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Let us honour
our **LORD JESUS CHRIST** -
the King of Kings!

THE LAMB WILL OVERCOME THEM,
FOR HE IS LORD OF LORDS AND KING OF KINGS.

(Revelation 17:14)

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PRAYER AND PRAISE VIGIL

We are gathered together to ask God's forgiveness for the deceptive and blasphemous image of Jesus Christ that is being spread through THE LAST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST, to pray for those who are propagating and being influenced by such blasphemy, and to honour our Lord Jesus by proclaiming before the visible and invisible world His true nature to the glory of God the Father.

Opening Prayer The Rev. Fred Nile

Hymn:

Hail, Thou once despisèd Jesus!
Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou agonising Saviour,
Bearer of our sin and shame!
By Thy merits we find favour;
Life is given through Thy name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed,
Thou hast full atonement made:
All Thy people are forgiven
Through the virtue of Thy blood;
Opened is the gate of heaven;
Peace is made 'twixt man and God.

Worship, honour, power, and blessing,
Thou art worthy to receive;
Loudest praises without ceasing,
Meet it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright, angelic spirits!
Bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
Help to sing our Saviour's merits,
Help to chant Immanuel's praise!

J. Bakewell

SCRIPTURE READING FROM PSALM 69

Leader:

Those who hate me without a cause
 Are more than the hairs of my head;
 They are mighty who would destroy me,
 Being my enemies wrongfully.
 For your sake I have borne reproach;
 Shame has covered my face.
 I have become a stranger to my brothers,
 And an alien to my mother's children.
 Because zeal for your house has eaten me up,
 And the reproaches of those who reproach you
 have fallen on me.
 Those who sit in the gate speak against me,
 And I am the song of the drunkards.
 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonour;
 My adversaries are all before you.
 Reproach has broken my heart,
 And I am full of heaviness;
 I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none;
 And for comforters, but I found none.

Hymn:

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended,
 That man to judge Thee hath in hate pretended?
 By foes derided, by Thine own rejected,
 O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee?
 Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee;
 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee,
 I crucified Thee.

Lo, the good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
 The slave hath sinnèd, and the Son hath suffered;
 For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
 God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus, was Thine incarnation,
 Thy mortal sorrow, and Thy life's oblation;

Thy death of anguish and Thy bitter passion,
 For my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee,
 I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee,
 Think on Thy pity and Thy love unswerving,
 Not my deserving. J. Heermann

Leader:

Let us read together responsively Isaiah 53, which
 speaks of the sufferings of our Lord Jesus:

ISAIAH 53

Leader:

Who has believed our report?
 And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

All:

For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant,
 And as a root out of dry ground.

Leader:

He has no form or comeliness;
 And when we see him,
 There is no beauty that we should desire him.

All:

He is despised and rejected by men,
 A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

Leader:

And we hid, as it were, our faces from him;

All:

He was despised, and we did not esteem him.

Leader:

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

All:

Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Leader:

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities;

All:

The chastisement for our peace was upon him,
And by his stripes we are healed.

Leader:

All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his own way;

All:

And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Leader:

He was oppressed and he was afflicted,
Yet he opened not his mouth;

All:

He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,
And as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
So he opened not his mouth.

Leader:

He was taken from prison and from judgment,
And who will declare his generation?

All:

For he was cut off from the land of the living;
For the transgressions of my people he was stricken.

Leader:

And they made his grave with the wicked -
But with the rich at his death,

All:

Because he had done no violence,
Nor was any deceit in his mouth.

Leader:

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him;
He has put him to grief.

All:

When you make his soul an offering for sin,
He shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days,
And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

Leader:

He shall see the travail of his soul, and be satisfied.
By his knowledge my righteous Servant shall justify many,

All:

For he shall bear their iniquities.

Leader:

Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great,

All:

And he shall divide the spoil with the strong,

Leader:

Because he poured out his soul unto death,
And he was numbered with the transgressors,

All:

And he bore the sin of many,
And made intercession for the transgressors.

Hymn:

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,

Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labour of my hands
Can fulfil Thy law's demands:
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly:
Wash me, Saviour, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne:
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!

A.M. Toplady

Leader:

To quote the Archbishop of the Russian Orthodox Church:
"The Person of Jesus Christ has been worshipped by
countless millions of Christians of every nationality
for almost two thousand years, many millions of whom
preferred to die rather than deny Him before their tor-
turers. The entire world, including those who do not
believe in Jesus Christ, must acknowledge His Birthday
every time anyone dates anything - so significant has
been His presence on this earth.
To depict this Person in any manner inconsistent with
the facts reported by His Disciples, Matthew, Mark, Luke
and John is a violation of truth and a despicable at-
tempt to insult the religious feelings of many
millions..."

