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# IT IS FINISHED!

THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

**HYMN: NOW THE LIGHT HAS GONE AWAY**

**784**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for personal reflection*

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.**

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.

**Amen.**

## Psalm 25B I Lift My Soul to You



1 I lift my soul to you, LORD, I trust, O God, in you.  
2 Your cov - e - nant and mer - cy are with me all my days



Send forth your truth to guide me, and teach me what to do.  
to com - fort and to bless me, to keep me in your ways.



Re - mem - ber your great mer - cy, your ev - er - last - ing love;  
When - ev - er I look up - ward, I find you wait - ing there,



for - give me, God, my Sav - ior, my guilt and sin re - move.  
to bear me and to keep me all safe be - neath your care.

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## PSALM PRAYER:

Let us pray:

**Lord, do not remember the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways. Remember instead the great mercy and love that you have shown your people for hundreds of generations. Forgive our sins and teach us to live lives of integrity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PASSION HISTORY

**HYMN: HE STOOD BEFORE THE COURT**

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## **SERMON ON ZECHARIAH 8:14-17**

### **The Truth, The Whole Truth, And Nothing But The Truth**

This is what the LORD Almighty says: “Just as I had determined to bring disaster on you and showed no pity when your ancestors angered me,” says the LORD Almighty, “so now I have determined to do good again to Jerusalem and Judah. Do not be afraid. These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts; do not plot evil against each other, and do not love to swear falsely. I hate all this,” declares the LORD.

### **PRAYER**

Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**listen to my cry.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
**hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

In righteousness I shall see you;  
**when I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

Be present, O Merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.**

### **BLESSING**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.  
**Amen.**

***HYMN: SPEAK, O LORD***

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