

THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS

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1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We cel - e -
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw The lov - ing
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De - liv - ered
4. Then grant that we like them be true, Con - sumed in
5. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, To you be



1. brate with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all
2. God who gave the law; And to E - li - jah,
3. from the li - ons' might; And John, the Bride - groom's
4. fast and pray'r with you; Our spir - its strength - en
5. ev - 'ry pray'r ad - dressed; Who are in three - fold



1. things were made, Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2. fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3. friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4. with your grace, And give us joy to see your face.
5. Name a - dored, From age to age the on - ly Lord.

Text: LM; *Clarum decus jejunii*; St. Gregory the Great, ca. 540–604; tr. fr. the *English Hymnal*, 1906;
Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt. Music: J. Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1543;
adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, alt.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: “Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you.” So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD’s bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day’s walk announcing, “Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,” when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in the ashes. Then he had this proclaimed throughout Nineveh, by decree of the king and his nobles: “Neither man nor beast, neither cattle nor sheep, shall taste anything; they shall not eat, nor shall they drink water. Man and beast shall be covered with sackcloth and call loudly to God; every man shall turn from his evil way and from the violence he has in hand. Who knows, God may relent and forgive, and withhold his blazing wrath, so that we shall not perish.” When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my
offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

For you are not pleased with sacrifices;
 should I offer a burnt offering, you would not
 accept it.
 My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;

a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will
 not spurn.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mt 6:7-15

While still more people gathered in the crowd, Jesus said to them, "This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah. Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. At the judgment the queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation and she will condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and there is something greater than Solomon here. At the judgment the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because at the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here."

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE

Jim Farrell

Refrain

Save your peo-ple, O Lord. Show us the way to come
 home. We have been wan-der-ing far from your love. Save your
 peo-ple, O Lord.

Verses

1. One thing I ask, O
2. For you will hide me in the
3. Lis-ten, O Lord, to the
4. Thus will I bless you all the

1. Lord, this I seek: to dwell for - ev - er in your
2. shel-ter of your wings and from the ar - rows of my
3. sound of my call, for I ac - knowl-edge my of -
4. days of my life. Lift - ing my hands, I call your

1. house, that I may gaze on your love - li - ness
2. foes. You set me high on a moun-tain-top,
3. fense. Wash me and I shall be pur - i - fied.
4. name: "O Lord, re - mem-ber your in - her - i - tance.

to Refrain

1. all the days of my life.
2. saved me from my dis - tress.
3. I shall be whit - er than snow.
4. Save your peo - ple, O Lord!"

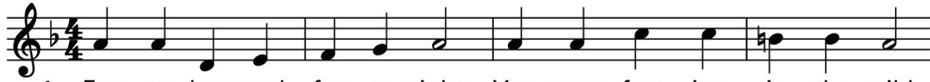
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ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS

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1. For - ty days and for - ty nights You were fast - ing in the wild;
2. Shall not we your sor-row share And from world - ly joys ab-stain,
3. Then if Sa - tan on us press, Flesh or spir - it to as - sail,
4. So shall we have peace di - vine: Ho - lier glad-ness ours shall be;
5. Keep, O keep us, Sav-ior dear, Ev - er con - stant by your side;



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights Tempt - ed, and yet un - de-filed.
2. Fast- ing with un - ceas-ing prayer, Strong with you to suf - fer pain?
3. Vic - tor in the wil - der-ness, Grant we may not faint nor fail!
4. Round us, too, shall an - gels shine, Such as served you faith-ful - ly.
5. That with you we may ap - pear At th'e - ter - nal Eas - ter-tide.

Text: 77 77; George H. Smyttan, 1822-1870, alt.
Music: attr. to Martin Herbst, 1654-1681, alt.