

# The Son of God Goes Forth to War

## Hidden Warrior

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OPENING HYMN: CW 369 ..... *"Beautiful Savior"*

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Münsterisch Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677, abr.; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904.

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

**Congregation:** 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.

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, 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.

**PSALM: "I Will Wait for You"**

*The singer will lead the congregation in singing the psalm verses and refrain (see screens).*

*Singer and Congregation:*

**Out of the depths I cry to You  
In darkest places I will call;  
Incline Your ear to me anew  
And hear my cry for mercy Lord.  
Were You to count my sinful ways  
How could I come before Your throne;  
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze  
I stand redeemed by grace alone.**

**I will wait for You, I will wait for You  
On Your word I will rely.  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You,  
Till my soul is satisfied.**

**PSALM 16** *(spoken by the pastor)*

*Singers and Congregation:*

**I will wait for You, I will wait for You  
On Your word I will rely.  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You  
Till my soul is satisfied.**

**PSALM PRAYER:**

P: Lord Jesus, keep our minds fixed on your precious Word and our thoughts on your glorious victory over death so that we may know the joy of your resurrection and share the pleasures of the saints at your right hand, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**PASSION READING: Matthew 26:57-75**

<sup>57</sup> Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. <sup>58</sup> But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

<sup>59</sup> The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. <sup>60</sup> But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally two came forward <sup>61</sup> and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'"

<sup>62</sup> Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” <sup>63</sup> But Jesus remained silent.

The high priest said to him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

<sup>64</sup> “You have said so,” Jesus replied. “But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

<sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. <sup>66</sup> What do you think?”

“He is worthy of death,” they answered.

<sup>67</sup> Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him <sup>68</sup> and said, “Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?”

#### Peter Disowns Jesus

<sup>69</sup> Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said.

<sup>70</sup> But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.

<sup>71</sup> Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

<sup>72</sup> He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!”

<sup>73</sup> After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.”

<sup>74</sup> Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!”

Immediately a rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup> Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

#### SEASONAL RESPONSE:

**C:** All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

#### SERMON HYMN: CW 124 ..... *“ Savior, When in Dust to You”*

**1** Savior, when in dust to you Low we bow in homage due,  
When, repentant, to the skies Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;  
Oh, by all your pains and woe Suffered once for us below,  
Bending from your throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!

**2** By your helpless infant years, By your life of want and tears,  
By your days of deep distress In the savage wilderness,  
By the dread, mysterious hour Of th’ insulting tempter’s pow’r,  
Turn, oh, turn a fav’ring eye, Hear our penitential cry!

**3 By your hour of dire despair, By your agony of prayer,  
By the cross, the nail, the thorn, Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,  
By the gloom that veiled the skies O'er the dreadful sacrifice,  
Listen to our humble sigh, Hear our penitential cry!**

**4 By your deep expiring groan, By the sad sepulchral stone,  
By the vault whose dark abode Held in vain the rising God,  
Oh, from earth to heav'n restored, Mighty, reascended Lord,  
Bending from your throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!**

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, abr., alt.

**SERMON THEME: Hidden Warrior  
SERMON TEXT: John 11:33-37**

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

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**LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER**

**C:** 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.

**CLOSING HYMN: CW 593 ..... “Now the Light Has Gone Away”**

**1 Now the light has gone away; Father, listen while I pray,  
Asking you to watch and keep And to send me quiet sleep.**

**2 Jesus, Savior, wash away All that I’ve done wrong today.  
Make me ever more like you, Good and gentle, kind and true.**

**3 Let my near and dear ones be Safe with you eternally.  
Oh, bring me and all I love To your happy home above.**

**4 Now my evening praise I give; You once died that I might live.  
All your precious gifts are free—Oh, how good you are to me!**

**5 Ah, my best and kindest Friend, You will love me to the end.  
Let me love you more and more, Always better than before.**

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

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