forever;  
by his bitter grief and woe  
he saved us from the evil foe.
  
- 2 As his pledge of love undying,  
he, this precious food supplying,  
gives his body with the bread  
and with the wine the blood he shed.
  
- 3 Jesus here himself is sharing;  
take heed how you are preparing,  
for if you do not believe,  
judgment instead you shall receive.
  
- 4 Useless would be Jesus' passion  
if salvation you could fashion.  
Do not come if you suppose  
you need not him who died and rose.

5 Christ says, “Come, all you that labor,  
and receive my grace and favor;  
those who feel no pain or ill  
need no physician’s help or skill.”

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken  
that this food is to be taken  
by the souls who are distressed,  
by hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Praise the Father, who from heaven  
unto us such food has given  
and, to mend what we have done,  
gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes  
and your mouth your sin confesses,  
surely you will be his guest  
and at his banquet ever blest.

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## **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.

**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)*

## **673 O Lord, We Praise You**

CW 673

1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you,  
in thanksgiving bow before you.

Here with your body and your blood you nourish  
our weak souls that they may flourish.

O Lord, have mercy!

May your body, Lord, born of Mary,  
that our sins and sorrows did carry,  
and your blood for us plead  
in all trial, fear, and need.

O Lord, have mercy!

2 Your holy body into death was given,  
life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to you could bind us;  
may this feast of that remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, your love and kindness did move you;  
let your supper move us to love you.  
All our debt you have paid;  
peace with God once more is made.

O Lord, have mercy!

3 May God bestow on us his grace and favor  
that we follow Christ our Savior  
and live together here in love and union,  
nor despise this blest communion.

O Lord, have mercy!

Let not your good Spirit forsake us;  
grant that heav'nly-minded he make us.  
Give your Church, Lord, to see  
days of peace and unity.

O Lord, have mercy!

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