

"COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE"

Trinity Hymnal #197

1. Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrow's load
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is o'er.

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 joy.

3. For the herald's voice is crying, in the desert far and near,
bidding all men to repentance, since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away;
Let the valleys rise to meet him, hills bow down to greet our King

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 at long last that his word holds ever fast.

WE THANK GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS (DOXOLOGY)

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. / Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD: Job 38:1-3, Job 42:1-6

"Theophany, part 4: The Whirlwind"

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WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

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1) Who has held the oceans in His hand?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice,
All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne,
Come let us adore Him!
Behold our King nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him!

2) Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His Words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?
(Chorus)

3) Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign! **(Chorus)**
(Men) You will reign forever! **Women)**
Let Your glory fill the earth! **(4x)** **(Chorus)**

WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING OVER US (BENEDICTION)



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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP: Psalm 61:1-4 (Selections) (Please Read Responsively)

Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;

From the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For You have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.

Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings!

WE ASK GOD TO BE WITH US

...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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

"COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS"

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Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
Go to Him, your praises bringing; Christ he Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;
His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
his is everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN TOGETHER:

Redeeming heavenly Father,

You have surrounded us daily with your goodness and mercy. You have forgiven our sins, covered us in the shining robes of the perfect goodness of your Son, and protected our souls through every trial that you call us to endure. We should fill each day with praise, adoration, and thanksgiving to you, but we are weak, selfish, and full of sin. We love the gifts that you give us far more than we love you, and resent you when you call us to suffer. We get angry with you when you do not answer our prayers as we wish, and we wallow in anxiety and fear that you will take away the good things in our lives that we love too much. Forgive us, Lord, for doubting your love and goodness, and for finding joy and contentment in our own abilities, relationships, and possessions instead of in you alone.¹¹

Barbara R. Duguid and Wayne Duguid Houk, *Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration*, ed. Iain M. Duguid (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2014), 212–213.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS IN OUR HEARTS *(silently)*

"LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE"

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Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful, His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish, as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

GOD ASSURES US WE ARE FORGIVEN: Psalm 46:1,10-11

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble... "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TOGETHER: Westminster Shorter Catechism 21

Q. 21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be God and man, in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

MEMORY VERSE: EPHESIANS 1:15-16

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

"PENSIVE, DOUBTING, FEARFUL HEART"

1) Pensive, doubting, fearful heart,
Hear what Christ the Savior says;
Every word should joy impart,
Change thy mourning into praise.
Yes, He speaks and speaks to thee,
May He help thee to believe;
Then thou presently will see,
Thou has little cause to grieve.

2) Fear thou not, nor be ashamed;
All thy sorrows soon shall end,
I, who heaven and earth have framed,
Am thy Husband and thy Friend;
I the High and Holy One,
Israel's God, by all adored,
As thy Savior will be known,
Thy Redeemer and thy Lord.

3) For a moment I withdrew,
And thy heart was filled with pain;
But my mercies I'll renew;
Thou shall soon rejoice again;
Though I seem to hide my face,
Very soon my wrath shall cease;
'Tis but for a moment's space,
Ending in eternal peace.

4) Though afflicted, tempest tossed,
Comfortless awhile thou art,
Do not think thou can be lost,
Thou art graven on my heart;
All thy wastes I will repair;
Thou shalt be rebuilt anew;
And in thee it shall appear,
What the God of love can do.

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WE READ FROM GOD'S WORD: Philippians 4:5b-7

The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

WE PRAY TO GOD FOR THE CONGREGATION

I pray for someone who doesn't know Jesus: _____

Tyler Spry

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