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TO WAR



# ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

## IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Wednesday, 6th Lent Service

April 1, 2020

**WELCOME TO ZION.** It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

### SERIES THEME: "THE SON OF GOD GOES FORTH TO WAR"

OPENING HYMN: TLH#452

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## The Son of God Goes Forth to War

Reginald Heber

(revised text)

ALL SAINTS NEW  
Henry S. Cutler

The Son of God goes forth to war A king - ly crown to gain.  
Saint Ste - phen, look - ing to the sky, Saw heav'n be - yond the grave -  
A glo - rious band - the cho - sen few, On whom the Spir - it came -  
A no - ble ar - my, robed in white, From ev - 'ry tribe and race,

His blood - red flag streams wide and far; Who fol - lows in his train?  
The Son of Man by God on high, And called on him to save.  
Be - cause sure hope in Christ they knew At peace met cross and flame.  
A - round the Sav - ior's throne de - light To see his glo - rious face.

All those who drink Christ's cup of woe, Tri - um - phant o - ver pain,  
Like Christ, who par - don rare dis - played, While on the cross in pain,  
They suf - fered ri - di - cule and scorn, With ha - tred they were slain.  
They held the nar - row path to heav'n Through per - il, toil, and pain.

And pa - tient bear their cross be - low - They fol - low in his train.  
This saint for his as - sail - ants prayed - Who fol - lows in his train?  
Now crowns their faith - ful heads a - dorn - Who fol - lows in their train?  
O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low in their train!

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

**All: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.**

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, I confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.**

*Silence for private confession.*

P: Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**C: Yes, I believe.**

P: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

### **Prayer**

P: 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. May 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.

**C: Amen.**



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

Wash away all my iniquity,\*  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,\*  
and my sin is always before me.

### *Refrain*

Against you, you only, have I sinned\*  
and done what is evil in your sight.

Surely I was sinful at birth,\*  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Hide your face from my sins,\*  
and blot out all my iniquity.

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

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**as it was in the beginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### *Refrain*

## PASSION HISTORY LESSON 6

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.” They offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. They crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

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

Now it was the third hour<sup>1</sup> when they crucified him.

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

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.

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.””

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

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. 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.<sup>2</sup>

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

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!”

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. 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.’”<sup>3</sup>

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

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.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me<sup>4</sup> when you come in<sup>5</sup> your kingdom.” Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise.”<sup>6</sup> Jesus’ mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

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<sup>1</sup> 9 AM

<sup>2</sup> Psalm 22:18

<sup>3</sup> Matthew 27:33-43; Mark 15:20-32; Luke 23:26-38; John 19:16-24

<sup>4</sup> Some witnesses to the text read *Then he said to Jesus, “Remember me, Lord. . . .”*

<sup>5</sup> A few witnesses to the text read *into*.

<sup>6</sup> Luke 23:39-43

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.<sup>7</sup>

It was now about the sixth hour,<sup>8</sup> and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour,<sup>9</sup> while the sun was darkened.

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?”<sup>10</sup>

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

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

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.

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!”<sup>11</sup> When he had said this, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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. 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.”

When all the groups of people who had gathered to see this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their chests. 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. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, Salome, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons. 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). They asked Pilate to have the men’s legs broken and the bodies taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who was crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other man.

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear. Immediately blood and water came out. 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. Indeed, these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, “Not one of his bones will be broken.”<sup>12</sup> Again another Scripture says, “They will look at the one they pierced.”<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> John 19:25-27

<sup>8</sup> Jewish time began with sunrise, so the sixth hour was about noon.