Leader:

For those who are able, let us kneel and ask God's for-
giveness for the sin that is being committed against
Him:

Leader:

Lord, we have sinned against You:
Lord, have mercy.

PLEASE KNEEL
TO HONOUR OUR
LORD JESUS

All:

Lord, have mercy.

Leader:

Lord, show us Your mercy and love.

All:

And grant us Your salvation.

Leader:

You were sent to heal the contrite: Lord, have mercy.

All:

Lord, have mercy.

Leader:

You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy.

All:

Christ, have mercy.

Leader:

You plead for us at the right hand of the Father:

All:

Lord, have mercy.

Leader:

We confess with our nation

All:

that the most serious offence of all is being committed in our land - blasphemy against the living God. In deep grief we humble ourselves and lament that man dares to attack You, the almighty God, mocking and degrading You in an outrageous manner, blaspheming You. Never before has this sin been so public and widespread; it will inevitably bring down upon our country the greatest judgment of all.

Leader:

We confess

All:

that as members of Your Body, the Church, we too are guilty. So often we have taken too weak a stand against the blasphemy, perhaps even denying You by our silence.

Leader:

Our heavenly Father,

All:

in great distress we beseech You on behalf of our country, which deserves Your judgment of wrath. For the sake of Jesus' precious blood have mercy upon our nation. Save our country from perishing. Accept our tears and supplications, as we turn aside from paths of sin.

Leader:

Lord Jesus Christ, we humble ourselves and acknowledge that we, who belong to You and who should stand by You now, so often have lacked the courage to witness to those who speak against You.

All:

Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us.

Leader:

We humble ourselves and acknowledge that, in the face of the attacks and blasphemies which You, Lord Jesus, must suffer today, we have often lacked the fervency of love to uphold Your honour and unmask the enemy.

All:

Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us.

Leader:

We humble ourselves and acknowledge that we have borne so little of the shame and scorn which You suffer, Lord Jesus, and have brought You so little comfort, because our hearts were not on fire for Your honour.

All:

Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us.

Leader:

We humble ourselves and acknowledge that we, who are Your own, and who ought to love You, are characterized by the words "too little" - too little love for You. Instead of repenting over our state of being satiated, we are contented with the too little.

All:

Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us.

Leader:

We humble ourselves and acknowledge that during these last days of great apostasy we say "Lord! Lord!" and still do too little to carry out Your will, that we have too little love that freely brings You sacrifice, that we spend too little time in prayer.

All:

Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us.

Leader:

Forgive us for forsaking You by doing too little to comfort You when You are scorned.

All:

Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, we beseech You,

All:

Grant us Your grace, that we might honour You in word and deed, in proportion to the amount that You are being blasphemed today. Grant that the more You are being thrust out and rejected, the more we will want to love You by deepening the commitment of our whole life to You. Grant that the more Your commandments are being declared invalid and are being defamed, the more we might accept them as obligatory and live accordingly.

Leader:

O Lord,

All:

Let our hearts constantly be cleansed in repentance through the power of Your blood. Let them become temples where You would desire to dwell. May it be Your comfort and Your joy to be able to say: "This is my resting place for ever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it." (Psalm 132:14)

Leader:

Let us stand and join together in saying the Lord's Prayer.

All:

Our Father, who art in heaven:
Hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,

STAND

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, for ever. Amen.

Hymn:

O God, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,
Our Shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal Home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight,
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

O God, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,
Be Thou our Guide while life shall last,
And our eternal Home!

I. Watts

Hymn:

I praise and adore You, my dishonoured Lord,
Deprived of Your glory by this wicked world;
I praise and adore You, O Lamb most pure,
Who death on the Cross for us all endured.

Today, dear Lord Jesus, You suffer again,
Are crucified, hated, afflicted by men.
Should this be man's thanks for Your goodness and love?
O Lord, we are guilty! Our hearts weep and grieve.

Forgive us, O Father, this great sin of ours,
That we should attack You, we children of Yours,
That we should blaspheme You, from You fall away,
The Source of our life and our only Joy.

(Please kneel)

KNEEL

We humbly approach You, fall down on our knees
As penitent sinners in need of Your grace;
O Father, have mercy, forgive us our sin,
And grant to our nation Your grace once again.

