

499 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

CW 499



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en by the dev - il's
2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle, god - ly an - gels
3 Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges, since the ser - pent's
4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, tram - pled Sa - tan,



seeth - ing rage, thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions,
by his side; warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
first de - ceit twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
death de - fied; bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,



wins the strife from age to age; con - quers sin and
foiled the beast, so full of pride, cast him earth - bound
made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of
on the wretch - ed tree he died. Yet to life was



death for - ev - er, slams them in their steel - y cage.
with his an - gels; now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
God was spo - ken: "You'll lie crushed be - neath his feet!"
raised vic - to - rious, by his life our life sup - plied.

- 5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant from his heav'nly perch on high,
as the word of Jesus' vict'ry floods the earth and fills the sky.
Wounded by a wound eternal now his judgment has drawn nigh!
- 6 Jesus, send your angel legions when the foe would us enslave.
Hold us fast when sin assaults us; come then, Lord, your people save.
Overthrow at last the dragon; send him to his fiery grave.

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INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

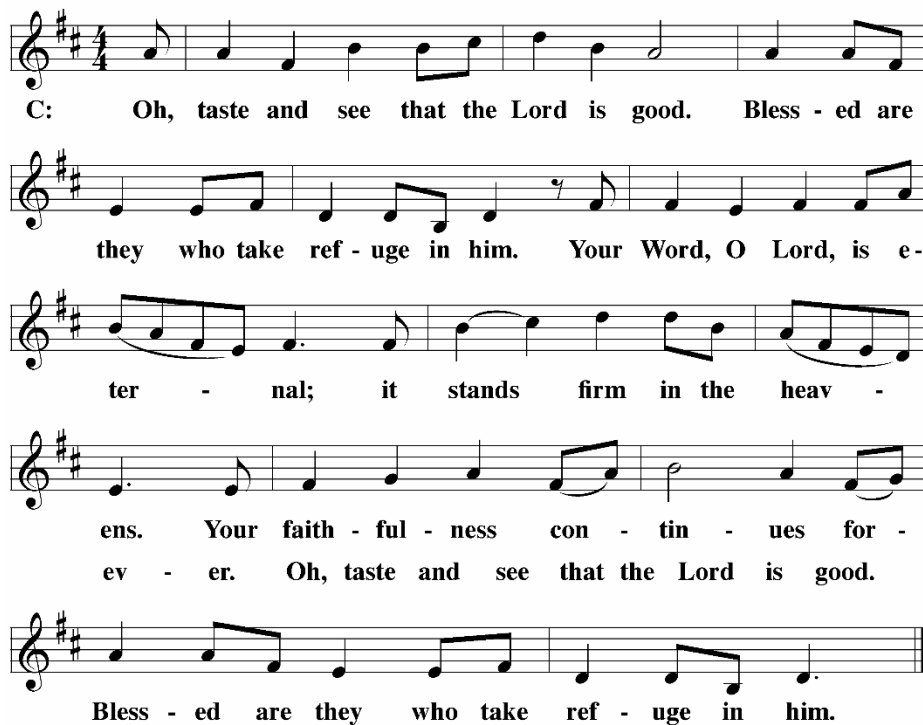
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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The Word

First Reading

2 Kings 6:8–17

⁸Now when the king of Aram was waging war against Israel, he would make plans with his officials, saying, “My camp will be at such and such a place.”

⁹But the man of God would send a message to the king of Israel, saying, “Be careful when you pass this place because the Arameans are going down there.” ¹⁰So the king of Israel would send

scouts to the place that the man of God had pointed out. So the man of God warned him, and he was kept safe—and not just once or twice.

¹¹The king of Aram was enraged because of this. He summoned his officials and said to them, “Won’t you tell me who of us is for the king of Israel?”

¹²One of his officials said, “No, my lord the king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words which you speak in your bedroom.”

¹³Then he said, “Go and see where he is. Then I’ll send men and capture him.”

He was told, “Dothan is where he is.”

¹⁴So he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They came at night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵When the man of God’s servant got up early and went out, there were soldiers, horses, and chariots surrounding the city. So his attendant said to Elisha, “Oh no, my lord! What will we do?”

