

HIS FINAL STEPS

Led His Father's House

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Hymn 784

Now the Light Has Gone Away



1 Now the light has gone a - way;
 2 Je - - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way
 3 Let my near and dear ones be
 4 Now my eve - ning praise I give;
 5 Ah, my best and kind - est Friend,



Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
 All that I've done wrong to - day.
 Safe with you e - ter - nal - ly.
 You once died that I might live.
 You will love me to the end.



Ask - ing you to watch and keep
 Make me ev - er more like you,
 Oh, bring me and all I love
 All your pre - cious gifts are free—
 Let me love you more and more,



And to send me qui - et sleep.
 Good and gen - tle, kind and true.
 To your hap - py home a - bove.
 Oh, how good you are to me!
 Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

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

Tune: MÜDE BIN ICH (77 77) *Liederbuch für Kleinkinder-Schulen*, Kaiserwerth, 1842, alt.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Let us confess our sins.

C: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, 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 8

¹ O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

² From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise
because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for
him?

⁵ You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶ You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under
his feet:

⁷ all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

⁹ O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Passion History from Matthew 26:1-35

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples,² “As you know, the Passover is two days away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

³ Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas,⁴ and they plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill him.⁵ “But not during the Feast,” they said, “or there may be a riot among the people.”

⁶ While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper,⁷ a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

⁸ When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked.⁹ “This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.”

¹⁰ Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me.¹¹ The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me.¹² When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.¹³ I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

¹⁴ Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests¹⁵ and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty silver coins.¹⁶ From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

¹⁷ On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

¹⁸ He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’ ”¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

²⁰ When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve.²¹ And while they were eating, he said, “I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me.”

²² They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely not I, Lord?”

²³ Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me.²⁴ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

²⁵ Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” Jesus answered, “Yes, it is you.”

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

²⁷ Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

³⁰ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹ Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:

“ ‘I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

³² But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

³³ Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.”

³⁴ “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”

³⁵ But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same.

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.



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
 4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies,
 5 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing Lifts its praise on high,



Poured for me the life - blood From his sa - cred veins.
 Blest be his com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind.
 Which from end - less tor - ments Did the world re - deem.
 But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.
 An - gel hosts re - joic - ing Make their glad re - ply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
 Swell the mighty flood;
 Louder still and louder
 Praise the precious blood!

Sermon on Matthew 21:12-17: His Final Steps Led to His Father's House

¹² Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. ¹³ "It is written," he said to them, " 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a 'den of robbers.'"

¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant.

¹⁶ "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him.

"Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read,

" 'From the lips of children and infants
 you have ordained praise'?"

¹⁷ And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.

PRAYER

M: Gracious Lord, according to your will and promise,

C: you sent your Son into our world to atone for sin and restore eternal life.

M: You planned his path to the cross,

C: and he followed it perfectly.

M: He confronted the blindness of unbelief, the confusion of doubt, and the hurt of death

C: but was not deterred as he proclaimed your kingdom to the least, the last, and the lost.

M: As we hear and contemplate the holy record of our Savior's passion and death,

C: use the sharp message of the law to empty us of pride and self-reliance.

M: Humble us as we view the Savior in his humility,

C: remembering and believing that he endured the cross so we might be freed from its horror.

M: In his suffering show us our healing,

C: in his grief show us our joy,

M: and in his death show us our life.

C: Hear our prayers, Lord, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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.

HYMN: NOT ALL THE BLOOD OF BEASTS

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1 Not all the blood of beasts On Is - rael's
 2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our
 3 In faith I place my hand On that dear
 4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den
 5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the



al - tars slain Could give the guilt - y con - science
 sins a - way, A sac - ri - fice of no - bler
 head di - vine, As pen - i - tent - ly here I
 you did bear When hang - ing on the curs - ed
 curse re - move; We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful



peace Or wash a - way the stain.
 name And rich - er blood than they.
 stand And lay on him my sin.
 tree— I know my guilt was there!
 voice And sing his bleed - ing love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Tune: SOUTHWELL (SM) William Daman, c. 1540–91.