(Please stand)

STAND

May Your love, O Jesus, now set us afire,
That this be our longing and only desire:
To share in Your sorrows and with You abide
And in Your great torment be close at Your side.
M.B. Schlink

Leader:

Figuratively speaking, Jesus is being crucified again,
as it says in Hebrews 6:6, and it is happening in the
most terrible way. He is the Son of God, of great dig-
nity and majesty. Here He is being shown as a sinful
man, filled with lust. He is almighty, the Creator of
heaven and earth. Here He is shown as a weakling,
plagued by fear and guilt. He has all power in heaven
and on earth. He has been given the authority to judge
everyone. But here Judas is the hero, who helped and
advised Jesus, and the Son of God seems to be inspired
by Satan.

What should our response be? Let us give Him our love.
May Jesus' sufferings set us on fire to love Him as
never before.

Hymn:

Love, to You our love we offer,
Such as we would give no other -
Love and comfort without end.

Honour, honour to You we offer,
Such as we would give no other -
Honour and comfort without end.

Praise, our praise to You we offer,
Such as we would give no other -
Praise and comfort without end.

Worship, worship to You we offer,
Such as we would give no other -
Worship and comfort without end.

Hymn:

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive!
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave;

Thee we would be always blessing,
 Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
 Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
 Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation,
 Pure and spotless may we be;
 Let us see Thy great salvation
 Perfectly restored in Thee!
 Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heaven we take our place;
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
 Lost in wonder, love and praise.

C. Wesley

Leader:

KNEEL

Let us kneel and pray.

O Lord, we look forward to the day when we will be able to cast our crowns before You, and be lost in wonder, love and praise. On that day every knee will bow before You and every tongue confess that You are Lord. And You will at last receive the praise and honour that is Your due. But we do not want to wait until that day to bring You glory, Lord Jesus. May You receive our praise and homage now, in this life. Help us to honour You with all that we are and have, to the praise of Your glory. Amen.

STAND

Leader:

Let us stand and honour our Lord with the Song of Zacharias, also known as the Benedictus. (Luke 1:68-79)

All:

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
 because he has visited and wrought redemption
 for his people.
 And has raised up a horn of salvation for us
 in the house of David his servant.
 As he promised through the mouths of his holy ones,
 the prophets from of old:

salvation from our enemies
 and from the hands of all our foes.
 He has fulfilled his kindness to our fathers,
 and been mindful of his holy covenant.
 In the oath to Abraham our father,
 by which he swore to grant us
 that, delivered from the hands of our enemies,
 we should serve him without fear
 in holiness and justice before him all our days.

And you, O child, shall be called the prophet
 of the Most High;
 for you shall go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
 to give his people knowledge of salvation
 through forgiveness of their sins,
 because of the compassionate kindness of our God
 with which the Orient from on high will visit us,
 to shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of
 death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy
 Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever
 shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn:

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
 To His feet thy tribute bring.
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
 Who like thee His praise should sing?
 Praise Him! Praise Him!
 Praise Him! Praise Him!
 Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour
 To our fathers in distress;
 Praise Him, still the same for ever,
 Slow to chide and swift to bless.
 Praise Him! Praise Him!
 Praise Him! Praise Him!
 Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us;
 Well our feeble frame He knows;
 In His hands He gently bears us,
 Rescues us from all our foes.
 Praise Him! Praise Him!
 Praise Him! Praise Him!
 Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him;
 Ye behold Him face to face;
 Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
 Dwellers all in time and space.
 Praise Him! Praise Him!
 Praise Him! Praise Him!
 Praise with us the God of grace.
 H.F. Lyte

Leader:

Let us confess our faith together in the words of the
 Apostles' Creed:

All:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord;
 Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 Born of the Virgin Mary,
 Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 Was crucified, dead, and buried;
 He descended into hell;
 The third day He rose again from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand
 of God the Father Almighty;
 From thence He shall come to judge the
 quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 The holy Catholic Church;
 The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
 The resurrection of the body;
 And the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn:

Holy God, we praise thy Name;
 Lord Almighty, we confess thee;
 All the earth doth thee acclaim
 And in awe and wonder bless thee.
 Thou, who wast before all time,
 Art eternal, high, sublime.

Cherubim and seraphim,
 Every creature that can praise thee,
 All, for ever, join the hymn
 Angels and archangels raise thee,
 Crying out with one accord,
 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
 Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
 Though in essence only One;
 Undivided God we claim thee,
 Then adoring bend the knee,
 While we own the mystery.

I. Franz

Leader:

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and
 power; for you created all things, and by your will they
 exist and were created." (Rev. 4:11)

All:

Glory to God in the highest
 and peace to his people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 almighty God and Father,
 we worship You, we give You thanks,
 we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 You take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
 For You alone are the Holy One;
 You alone are the Lord;
 You alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Leader:

Let us praise God responsively with Psalm 2, which
 speaks prophetically of our Lord Jesus as the King.

