REFLECTIONS ON CHRIST'S KINGDOM OF THE CROSS (H. Bonar, # 185 Blue Trinity Hymnal)

- 1 By the cross of Jesus standing, Love our straitened souls expanding, Taste we now the peace and grace! Health from yonder tree is flowing, Heav'nly light is on it glowing, From the blessed Suff'rer's face.
- 2 Here is pardon's pledge and token, Guilt's strong chain for ever broken, Righteous peace securely made; Brightens now the brow once shaded, Freshens now the face once faded, Peace with God now makes us glad.
- 3 All the love of God is yonder, Love above all thought and wonder, Perfect love that casts out fear! Strength, like dew, is here distilling, Glorious life our souls is filling, Life eternal, only here!
- 4 Here the living water welleth; Here the Rock, now smitten, telleth Of salvation freely giv'n: This the fount of love and pity, This the pathway to the city, This the very gate of heav'n.

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LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP



GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude

A time to be quiet and prepare for holy worship. When the music begins, please take your seats.

Welcome, Salutation and Call to Worship

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

*Opening Hymn

Cast Your Burden on The Lord

673 Trinity Hymnal (all verses)

- 1 Cast your burden on the Lord, only lean upon his word; you will soon have cause to bless his eternal faithfulness.
- 2 He sustains you by his hand, he enables you to stand; those whom Jesus once had loved from his grace are never moved.
- 3 Human counsels come to naught; that shall stand which God has wrought; his compassion, love, and pow'r are the same forevermore.
- 4 Heav'n and earth may pass away, God's free grace shall not decay; he has promised to fulfil all the pleasure of his will.
- 5 Jesus, guardian of your flock, be yourself our constant rock; make us, by your pow'rful hand, strong as Zion's mountain stand.**

* Invocation

Reading of God's Law

Psalm & Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32 (p 546, pew Bible)

Congregational Prayer

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Scripture

Luke 13:31-35 (p 1037 pew Bible)

Sermon

Blessed Is He Who Comes In The Name of The Lord (Luke 13:35)

Prayer of Application

* Closing Hymn

Day By Day

676 Trinity Hymnal (all verses)

1 Day by day and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet my trials here; trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear. He whose heart is kind beyond all measure gives unto each day what he deems best—lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure, mingling toil with peace and rest.

2 Every day, the Lord himself is near me with a special mercy for each hour; all my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me, he whose name is Counselor and Pow'r.

The protection of his child and treasure is a charge that on himself he laid: "As your days, your strength shall be in measure," this the pledge to me he made.

3 Help me then in every tribulation so to trust your promises, O Lord, that I lose not faith's sweet consolation offered me within your holy Word. Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting, e'er to take, as from a father's hand, one by one, the days, the moments fleeting, till I reach the promised land. **

* Benediction

*Please stand if able

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Christ As The "Coming One Promised in Psalm 118:26" Luke 13:35

Comments on Luke's Use of Psalm 118 (Commentary on the NT Use of the OT, Beale & Carson):

The quotation of Psalm 118:26 in Luke 13:34-35 creates dramatic tension as Luke evokes images of opposition and hostility awaiting Jesus in Jerusalem and builds suspense with the suggestion that Jerusalem will receive Jesus as King (and Messiah) once He arrives in the city.

This possibility contrasts with Jesus' repeated prediction of His rejection and death.

The words of the psalm about worshippers blessing the one who comes in the name of the Lord and about a blessing that comes from the house of the Lord (i.e., the temple) are consistently interpreted in Luke 13:34-35 as a prophecy concerning the "forsaken house" - that is, both the temple and Jerusalem.

Since Jerusalem and the temple have opposed God's messengers and fallen into sin, they are headed for disaster and judgment, which means that the temple and the city (which at present refuse to bless the one who comes as the Son of Man) can no longer be the source of God's blessing.

(Pastor Carl's Conclusion):

Now it is the living temple of Christ (His Body of true believers in the Church of all ages) who has the privilege of one day welcoming Christ's Return. Then Christ as King of Kings will hear every tribe and tongue who believe in Him welcome Him with the words, "Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord."