COMMEMORATION OF THE MARTYRDOM OF JOHN HUS

St. Theodolph (151 G)

God is our strong salvation, no enemy we fear;
he hears our supplication, dispelling all our care;
if he, our head and master, defend us from above,
what pain or what disaster can part us from his love?

For Hus the fearless martyr we give you thanks and praise,
whose bright and pure example still shines in these our days.
May we with dedication so preach and live your love
that all may hear your witness and strive for heav'n above.

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Almighty God, Redeemer and Sustainer, we offer you thanks and praise for the holy lives of all your servants - the prophets, apostles, and martyrs - who have shone forth as lights in the world and sacrificed their lives in testimony of their faith.

We thank you for calling your servant John Hus to be an instrument of reformation and renewal in your church, and for keeping him faithful even unto a martyr's death.

Even as we rejoice in the fellowship of the saints, we confess, Lord, that as your disciples we have often dishonored the holy name we bear.

We ask your forgiveness for the times when we have failed to labor for your kingdom; when we have not followed your admonition to seek first the kingdom of God; when we have hidden our light from the world; when we, as the salt of the earth, have lost our strength. Have mercy on us, and restore unto us the joy of faithful discipleship. Amen.

The Lord, your Redeemer, has said: With everlasting love I will have compassion on you. Therefore serve the Lord with gladness; witness to his goodness and mercy; and preach Jesus Christ as Lord, with yourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

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We fully are persuaded and joyfully declare
we're never left unaided, our Father hears our prayer;
his comforts never fail us, he stands at our right hand;
when tempests fierce assail us, they're calm at his command.

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