PSALM 2

Leader:

Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain
 thing?

All:

The kings of the earth set themselves,
 And the rulers take counsel together,
 Against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
 "Let us break their bonds in pieces
 And cast away their cords from us."

Leader:

He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;
 The LORD shall hold them in derision.

All:

Then he shall speak to them in his wrath,
 And distress them in his deep displeasure:
 "Yet I have set my King
 On my holy hill of Zion."

Leader:

"I will declare the decree:
 The LORD has said to me,
 'You are my son,
 Today I have begotten you.

All:

Ask of me, and I will give you
 The nations for your inheritance,
 And the ends of the earth for your possession.

Leader:

You shall break them with a rod of iron;
 You shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

All:

Now therefore, be wise, O kings;
 Be instructed, you judges of the earth.

Leader:

Serve the Lord with fear,
 And rejoice with trembling.

All:

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry,
 And you perish in the way,
 When his wrath is kindled but a little.

Leader:

Blessed are those who put their trust in him.

All:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy
 Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever
 shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn:

Praise the Lord: ye heavens, adore Him;
 Praise Him, angels in the height;
 Sun and moon, rejoice before Him,
 Praise Him, all ye stars of light.
 Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken;
 Worlds His mighty voice obeyed:
 Laws which never shall be broken
 For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord, for He is glorious;
 Never shall His promise fail:
 God hath made His saints victorious;
 Sin and death shall not prevail.
 Praise the God of our salvation;
 Hosts on high, His power proclaim;
 Heaven and earth and all creation,
 Laud and magnify His name.

(Please kneel)

KNEEL

Worship, honour, glory, blessing,
 Lord, we offer unto Thee;
 Young and old, Thy praise expressing,
 In glad homage bend the knee.
 All the saints in heaven adore Thee;
 We would bow before Thy throne:
 As Thine angels serve before Thee,
 So on earth Thy will be done.

Leader:

Almighty Father in heaven, You have revealed Yourself to us in Jesus Christ, Your only Son. He was with You in the beginning, and all things were made through Him. We thank You for sending Him to die for us on the cross as a pure and holy sacrifice, so that our sins could be forgiven. Help us to walk in the newness of life that He has won for us, so that others may see Him in us. The more He is blasphemed and slandered, the more we want to proclaim by our lives and testimony who He really is and what He has done for us. Help us to do so, for we ask it in His name, Amen.

STAND

Hymn:

Amazing grace - how sweet the sound -
 That saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found,
 Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 And grace my fears relieved;
 How precious did that grace appear,
 The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
 I have already come;
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
 And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we've first begun.

J. Newton

Hymn:

O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy,
 For He alone is worthy,
 For He alone is worthy,
 Christ the Lord.

For He is pure and holy,
 For He is pure and holy,
 For He is pure and holy,
 Christ the Lord.

He is the Lord of lords,
 He is the Lord of lords,
 He is the Lord of lords,
 Christ the Lord.

He is the King of kings,
 He is the King of kings,
 He is the King of kings,
 Christ the Lord.

He is our sinless Saviour,
 He is our sinless Saviour,
 He is our sinless Saviour,
 Christ the Lord.

(Please kneel)

All knees shall bow before Him,
 All knees shall bow before Him,
 All knees shall bow before Him,
 Christ the Lord.

To Him be all the glory,
 To Him be all the glory,
 To Him be all the glory,
 Christ the Lord!

Hymn:

Crown Him with many crowns,
 The Lamb upon His throne;
 Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
 All music but its own:
 Awake, my soul, and sing
 Of Him who died for thee,
 And hail Him as thy matchless King
 Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love;
 Behold His hands and side,
 Those wounds yet visible above
 In beauty glorified:
 No angel in the sky
 Can fully bear that sight,
 But downward bends his burning eye
 At mysteries so bright.

KNEEL

STAND

Crown Him the Lord of peace,
 Whose power a sceptre sways
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
 And all be prayer and praise:
 His reign shall know no end,
 And round His pierced feet
 Fair flowers of Paradise extend
 Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years,
 The Potentate of time,
 Creator of the rolling spheres,
 Ineffably sublime!
 All hail, Redeemer, hail!
 For Thou hast died for me;
 Thy praise shall never, never fail
 Throughout eternity.

M. Bridges

Leader:

In this film, our Lord Jesus is portrayed as someone confused and misguided, who does not know who He is or why He has come. Let us proclaim together the truth, what our Lord Jesus said of Himself in His Holy Word.

