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Blessed are those who wash their robes,
so that they may have the right to the tree of life
and that they may enter the city by the gates.

Rev. 22:14

“Preaching God’s Sovereign Grace to a World of Need”

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The Lord's Day

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God's Call to Us to Worship Him

"Be still and know that I Am God"

Revelation 7:9-14

***His Call to Us to Worship Him**

Psalm 98:1-4

Elder: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

People: The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Elder: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Elder: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Elder: Let us worship God.

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymns of Our Procession Into the Presence of God**

To God Be the Glory

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The Father Reaffirms His Covenant with Us

Reading of the Law

Matthew 23:1, 13-22

Call to Confession

When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to his. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Unison Prayer

Our Lord and our faithful, covenant God - you kept your people Israel by your own Word and purpose for generation upon generation although they sinned against you time and again. We confess that we are like them - we are prone to wander from the faith in thought, word, and deed. We are in need of your infinite mercy too. Lord have mercy.

Assurance of His Pardon

Christ is our peace; those who are divided he has made one. He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death and has built us up into one body, with God. To all who repent and believe he has promised reconciliation. So live as people reconciled. **Amen.**

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Jesus Paid It All

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Intercessory Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Christ is Made Known to Us

Hymn of Prayer

Ps.62a: My Soul in Silence Waits for God

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His Word is Opened to Us

Dr. David G. Barker

Scripture: Ephesians 6:14b

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever."

Message: A Sign and Witness

Prayer for Response and Obedience

We Depart with His Blessing

And Sending of His Spirit

Presenting His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Gloria Patri

***Hymn of Our Procession Into the World**

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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***Charge and Benediction**

(Trinity Hymn Book #254, vs. 5)

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;

Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Studies in Paul's Letter to the Church at Ephesus

A Sign and Witness

Ephesians 6:14b

(see also: Jer. 17:9; Ex. 11-12, 28; Mt. 4:10; 5:29-30; 39-42; 6:1; Lk. 21:17)

The armor of God is:

- a) to give the believer assurance and confidence.
- b) something only grown-up believers wear.
- c) just a lot of spiritual stuff.

What was the breastpiece of the High Priest all about?

What was it a sign and witness of?

What was the last plague in Egypt all about?

What was the blood a sign and witness of?

I. The use and misuse of a breastplate

The soldier wears this because:

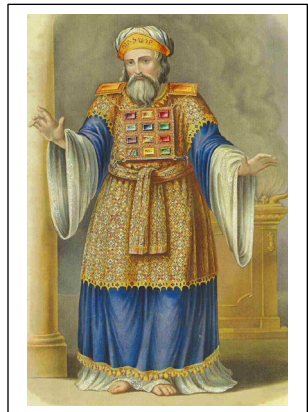
How does a believer do spiritual battle?

II. The meaning of righteousness

Declaration

Growth

Crown



My Own Thoughts

To God Be the Glory

All the people were praising God for what had happened. Acts 4:21

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

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Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,

praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; alt.
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TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11.
William H. Doane, 1875

Arise, My Soul, Arise

He is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Heb. 7:25

1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;
 2. He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,
 3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;
 4. My God is rec - on - ciled; his par - d'ning voice I hear;

the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice in my be - half ap - pears:
 his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead;
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me.
 he owns me for his child, I can no lon - ger fear;

be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my
 his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned for
 "For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "for - give him, O for -
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence I

Sure - ty stands, my name is writ - ten on his hands.
 ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
 give," they cry, "nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"
 now draw nigh, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

Jesus Paid It All

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Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. Is. 1:18

D G D A Bm A D

1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Your strength in - deed is small,
 2. Lord, now in - deed I find your power, and yours a - lone,
 3. For noth - ing good have I where - by your grace to claim—
 4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,

G D G D/A A⁷ D

child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."
 can change the lep - er's spots, and melt the heart of stone.
 I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
 "Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.

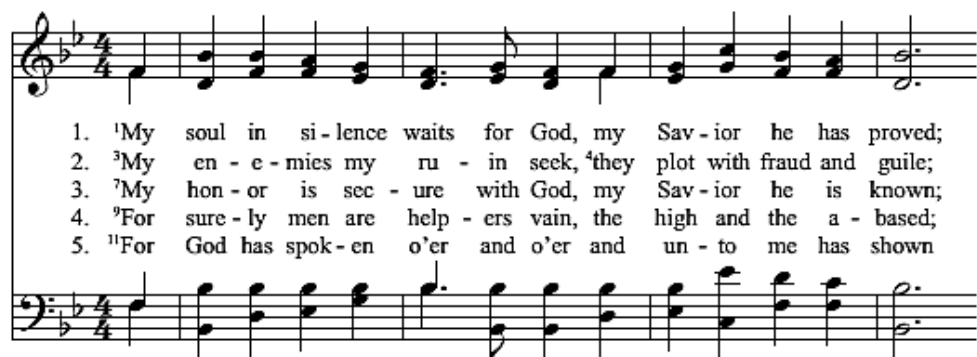
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Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;

