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IT IS FINISHED!
“RETURN TO ME”
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HYMN – 656 “As Surely as I Live, God Said”

CONFESSION

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **The maker of heaven and earth.**

M: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection.

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

C: **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.**

M: 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.

C: **Amen.**

PSALM 51

PSALM PRAYER

Lord, we confess our sins to you and plead for your mercy. We acknowledge that sin runs too deep in our nature for us ever to rid ourselves of it, but we think you that Jesus has done what we could not do, washing us clean of every stain. We plead that your Spirit would give us the strength to live a new life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASSION HISTORY – Matthew 26:36-56

HYMN – 655 “Before You, God, the Judge of All”

SERMON – Zechariah 1:1-6

“Return to Me!”

¹ In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo:

² “The Lord was very angry with your ancestors. ³ Therefore tell the people: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Return to me,’ declares the Lord Almighty, ‘and I will return to you,’ says the Lord Almighty. ⁴ Do not be like your ancestors, to whom the earlier prophets proclaimed: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Turn from your evil ways and your evil practices.’ But they would not listen or pay attention to me, declares the Lord. ⁵ Where are your ancestors now? And the prophets, do they live forever? ⁶ But did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, overtake your ancestors?”

“Then they repented and said, ‘The Lord Almighty has done to us what our ways and practices deserve, just as he determined to do.’”

OFFERING

PRAYER

M: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C: **Listen to my cry.**

M: Keep me as the apple of your eye;

C: **hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

M: In righteousness I shall see you;

C: **when I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

M: 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.

C: **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

M: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN – 588 “Come, O Come, Life-Giving Spirit”