All:

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Leader:

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." John 10:10

All:

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, even though he dies, he shall live." John 11:25

Leader:

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd; and I know my sheep, and am known by my own. As the Father knows me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep." John 10:14f.

All:

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12

Leader:

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me shall never hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst." John 6:35

All:

Jesus said, "I am the First and the Last. I am he who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore. Amen." Revelation 1:17f.

Hymn:

Jesus, my dearest, Jesus, the purest,
Jesus most glorious, yet so despised.
Jesus, Jesus, we love You, Lord.

Jesus, who saves us, Jesus, who frees us,
Jesus, who triumphed o'er Satan's power.
Jesus, Jesus, we love You, Lord.

Jesus, You suffered, died to redeem us,
O Lamb of God, so pure, undefiled.
Jesus, Jesus, we love You, Lord.

Jesus, Your mighty words, "It is finished!",
Proclaim to me, salvation is won.
Jesus, Jesus, we love You, Lord.

Jesus, our Saviour, risen, victorious,
All pow'rs of death are broken by You.
Jesus, Jesus, we love You, Lord.

Jesus, exalted, filled with God's glory,
O Son of God, all praise be to You!
Jesus, Jesus, we love You, Lord.

Jesus, all nature serves and obeys You,
Almighty Lord, omnipotent God!
Jesus, Jesus, we love You, Lord.

Jesus, enthroned as Judge in the heavens,
Judge of the nations, of all mankind.
Jesus, Jesus, we love You, Lord.

Jesus, one day all lands will pay homage
When You return in glory as King.
Jesus, Jesus, we love You, Lord.

Jesus, commanding armies of angels,
Lord over hosts and heavenly choirs.
Jesus, Jesus, we love You, Lord.

Jesus, O Lamb, O Light of the heavens,
Your radiance fills the City of God.
Jesus, Jesus, we love You, Lord.

Jesus, O Crown and Jewel of the heavens,
Your splendour shines through all of the spheres.
Jesus, Jesus, we love You, Lord.

Leader:

There is yet another response that Jesus is waiting for us to give in face of this hour when it is as though He is being crucified anew the world over. He is waiting for us to rally under His banner, the banner of the Lamb, and to form a spiritual army, ready to stand up for Him and to oppose the enemy with Him, interceding in prayer and helping to rescue souls.

Today Jesus needs warriors, soldiers of Christ, who "fight the good fight" (1 Timothy 6:12). As the battle between heaven and hell grows fiercer and is nearing its climax, we need to be ready for action. We need a spirit of unshakeable faith to match and exceed the hatred of Satan, yes, to defeat it, since our love and fire for Jesus are greater still. Soldiers of Jesus, the great King, are willing to make any sacrifice. They do all they can to take His side and defend Him. They feel happy and privileged to fulfil even a single wish or command of their King.

If you would like to dedicate or rededicate yourself for this purpose, let us join together saying the following prayer:

All:

Here we are, Lord, whom You have called now in the end times to lament with You and comfort You.

We ask You to kindle our hearts with a love that is quick to perceive how much You are suffering today, a love that has but one desire: to comfort You in Your great anguish over Your children and this world of Yours.

So grant that our sacrifices, worship and love, devotion and trust will continually bring joy to Your heart and comfort You in Your present-day sufferings.

We want to dedicate ourselves to this end, so that we may be true children of Yours, our Father, loving You affectionately and offering our love and thanks to You, Lord Jesus, for saving us and making us happy.

We now want to live for You, our Lord and God, and die to self with all personal wishes and desires, and then win the greatest and most precious thing of all: the privilege of comforting You in this hour of Your greatest pain.

May our love bring You relief in Your pain, for we are Your children and want to be comforters for You, our beloved Father and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn:

Jesus, dearest Lord, I pray,
Let me stay with You today,
That You're not alone,
O majestic Lord and King,
So degraded and blasphemed
Before all the world.

How I grieve with You, O Lord,
That man dares attack his God!
My heart weeps and mourns,
And my soul is filled with pain
That Eternal Love again
Is pierced to the heart.

Long ago, Lord, You were scorned,
Cruelly blasphemed, crowned with thorns
In a single land.
Now the whole world hates Your name,
Treats You with contempt and shame,
Tormenting Your heart.

Lamb of God, my dearest Lord,
Lovingly our sins You bore
On the cross of shame.
For this You're hated once again,
O my pure and sinless Lamb,
Who suffered in love.