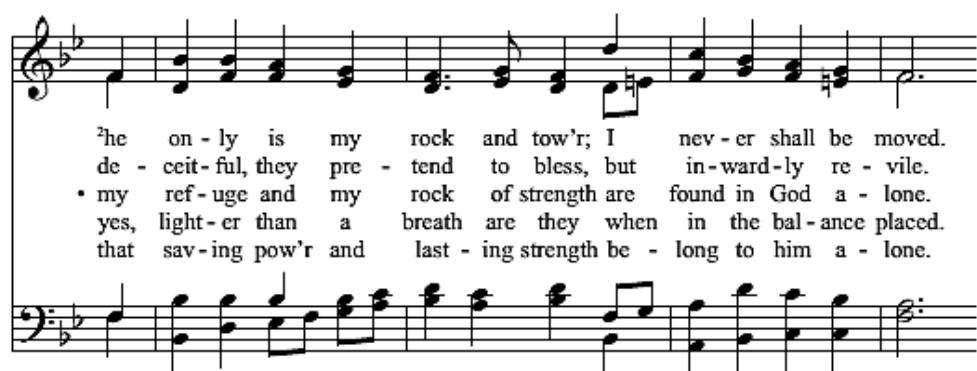
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sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

Psalm 62A



1. ¹My soul in si-lence waits for God, my Sav-ior he has proved;
 2. ³My en-e-mies my ru-in seek, ⁴they plot with fraud and guile;
 3. ⁷My hon-or is sec-ure with God, my Sav-ior he is known;
 4. ⁹For sure-ly men are help-ers vain, the high and the a-based;
 5. ¹¹For God has spok-en o'er and o'er and un-to me has shown



²he on-ly is my rock and tow'r; I nev-er shall be moved.
 de- ceit-ful, they pre-tend to bless, but in-ward-ly re-vile.
 • my ref-u-ge and my rock of strength are found in God a-lone.
 yes, light-er than a breath are they when in the bal-ance placed.
 that sav-ing pow'r and last-ing strength be-long to him a-lone.

My hon - or is se - cure with God, my Sav - ior he is known;
 5My soul in si - lence waits for God, he is my help ap - proved;
 *8On him, you peo - ple, ev - er - more re - ly with con - fi - dence;
 10Trust not in harsh op - pres - sion's pow'r, nor in un - righ - teous gain;
 12Yes, lov - ing - kind - ness ev - er - more be - longs to you, O Lord;

my ref - uge and my rock of strength are found in God a - lone.
 *he on - ly is my rock and tow'r, and I shall not be moved.
 be - fore him pour out all your heart, for God is our de - fense.
 if wealth in - crease, yet on your gold you set your hearts in vain.
 and you, ac - cord - ing to his work, will ev - 'ry man re - ward.

The Psalter, 1912

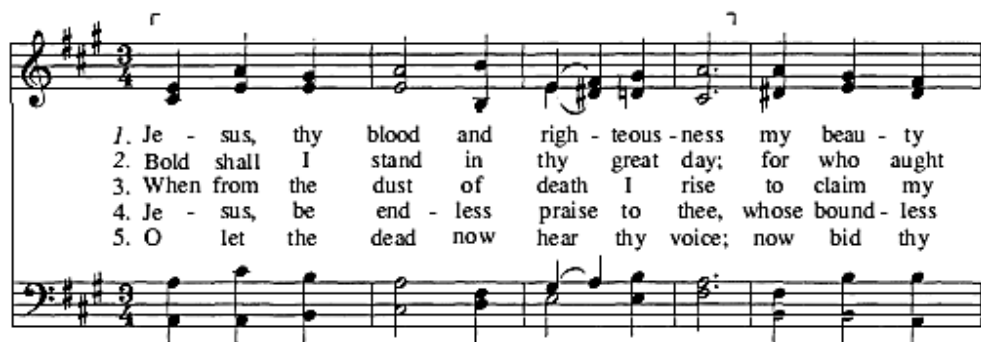
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 Gottfried Wilhelm Fink, 1842

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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Justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Rom. 3:24



1. Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness my beau - ty
 2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught
 3. When from the dust of death I rise to claim my
 4. Je - sus, be end - less praise to thee, whose bound - less
 5. O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy



are, my glo - rious dress; 'midst flam - ing worlds, in
 to my charge shall lay? Ful - ly ab - solved through
 • man - sion in the skies, ev'n then this shall be
 mer - cy hath for me— for me a full a -
 ban - ished ones re - joice; their beau - ty this, their



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 • all my plea, Je - sus hath lived, hath died, for me.
 tone - ment made, an ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.
 glo - rious dress, Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness.

Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1739
 Tr. by John Wesley, 1740; alt.

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 William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*. 1815