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**Sustained in Sickness
As We Gather**

Since the fall into sin, no part of our human nature has escaped the ravages of original sin. Not only has sin separated us from God to our spiritual detriment, but our bodies, created for perfect health, endure sickness and injury. King David announces God's answer to this catastrophe in Psalm 41:3: "The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health." This is a beautiful promise, but what does it mean for you and your infirmities? As all the Scriptures bear witness to Jesus, the gifts contained in these words are only revealed by your Baptism into Him by whose wounds we are healed.

433 Glory Be to Jesus

- 1 Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood, From His sacred veins!
- 2 Grace and life eternal, In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!
- 3 Blest through endless ages, Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment, Did the world redeem!
- 4 Abel's blood for vengeance, Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus, For our pardon cries.
- 5 Oft as earth exulting, Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing, Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder, Praise the precious blood!

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences *Psalm 30:1-5*

- P I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
C **O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.**
P O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

- C **Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name.**
P For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.
C **Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

Call to Confession

- P Let us make our confession to our God, seeking His grace and forgiveness.

606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us, From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus, To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious, Till not a spot remains.
- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.
- 3 I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes, His name abroad is poured.

Absolution

- P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.
C **Amen.**

Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

- P Let us pray.
Let Your blessing be upon us, heavenly Father, as we pass through these holy days in which we remember the sufferings and death of our dear Lord. Grant that His holy example being ever before us, we follow Him in willing obedience, learn His gracious humility, and being filled with His love and spirit of self-sacrifice, learn the lessons of a life pleasing to You and helpful to all people; through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 103:1–14

P The Old Testament Reading is from Psalms, the 103rd chapter.

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. ¹⁴For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 41*

P Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

C **In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;**

P the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;

C **You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**

P The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health.

C **As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!"**

P My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?"

C **And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.**

P All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

C **They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."**

P Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

C **But You, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!**

P By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

C **But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever.**

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

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.

Epistle *James 5:7–18*

P The Epistle is from James, the fifth chapter.

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient.

Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

¹²But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

1 On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures, Never may Your work
erase; Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation!

Holy Gospel *Matthew 8:14–17*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. ¹⁵He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. ¹⁶That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. ¹⁷This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

- 1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing, In Your holy wounds I find,
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling, Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within, Tempt my treach'rous heart to
sin, Show the peril, and from sinning, Keep me from its first
beginning.
- 2 Should some lust or sharp temptation, Fascinate my sinful mind,
Draw me to Your cross and passion, And new courage I shall find.
Or should Satan press me hard, Let me then be on my guard,
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded," That the tempter flee
confounded.
- 3 If the world my heart entices, With the broad and easy road,
With seductive, sinful vices, Let me weigh the awful load
You were willing to endure. Help me flee all thoughts impure
And to master each temptation, Calm in prayer and meditation.
- 4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me, By Your wounds, Lord, is
made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,
Granting new life to my soul. Yes, Your comfort renders sweet
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet; For Your all-atoning passion
Has procured my soul's salvation.
- 5 O my God, my rock and tower, Grant that in Your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost its power, Since You crushed it in the dust.
Savior, let Your agony, Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection, Light and life and resurrection.

Sermon *Psalms 41:3*

Hymn Introduction

P In the second stanza of "My Song Is Love Unknown," writer Samuel Crossman poetically expresses the amazing truth that Jesus willingly left His Father's throne to take on human flesh and bring about the salvation of a lost mankind. He sees in Jesus "my friend . . . who at my need His life did spend!" We reflect on that selfless sacrifice of our Lord.

Offering

Offertory 430 My Song Is Love Unknown *sts. 1–2*

- 1 My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown, That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I, That for my sake
My Lord should take, Frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne, Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none, The longed-for Christ would
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed,
Who at my need, His life did spend!

The Litany

- P O Lord, C **have mercy.** P O Christ, C **have mercy.**
P O Lord, C **have mercy.** P O Christ, C **hear us.**
P God the Father in heaven, C **have mercy.**
P God the Son, Redeemer of the world, C **have mercy.**
P God the Holy Spirit, C **have mercy.**
P Be gracious to us. C **Spare us, good Lord.**
P Be gracious to us. C **Help us, good Lord.**
P From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil
death;
From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from
sedition and from rebellion;
From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water;
and from everlasting death:
C **Good Lord, deliver us.**
P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and
bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death
and burial;
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of
the Holy Spirit, the Comforter: C **Help us, good Lord.**
P In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the
hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
C **Help us, good Lord.**

P We poor sinners implore You **C to hear us, O Lord.**

P To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;
To direct and defend our [*president/queen/king*] and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;
To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C we implore You to hear us.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C grant us Your peace.

P O Christ, **C hear us.** P O Lord, **C have mercy.**

P O Christ, **C have mercy.** P O Lord, **C have mercy. 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.

Luther's Evening Prayer

P Let us pray.

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.
Amen.

Benediction

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

883 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night, For all the blessings of the light. Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, Beneath Thine own almighty wings.

2 Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that I this day have done, That with the world, myself, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

3 Teach me to live that I may dread, The grave as little as my bed. Teach me to die that so I may, Rise glorious at the awe-full day.

4 Oh, may my soul in Thee repose, And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close, Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make To serve my God when I awake!

5 When in the night I sleepless lie, My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply; Let no ill dreams disturb my rest, No pow'rs of darkness me molest.

D 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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