At Your side I yearn to stay,
Going with You on Your way,
Though the path be hard.
I would bear with You Your pain,
Persecution, hatred, shame,
O Jesus, my Lord.

I would take my stand for You
 When Your heart is pierced anew
 By the darts of hate.
 I would testify to You -
 God and King to whom is due
 All honour and praise!

M.B. Schlink

Leader:

God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

All:

Have mercy on us.

Leader:

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

All:

Have mercy on us.

Leader:

God the Holy Spirit, the Strengthener,

All:

Have mercy on us.

Leader:

Lord, remember not our offences, nor the offences of our
 forefathers; spare us, good Lord, spare Your people whom
 You have redeemed with Your precious blood.

All:

Spare us, good Lord.

Leader:

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the craft and
 assaults of the devil; from Your wrath; and from ever-
 lasting damnation,

All:

Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader:

From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vainglory, and
 hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all
 uncharitableness,

All:

Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader:

From all deadly sin; and from the deceits of the world,
 the flesh, and the devil,

All:

Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader:

From all false doctrine, heresy, and blasphemy; from
 hardness of heart, and contempt of Your word and com-
 mandment,

All:

Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader:

By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy
 birth; by Your circumcision and obedience to the law; by
 Your baptism, fasting, and temptation.

All:

Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader:

By Your agony and bitter grief; by Your cross and pas-
 sion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glori-
 ous resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the
 Holy Spirit,

All:

Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader:

In our times of trouble; in our times of prosperity; in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment,

All:

Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader:

Receive now our prayers, Lord God. Give us a heart to love and reverence You, that we may diligently live according to Your commandments.

All:

Hear us, good Lord.

Leader:

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

All:

Hear us, good Lord.

Leader:

Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith; encourage the fainthearted; raise up those who fall; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

All:

Hear us, good Lord.

Leader:

Forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and turn their hearts.

All:

Hear us, good Lord.

Leader:

Hinder the spread of this film and all blasphemy, and preserve souls from deception.

All:

Hear us, good Lord.

Leader:

Let those who have been misled, or whose eyes have been blinded by ignorance, deception or love of money, come to repentance and the full knowledge of Your saving truth.

All:

Hear us, good Lord.

Leader:

Blot out the evil impressions left by this blasphemy on peoples' minds and hearts. Bring to naught the wiles of the devil.

All:

Hear us, good Lord.

Leader:

Help those in our country and in every land who seek to defend Your holy Name and are fighting against the spread of blasphemy and all other sin and wickedness.

All:

Hear us, good Lord.

Leader:

Through the testimony and evangelistic efforts of Your own, let all the more people come to know and acknowledge You as their Lord and Saviour.

All:

Hear us, good Lord.

Leader:

Grant us true repentance; forgive our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to Your holy word.

All:

Hear us, good Lord.

Leader:

Son of God, we ask You to hear us.

All:

Son of God, we ask You to hear us.

Leader:

Jesus, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,

All:

Grant us Your peace.

Leader:

Lord, have mercy on us.

All:

Christ, have mercy on us.

Leader:

Lord, have mercy on us.

Leader:

Have mercy upon us, God, have mercy upon us. For You are always worshipped and glorified in heaven and on earth. O Christ, our good Lord, plenteous in patience, mercy and compassion, who loves the just and shows mercy to all sinners. Who does not wish death for the sinner but repentance and life, calling all men to salvation for the promised forthcoming rewards. O Lord, accept our prayers of this hour and every hour. Guide us to act according to Your commandments. Sanctify our souls,

purify our bodies, set aright our thoughts, cleanse our intentions, heal our sickness, forgive us our sins and deliver us from every evil, grief and distress.

Surround us with Your holy angels that we may be guided and guarded with them to attain the unity of faith and knowledge of Your imperceptible and infinite glory, for You are blessed for ever. Amen.

Hymn:.

Faith of our fathers! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! we will strive
To win all nations unto thee,
And through the truth that comes from God
Mankind shall then be truly free.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

F.W. Faber

Leader:

By singing, praying and battling in faith, we can form a counter-movement against the advancing powers of darkness. And this counter-movement, though small in number, is strong, strong because they are willing to suffer, to bear wounds like their Lord. There is power in bearing wounds for Jesus' sake, just as His wounds defeated Satan. Those who bear wounds will win the victory.

Love gives them wings, lifting them up again and again.
Love for Jesus gives them unlimited strength to endure
every battle. For all they want is to bring Him joy and
comfort today.

If you want to belong to this band of soldiers - and
who, knowing and loving Jesus, would not want to do so -
then let us join together now to stand up for Jesus,
claiming and praising His victory.

