

### 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

- 1 “Comfort, comfort ye My people,  
Speak ye peace,” thus saith our God;  
“Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
Mourning ’neath their sorrows’ load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
Of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover  
And her warfare now is over.”
  
- 2 Yea, her sins our God will pardon,  
Blotting out each dark misdeed;  
All that well deserved His anger  
He no more will see or heed.  
She hath suffered many\_a day,  
Now her griefs have passed away;  
God will change her pining sadness  
Into ever-springing gladness.
  
- 3 Hark, the herald’s voice is crying  
In the desert far and near,  
Calling sinners to repentance,  
Since the Kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet Him  
And the hills bow down to greet Him.
  
- 4 Make ye straight what long was crooked;  
Make the rougher places plain.  
Let your hearts be true and humble,  
As befits His holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord  
Now o’er earth is shed abroad,  
And all flesh shall see the token  
That His Word is never broken.

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#### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

#### Prayer

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Reading

*Isaiah 51:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,  
you who seek the LORD:  
look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.  
<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
that I might bless him and multiply him.  
<sup>3</sup>For the LORD comforts Zion;  
he comforts all her waste places  
and makes her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.  
<sup>4</sup>“Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.  
<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*2 Corinthians 1:3–7*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup>who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. <sup>5</sup>For as we share abundantly in Christ’s sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. <sup>6</sup>If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. <sup>7</sup>Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*John 11:17–27*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup>She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## 744 Amazing Grace

*sts. 1–5*

- 1   Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
      That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
      Was blind but now I see!
  
- 2   The Lord has promised good to me,  
      His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
      As long as life endures.
  
- 3   Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
      I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
      His grace will lead me home.
  
- 4   Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
      And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
      In heaven’s joy and peace.
  
- 5   When we’ve been there ten thousand years,  
      Bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise  
      Than when we’d first begun.

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## Sermon

## Offering

## Prayer

- L** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- L** O Christ,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- L** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- L** O Christ,  
**C** **hear us.**
- L** God the Father in heaven,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- L** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- L** God the Holy Spirit,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- L** Be gracious to us.  
**C** **Spare us, good Lord.**
- L** Be gracious to us.  
**C** **Help us, good Lord.**
- L** From all sin, from all error, from all evil;  
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;  
From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;  
From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:  
**C** **Good Lord, deliver us.**
- L** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;  
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and  
passion; by Your precious death and burial;  
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the  
Comforter:  
**C** **Help us, good Lord.**
- L** In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of  
judgment:  
**C** **Help us, good Lord.**
- L** We poor sinners implore You  
**C** **to hear us, O Lord.**
- L** To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your  
Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them  
in holy living;  
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have  
erred and are deceived;  
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany  
Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:  
**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L** To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the  
weakhearted and the distressed:  
**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L** To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our  
country Your protection in every time of need;  
To direct and defend our *[president/queen/king]* and all in authority; to bless and protect our  
magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

**L** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

**L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C** we implore You to hear us.

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** have mercy.

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** have mercy.

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** grant us Your peace.

**L** O Christ,

**C** hear us.

**L** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**L** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**L** O Lord,

**C** have mercy. Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

### Benediction

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

**C** Amen.

## 738 Lord of All Hopefulness

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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