

421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,
 5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of
 sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new
 eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me
 is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing
 death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
 cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
 weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.
 new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet
 crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from
 Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was
 Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing
 Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -

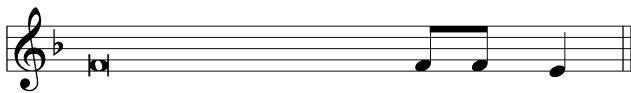


sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
 wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
 ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
 pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.
 tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

Service of Light

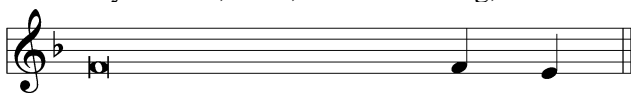
Stand

L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

L Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



C and the day is almost o - ver.

L Let Your light scatter the darkness



C and il - lu - mine Your Church.

L Joyous light of glory:



C of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - sed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:



You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -



ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:



the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

L Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by 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 and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



C Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



I O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice



when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



II Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



I Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.

II But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref-uge.
 Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in
 the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.
 Let my prayer rise be-fore You as in-cense,
 the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.

Psalm Prayer

- L** Let us pray.
 Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.
- C** Amen.

Preparing to Hear 1 Timothy

Saint Paul wrote this letter to Timothy at least 8 years after Paul served in Ephesus (around 65 AD).

- Timothy had been like a vicar, helping with pastoral work under Paul's supervision, but after pastoring a couple other churches, Timothy was sent to serve at the church in Ephesus.
- Paul writes this letter to young Pastor Timothy after realizing that he might not be able to visit Ephesus again and encourage him in person. This letter sums up what Paul had taught him, and reminds Timothy of the authority he has from Christ.

Things to Listen for in I Timothy

- A common problem at Ephesus (where Timothy was serving) was the influence of Gnosticism: a false teaching in which all material things are considered worthless and entangling, and which sees salvation as being the escape of material things by learning secret knowledge for those who prove worthy.
- Timothy has apparently lacked confidence in his own authority as pastor and teacher of the church in Ephesus. Paul encourages Timothy by reminding him of his ordination (“laying on of hands”) and that his authority to preach the gospel comes not from his own worthiness, but from God.
- Paul addresses several different roles in the church, to be filled by different kinds of people. He lists qualifications for who should be allowed to work in one position or another, and he lists restrictions on who is allowed to serve where.
- In our time, we’re accustomed to thinking a bit differently about roles. Often, for example, men and women are considered relatively interchangeable. But Paul writes of God’s calling different people to do different things. He takes his cue from the order of Creation and the structure God put in place, rather than from the culture around him.
- As a Christian, Paul notes, your goal is not to argue that you fit in every role, neither in the church nor in the rest of the world. Instead, Paul says, find roles that God has called you to fulfill, and look for ways to serve there, according to his instruction.

Key Memory Passages in I Timothy:

- ✓ 1:15: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.”
- ✓ 4:12: “Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”

609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

1. Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Oh, may all this saying ponder
 Who in sin’s delusions live
 And from God and heaven wander!
 Here is hope for all who grieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

2. We deserve but grief and shame,
 Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
 Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
 Here our ills have perfect healing.
 Firmly in these words believe:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

3. Sheep that from the fold did stray
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
4. I, a sinner, come to Thee
With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me;
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
5. Oh, how blest it is to know:
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
6. Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
7. Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

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Listening to the Letter from God

682 God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons



1 God of the proph - ets, bless the proph - ets' sons;
 2 A - noint them proph - ets, men who are in - tent
 3 A - noint them priests, strong in - ter - ces - sors they,
 4 A - noint them kings, yes, king - ly kings, O Lord.
 5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of Your cross;



E - li - jah's man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast.
 To be Your wit - ness - es in word and deed,
 For par - don and for love and hope and peace,
 A - noint them with the Spir - it of Your Son.
 Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.



Each age its sol - emn task may claim but once;
 Their hearts a - flame, their lips made el - o - quent,
 That, through their plead - ing, guilt - y sin - ners may
 Theirs not a jew - eled crown, a blood - stained sword;
 In - spired by You, may they count all but loss



Make each one no - bler, strong - er than the last.
 Their eyes a - wake to ev - 'ry hu - man need.
 Find Je - sus' mer - cy and from sin re - lease.
 Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a king - dom won.
 And stand at last with joy be - fore Your face.

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Litany Prayers

Stand

Litany

LSB 249

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** 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:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For *[names of synodical and district presidents]*, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For [*name of president or monarch*], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

The prayers then continue:

L For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C **Alleluia.**

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

L Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C **To You, O Lord.**

Collect For Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 251

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.**

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 252

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the I -Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

878 Abide with Me



1 A - bid e with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid e.
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bid e with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bid e with me.
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bid e with me.
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bid e with me.

- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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