<sup>9</sup> 3 PM

<sup>10</sup> Psalm 22:1

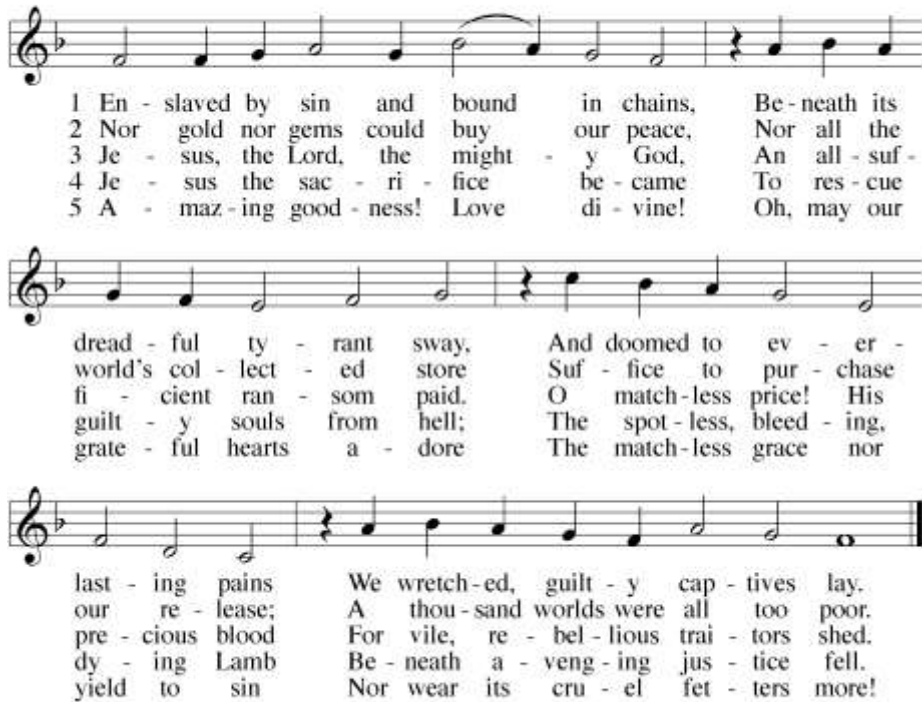
<sup>11</sup> Psalm 31:5

<sup>12</sup> Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12

<sup>13</sup> Matthew 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49; John 19:28-37; Zechariah 12:10

LENT

# 102 Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains



1 En - slaved by sin and bound in chains, Be - neath its  
 2 Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace, Nor all the  
 3 Je - sus, the Lord, the might - y God, An all - suf -  
 4 Je - sus the sac - ri - fice be - came To res - cue  
 5 A - maz - ing good - ness! Love di - vine! Oh, may our

dread - ful ty - rant sway, And doomed to ev - er -  
 world's col - lect - ed store Suf - fice to pur - chase  
 fi - cient ran - som paid. O match - less price! His  
 guilt - y souls from hell; The spot - less, bleed - ing,  
 grate - ful hearts a - dore The match - less grace nor

last - ing pains We wretch - ed, guilt - y cap - tives lay.  
 our re - lease; A thou - sand worlds were all too poor.  
 pre - cious blood For vile, re - bel - lious trai - tors shed.  
 dy - ing Lamb Be - neath a - veng - ing jus - tice fell.  
 yield to sin Nor wear its cru - el fet - ters more!

Text: Anne Steele, 1717–78.

Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTEN SEIN (LM) Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–1561.

## SERMON TEXT AND THEME:

ISAIAH 42:13

The Lord will set out like a hero. Like a warrior, he will work himself into a frenzy. He will shout. Yes, he will raise a war cry. He will be heroic against his enemies. (EHV)

## “The Promised Warrior”

### PRAYERS AND LORD’S PRAYER

#### EVENING PRAYER

**All:** In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### BLESSING

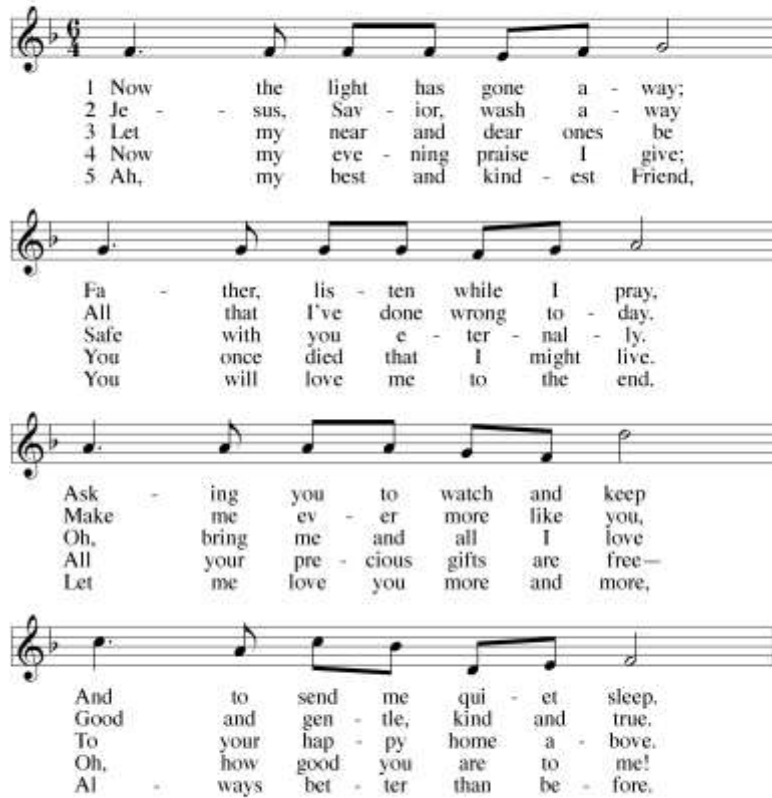
**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

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# Now the Light Has Gone Away



1 Now the light has gone a - way;  
 2 Je - - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way  
 3 Let my near and dear ones be  
 4 Now my eve - ning praise I give;  
 5 Ah, my best and kind - est Friend,

Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,  
 All that I've done wrong to - day,  
 Safe with you e - ter - nal - ly.  
 You once died that I might live.  
 You will love me to the end.

Ask - ing you to watch and keep  
 Make me ev - er more like you,  
 Oh, bring me and all I love  
 All your pre - cious gifts are free—  
 Let me love you more and more,

And to send me qui - et sleep,  
 Good and gen - tle, kind and true.  
 To your hap - py home a - bove,  
 Oh, how good you are to me!  
 Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79, alt.

Tune: MUDE BINICH (77 77) *Liederbuch für Kleinkinder-Schulen*, Kaiserwerth, 1842, alt.

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