

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,
 No prophet speaks for Thee,
 And none can tell, and none can know
 How long these woes shall be.

9.With mighty arm Thou didst destroy
 The pride of boastful man,
 And for Thy people made a path
 Where mighty waters ran.

7.How long, O God, shall blasphemy
 And shame reproach our land?
 Why dost Thou not destroy Thy foes
 With Thy almighty hand?

10.The day is Thine, and Thine the night,
 And Thine the shining sun;
 At Thy command earth's bounds are set
 And changing seasons run.

8.O God, Thou art our King of old,
 Salvation Thou hast wrought;
 In safety through the mighty sea
 Our fathers Thou hast brought.

11.Mark how Thy enemies, O Lord,
 Against Thee proudly speak;
 Preserve Thy saints from wicked men,
 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.