

Today

Troubled Prayer

Series: Church Music
Text: Psalm 88

Heidelberg Catechism

Question 44: Why does the Apostle's creed add, "He descended to hell"?

Answer: To assure me during the attacks of deepest dread and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering all the unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, of trial and crucifixion, has delivered me from hellish anguish and torment.¹

¹Isaiah 53; Matt 26:36-46; 27:45-46; Luke 22:44; Heb. 5:7-10

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Today's Psalm

O Lord,
God of my salvation;
I cry out day and night
before you.

Psalm 88:1

Psalm 88

Psalm 88 says. . . through Christ's own lips in, "Your wrath has pressed heavily upon me."

Athanasius
Letter to Marcellinus

The passion of our Lord is prophesied here.

Augustine
Expositions of the Psalms

In the midst of life, we are in death: of who may we seek for comfort, but of thee O Lord.

Book of Common Prayer

Here in Psalm 88, is a saint who has drunken of the cup of suffering. He has done so as deep as any who shall read this Psalm. Here is one so much loved and honored of God, as to be the penman of holy Scripture and give us a pattern of faith and patience.

David Dickson
A Commentary on the Psalms

It is good that we have a Psalm like this, but also good we have only one. Life is full of trouble, even to the point of despair, even for the mature believer.

Tremper Longman III
Commentary on Psalms

we are the work of God

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