

205.The Church in Trial

1.O where-fore hast Thou cast us off, O God, our God of old?
 2.Re - mem - ber Thy in - he - ri - tance, Thy Church, re-deemed by grace;
 3.In ru - in long Thy tem - ple lies; A - rise, O God of grace,
 4.A - mid Thy courts are lif - ted high The stan-dards of the foe,
 5.They have pro-faned the ho - ly place Where Thou hast set Thy Name,

Why art Thou an - gry with Thy sheep, The
 Re - mem - ber Zi - on's mount pro - faned, Thy
 And see the ru - in foes have wrought With -
 And im - pious hands with axe and fire Have
 The sanc - tu - a - ries of our God Are

sheep of Thy own fold? The sheep of Thy own fold?
 an - cient dwel - ling - place. Thy an - cient dwel - ling - place.
 in Thy ho - ly place. With - in Thy ho - ly place.
 laid Thy tem - ple low. Have laid Thy tem - ple low.
 gi - ven to the flame. Are gi - ven to the flame.

6.We see no signs of power divine, 9.With mighty arm Thou didst destroy
 No prophet speaks for Thee, The pride of boastful man,
 And none can tell, and none can know,And for Thy people made a path
 How long these woes shall be. Where mighty waters ran.

7.How long, O God, shall blasphemy 10.The day is Thine, and Thine the night,
 And shame reproach our land? And Thine the shining sun;
 Why dost Thou not destroy Thy foes At Thy command earth's bounds are set
 With Thy almighty hand? And changing seasons run.

8.O God, Thou art our King of old, 11.Mark how Thy enemies, O Lord,
 Salvation Thou hast wrought; Against Thee proudly speak;
 In safety through the mighty sea Preserve Thy saints from wicked men,
 Our fathers Thou hast brought. Be mindful of the meek.

12.Fulfill, O Lord, Thy covenant,
 Our strong protector be,
 For in the earth are dark abodes
 Of crime of cruelty.

13.Let not Thy saints be put to shame,
 No longer in Thy sight
 Permit Thy foes to vaunt themselves;
 Lord, vindicate the right.