



They Bound Him

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M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
C: **the light no darkness can overcome.**

M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
C: **and the day is almost over.**

M: Be our light and scatter the darkness,
C: **and hear our evening hymn of praise.**



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, In you the
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth; The lamps are
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
God, life - giv - ing Lord; Where - fore you are through



blest is he, And blest are you, his on - ly Son.
Spir - it: God Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth And in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
C: **we have sinned against you
in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

M: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

C: **Amen.**

PSALM 38A

**1 Rebuke me not in anger, LORD: restrain your wrath, I pray;
grant that your child be yet restored, not judged and cast away.
I feel your arrows deep within, I sink beneath your hand
and underneath a weight of sin too great for me to stand.**

**2 For sinful folly now I pay: I'm humbled to the ground,
as I go mourning all the day and no relief is found.
I feel my body racked with pain, diseased in ev'ry part,
so crushed that I cannot contain the groanings of my heart.**

**3 My longings, Lord, to you are known, you see my ev'ry tear;
my strength, my sight are almost gone, my friends will not come near.
And others lay their deadly snares, all day they plot and lie;
like one who neither speaks nor hears, I offer no reply.**

**4 In you, O LORD, my hope I place: Lord, answer when I call;
let those not jeer at my distress, who long to see me fall.
My foothold is about to go, my torment will not cease;
and my iniquity I know: my sin permits no peace.**

**5 My foes are many and are strong, their hatred has no cause;
my kindness they repay with wrong, although I keep your laws.
O LORD, be with me to the last, remain forever near;
come to my rescue, come with haste: O Lord, my Savior, hear!**

PSALM PRAYER

M: Lord Jesus, my sin is more than I can bear. I thank you for bearing it for me when you suffered its consequences on the cross. Lead me, whenever I offend God's law, to confess my guilt to you. Then intercede for me with our Father in heaven, so that my many sins are forgiven.

C: **Amen**

PASSION HISTORY FROM LUKE 22:54-71

Peter Disowns Jesus

⁵⁴ Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵ But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. ⁵⁶ A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him."

⁵⁷ But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.

⁵⁸ A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."

"Man, I am not!" Peter replied.

⁵⁹ About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."

⁶⁰ Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." ⁶² And he went outside and wept bitterly.

The Guards Mock Jesus

⁶³ The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him. ⁶⁴ They blindfolded him and demanded, "Prophecy! Who hit you?" ⁶⁵ And they said many other insulting things to him.

Jesus Before Pilate and Herod

⁶⁶ At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them. ⁶⁷ "If you are the Christ," they said, "tell us."

Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, ⁶⁸ and if I asked you, you would not answer. ⁶⁹ But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."

⁷⁰ They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?"

He replied, "You are right in saying I am."

⁷¹ Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."

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.

Hymn of the Day: 424

**1 The Garden of Gethsemane – They’d often gathered there,
The Christ and his disciple friends, The sheep beneath his care.
But when the Shepherd needed them – “Come, watch and pray with me” –
Their heavy hearts and eyes prevailed In dark Gethsemane.**

**2 Gethsemane’s serenity, so pleasant in the past,
Was shattered by a piercing cry. Our Savior stood aghast –
To see the curse inside the cup, to sense what soon would be
Unleashed against his sinless soul beyond Gethsemane.**

**3 Gethsemane’s intensity, revealed in bloodlike sweat,
Led Christ to pray, for he would pay sin’s awful, crushing debt.
“My Father, find another way to set the sinner free.
Your will, not mine, be done,” he said in sad Gethsemane.**

**4 Gethsemane’s immensity can still be seen today.
The Father’s will was crystal clear: “There is no other way!
Move on, my Son; your death alone can save humanity.”
So, bound and destined for the cross, Christ left Gethsemane.**

**5 Gethsemane’s tranquility returned again that night;
The conflict moved to Calvary, where Jesus won the fight.
There is no cup for us to drink, no curse, no penalty –
To know the lavish love of God, recall Gethsemane.**

SERMON ON JOHN 18:12

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¹² Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him.

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PRAYER

M: Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Abide with us and with your whole Church. Abide with us in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world. Abide with us in your grace and goodness, in your holy Word and sacrament, in your comfort and blessing. Abide with us when we are overcome by the night of sorrow and fear, by the night of doubt and affliction, by the night of bitter death. Abide with us and with all your people in time and in eternity.

C: 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.**

BLESSING

M: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.
C: **May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

CLOSING HYMN: 791

1 Round me falls the night; Savior, be my light.
Through the hours in darkness shrouded
Let me see your face unclouded;
Let you glory shine in this heart of mine.

2 Earthly work is done; earthly sounds are none.
Rest in sleep and silence seeking,
Jesus, let me hear you speaking:
“Neither fret nor fear; I am always near.”

3 Blessed, heav’nly, shining through earth’s night,
Voice that oft of love has told me,
Arms so strong to clasp and hold me –
Careful watch now keep, Savior, o’er my sleep.

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We thank Pastor Groth for leading us in worship and sharing God’s Word with us this evening. May God continue to bless Pastor Groth’s service to our brothers and sisters at Beautiful Savior.



MULTI LANGUAGE PRODUCTIONS: DIGITAL OUTREACH

Developments in technology have allowed MLP to focus much of their support in the form of digital outreach. MLP has introduced a new online Bible-based training platform called TELL (Think, Evaluate, Learn, and Lead), in an effort to bring the gospel to English-speakers around the world. TELL students are encouraged to complete self-led courses, participate in deeper studies with a live online instructor, and then lead a group in Bible study or worship. TELL is modeled after *Academia Cristo*, a Spanish online training tool used by our Latin America missions team. The TELL initiative has also launched its first TELL Mandarin online video course.

These three training initiatives make up the **TELL Network**. TELL courses are also being translated into Tagalog to continue online outreach and training in the Philippines. With the Lord's blessing, this network will allow for the creation of new TELL platforms in additional languages in the future.

Both TELL and *Academia Cristo* have launched mobile apps to make access to online Bible study even easier. The apps are being promoted primarily through Facebook, where 1.2 million people follow TELL and 1.3 million people follow *Academia Cristo*. National pastors in WELS fellowship around the world are assisting the TELL Network by creating culturally appropriate and diverse online content. A full-time TELL missionary is focusing on furthering relationships with national pastors, lay workers, and volunteers as well as developing relationships with online students.