¹⁶He answered, “Don’t be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

¹⁷Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, open his eyes so that he can see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he saw that the hills were full of horses and chariots of fire, all around Elisha.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choir

“May the Peoples Praise You”

You have called us out of darkest night into your glorious light,
that we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

May our ev’ry breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
with boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life,

(Refrain) May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad.

All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.

All the earth is yours and all within, each harvest is your own,
and from your hand we give to you, to make Christ known.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard.
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread your Word.

(Refrain) May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad.

All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.

This our holy priv’lege to declare your praises and your name
to ev’ry nation, tribe, and tongue, your church proclaim.

(Refrain) May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad.

All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.

May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad.

All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.

Second Reading

Revelation 12:7–12

⁷There was also a war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon. The dragon fought back along with his angels, ⁸but he was not strong enough. There was no longer a place for them in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was thrown down—the ancient serpent, the one called the Devil and Satan, the one who leads the whole inhabited earth astray—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying:

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God

and the authority of his Christ,
because the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down,
the one who accuses them before our God day and night.

¹¹They conquered him

because of the blood of the Lamb and
because of the word of their testimony.

They did not love their lives in the face of death.

¹²For this reason, rejoice, you heavens and those who dwell in them.

Woe to the earth and the sea,

for the Devil has gone down to you.
He is full of rage, because he knows that his time is short.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE

VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalms 103:20

Alleluia! Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding. Alleluia!

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

Luke 10:17-20

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name!"
¹⁸He told them, "I was watching Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Look, I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing will ever harm you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names have been written in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

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500 Lord God, to You We Give All Praise

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1 Lord God, to you we give all praise, with grate - ful
 2 They shine with light and heav'n - ly grace and con - stant -
 3 They nev - er rest nor sleep as we; their whole de -
 4 The an - cient drag - on is their foe; his en - vy

hearts our voic - es raise that an - gel hosts you did cre -
 ly be - hold your face. They heed your voice, they know it
 light is but to be with you, Lord Je - sus, and to
 and his wrath they know. It al - ways is his aim and



ate a - round your glo - rious throne to wait.
well; in god - ly wis - dom they ex - cel.
keep your lit - tle flock, your lambs and sheep.
pride your Chris - tian peo - ple to di - vide.

- 5 As he of old deceived the world and into sin and death has hurled,
so now he subtly lies in wait to undermine both Church and state.
- 6 A roaring lion, round he goes, no halt nor rest he ever knows;
he seeks the Christians to devour and slay them by his dreadful pow'r.
- 7 But watchful is the angel band that follows Christ on ev'ry hand
to guard his people where they go and break the counsel of the foe.
- 8 O Lord, awaken songs of praise for angel hosts that guard our days;
teach us to serve you and adore as angels do forevermore.

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SERMON

2 Kings 6:8-17

“Angels Ascend Over Dothan’s Demons”

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THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE 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.

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836 I Walk in Danger All the Way

CW 836 sts. 1, 4-5



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way; the thought shall nev - er
4 I walk with an - gels all the way, they shield me and be -
5 I walk with Je - sus all the way, his guid - ance nev - er



leave me that Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, is
friend me; all Sa - tan's pow'r is held at bay when
fails me; with - in his wounds I find a stay when



plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares
heav'n - ly hosts at - tend me. They are my sure de - fense;
Sa - tan's pow'r as - sails me; and by his foot - steps led,



may seize me un - a - wares if e'er I fail to
all fear and sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do
my path I safe - ly tread. No e - vil leads my



watch and pray; I walk in dan - ger all the way.
what they may, I walk with an - gels all the way.
soul a - stray; I walk with Je - sus all the way.

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Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1708, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen
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CLOSING PRAYER

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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924 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CW 924



- 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
- 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your Word
- 3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
- 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.
your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.

5 Abide with your protection
among us, Lord, our strength,
lest world and Satan fell us
and overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
among us with your love;
grant steadfastness and help us
to reach our home above.

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