

Hymn

420 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now sts. 1-4

Stand

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Amen.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High,

to herald your love in the morning,
your truth at the close of day.

Confession of Sins

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.

Be seated

Psalm

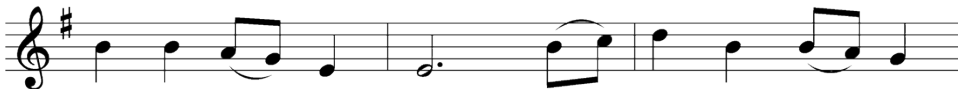
40B I Waited, Waited for the LORD



1 I wait - ed, wait - ed for the LORD; he turned and
2 Thus man - y souls will fear the LORD and look to
3 If on - ly I could tell your deeds, but who can
6 May all who seek to take my life be made to



heard my plea. And from the pit, the mire, and clay, he
him for aid. How blessed are all who trust in him, not
count them all? You did not ask for sac - ri - fice, but
bear the blame; may all they do fall back on them and



fi - n'ly lift - ed me. High on a cliff he
gods their hands have made. So man - y won - ders,
ears to hear your call. Since of - f'nings you did
cov - er them with shame. Let all who fol - low



set my feet, gave me a base to stand, a new song
LORD my God, and mar - vels you have done! What lov - ing
not re - quire, I stat - ed, on my part: "I come to
you re - joice and say, "The LORD is great." I am so



put up - on my lips to make his prais - es grand.
plans you made for us! Who can com - pare? Not one.
do your will, my God; your law is in my heart."
poor. I need so much. My help - er, do not wait.

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Reading

Matthew 27:41-43

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Devotion

A Teacher of the Law

Response

426 *Were You There* st. 2

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

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Musical Offering

Stand

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.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Song of Simeon

951 Lord, Now You Let Your Servant

Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.
Amen.

Be seated
Hymn

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