Hymn:

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high his royal banner,
It must not suffer loss:
From victory unto victory
His army shall he lead,
Till every foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord is indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this his glorious day:
Ye that are men now serve him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus;
Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own:
Put on the gospel armour,
Each piece put on with prayer,
Where duty calls, or danger,
Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus;
The strife will not be long:
This day, the noise of battle;
The next, the victor's song.
To him that overcometh,
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of glory
Shall reign eternally.

G. Duffield

Hymn:

Our Champion triumphs, strong to save;
Jesus, the Lamb, Victor remains.
The outcome of the fight shall be:
Jesus is Victor; Satan must flee.
So shall it be!

Therefore, take courage, little band
Who always fought at Christ's right hand.
The vict'ry banner wave with might
And sing, "The Lamb has won the fight!
The Lamb has won the fight!"

WAVE VICTORY
BANNERS

All heav'n is battling for our sake
And hears each prayer of faith we make.
What we believe shall come to be:
The pow'rs of darkness have to flee.
They've lost the fight!

M. B. Schlink

Hymn: (sing twice)

In the Name of Jesus,
In the Name of Jesus,
We have the Victory.
In the Name of Jesus,
In the Name of Jesus,
Demons will have to flee.
When we stand on the Name of Jesus,
Tell me who can stand before?
In the mighty Name of Jesus
We have the victory!

Leader:

The destructive powers of darkness are flooding our nation and are drawing many under their influence. But we can call upon Your victorious name, Jesus, and count upon the victory, which is guaranteed in Your wounds, and we know that Your victory is breaking into the kingdom of darkness.

All:

In the name of Jesus and in His wounds there is victory!

Leader:

Jesus Christ has bruised the head of the serpent and vanquished its power. He put to naught the forces of darkness behind all blasphemy.

All:

Jesus is Victor! Hallelujah!

Leader:

In the name of Jesus and in His wounds there is victory! The Lamb, the Lion of Judah, has overcome Satan's power and broken his influence over the minds and hearts of those who are given such a blasphemous, distorted picture of Christ.

All:

Jesus is Victor! Hallelujah!

Leader:

In the Name of Jesus and in His wounds there is victory! Jesus has come to destroy the works of the devil. Thus we claim His victory over all pornography, obscenity and blasphemy. Let people lose interest and turn instead to You.

All:

Jesus is Victor! Hallelujah!

Leader:

In the name of Jesus and in His wounds there is victory! We know that our Redeemer lives. Jesus can redeem us from every power of sin, for He says, "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." Let many souls experience this today.

All:

Jesus is Victor! Hallelujah!

Leader:

In the name of Jesus and in His wounds there is victory! Jesus has disarmed His enemies and made a public example of them, triumphing over them. He has put all His enemies under His feet.

All:

Jesus is Victor! Hallelujah!

Leader:

In the name of Jesus and in His wounds there is Victory! Jesus is the First and the Last and the Living One, who holds the keys of death and Hades. He will reign for ever and ever.

All:

Jesus is Victor! Hallelujah! Amen.

Hymn::

Jesus overcame, Jesus overcame,
Jesus overcame Satan's power.
Jesus overcame, Jesus overcame,
Jesus overcame Satan's power.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Jesus overcame Satan's power.

Glory to the Lamb, Glory to the Lamb,
Glory to the Lamb that was slain!
Glory to the Lamb, Glory to the Lamb,

Glory to the Lamb that was slain!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Glory to the Lamb that was slain!

Hymn: (sing twice)
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb,
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb.
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb
That was slain.
Praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise the Lord!

FROM PHILIPPIANS 2

Leader:
Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,
who, being in the form of God, did not consider it
robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no
reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in
the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a
man, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point
of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God
also has highly exalted him and given him the name which
is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every
knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on
earth and of those under the earth, and that every
tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the
glory of God the Father.

Let us, therefore, join with the hosts of heaven to bow
our knees before Him once more, confessing His lordship:

Hymn:: (Sing three times)
He is Lord, He is Lord.
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

KNEEL

STAND

FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Leader:
To him who loved us and washed us from our sins in his
own blood, and has made us kings and priests to his God
and Father,

All:
To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader:
Behold, he is coming with clouds, and every eye will see
him, and they also who pierced him. And all the tribes
of the earth will mourn because of him.

All:
Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!

Leader:
And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and
of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the
elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain.

The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders
fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and
golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of
the saints. And they sang a new song, saying:

All:
"You are worthy to take the scroll,
And to open its seals;
For you were slain,
And have redeemed us to God by your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
And have made us kings and priests to our God;
And we shall reign on the earth."

Leader:

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels
around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders;
and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thou-
sand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud
voice:

All:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
To receive power and riches and wisdom,
And strength and honour and glory and blessing!"

Leader:

And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth
and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all
that are in them, I heard saying:

All:

"Blessing and honour and glory and power
Be to him who sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb, for ever and ever!" Amen.

Hymn::

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory, glory and honour,
Glory and honour and power.
For Thou hast created, hast all things created,
Thou hast created all things.
And for Thy pleasure they are created,
For Thou art worthy, O Lord!

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory, glory and honour,
And to sit at the Father's right hand,
For Thou hast redeemed us,
And cleansed and received us.
By Thy blood setting us free:
In white robes arrayed us,

Kings and priests made us,
And we are reigning with Thee.

Hymn: (sing twice)

Exalt the Lord, our God.
Exalt the Lord, our God,
And worship at His footstool,
Worship at His footstool.
Holy is He.
Holy is He.

Hymn:

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from His throne unto His own,
His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the Name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty.
Jesus, who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.

J. Hayford

Hymn:

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
To crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
Crown Him, to crown Him Lord of all!

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from His altar call;
Who from His altar call;
Extol Him in whose path ye trod,
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
Crown Him, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
 Ye ransomed of the fall,
 Ye ransomed of the fall,
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
 And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
 Crown Him, and crown Him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 The wormwood and the gall,
 The wormwood and the gall,
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet,
 And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
 Crown Him, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe
 On this terrestrial ball,
 On this terrestrial ball,
 To Him all majesty ascribe,
 And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
 Crown Him, and crown Him Lord of all!

O that, with yonder sacred throng,
 We at His feet may fall,
 We at His feet may fall,
 Join in the everlasting song,
 And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
 Crown Him, and crown Him Lord of all!
 E. Perronet

Closing Prayer of Blessing

All:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all
 evermore. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

Mine eyes have seen the glory
 of the coming of the Lord;
 He is trampling out the vintage
 where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 He hath loosed the fateful lightning
 of His terrible swift sword;
 His truth is marching on.

Refrain

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
 Glory, glory, hallelujah!
 Glory, glory, hallelujah!
 His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watchfires
 of a hundred circling camps;
 They have builded Him an altar
 in the evening dews and damps;
 I have read His righteous sentence
 by the dim and flaring lamps;
 His day is marching on.

Refrain

Glory, glory, hallelujah...

He has sounded forth His trumpet
 that shall never call retreat;
 He is sifting out the hearts of men
 before His judgment-seat;
 O be swift, my soul, to answer Him,
 be jubilant, my feet;
 Our God is marching on.

Refrain

Glory, glory, hallelujah...

In the beauty of the lilies
 Christ was born across the sea,
 With a glory in His bosom
 that transfigures you and me;
 As He died to make men holy,
 let us die to make men free,
 While God is marching on.

Refrain

Glory, glory, hallelujah...

J.W. Howe

SUPPLEMENTARY HYMNS AND CHORUSES

- ① Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
 With the cross of Jesus going on before:
 Christ the royal Master leads against the foe;
 Forward into battle, see, His banners go.

Refrain

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
 With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;
 Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;
 We are not divided, all one body we,
 One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

Refrain

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
 But the Church of Jesus constant will remain;
 Gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail;
 We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.

Refrain

Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng,
 Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song;
 Glory, laud, and honour unto Christ the King;
 This through countless ages men and angels sing.

Refrain

S. Baring-Gould

- ② Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
 O Thou of God and man the Son,
 Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honour,
 Thou, my soul's Glory, Joy, and Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands,
 Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
 Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
 And all the twinkling, starry host;
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
 Than all the angels heaven can boast.

All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,
 Wondrously, Jesus, is found in Thee;
 None can be nearer, fairer or dearer,
 Than Thou, my Saviour, art to me.

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- ③ My soul doth magnify the Lord
 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour,
 For He that is mighty hath done great things
 And holy is His name.
 My soul doth magnify the Lord,
 My soul doth magnify the Lord
 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour
 For He that is mighty hath done great things
 And holy is His name.

Luke 1:46,49

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All hail King Jesus,
 All hail Emmanuel,
 King of Kings, Lord of Lords,
 Bright Morning Star.
 And throughout eternity
 I'll sing Your praises,
 and I'll reign with You throughout eternity.
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Jesus, Name above all names,
 Beautiful Saviour,
 Glorious Lord.
 Emmanuel, God is with us,
 Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.
 N. Hearn

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