

O let thy conquering banner wave  
O'er hearts thou makest free,  
And point the path that from the grave  
Leads heavenward up to thee.

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He dies, the Friend of sinners dies!  
Lo! Salem's daughters weep around;  
A solemn darkness veils the skies;  
A sudden trembling shakes the ground.

Come, saints, and drop a tear or two  
For him who groaned beneath your load;  
He shed a thousand drops for you,  
A thousand drops of richer blood.

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Ye humble souls, that seek the Lord,  
Chase all your fears away;  
And bow with rapture down to see  
The place where Jesus lay.

Thus low the Lord of Life was brought,  
Such wonders love can do;  
Thus cold in death that bosom lay,  
Which throbbed and bled for you.

But raise your eyes, and tune your songs,  
The Saviour lives again;  
Not all the bolts and bars of death  
The Conqueror could detain.

#### HOME READINGS.

- M. After his death. Mark 15. 38-47.  
Tu. The stone and the seal. Matt. 27. 57-66  
W. The burial of Sarah. Gen. 23. 1-20.  
Th. The burial of Moses. Deut. 34. 1-12.  
F. The burial of Joshua. Josh. 24. 19-33.  
S. The burial of Elisha. 2 Kings 13. 10-21.  
S. The dead in the Lord. Rev. 14. 1-13.

**Time.**—A.D. 29, afternoon of Friday in the Passover week.

**Place.**—Golgotha, or Calvary.

**Parallel Passages.**—Matt. 27. 51-61; Luke 23. 47-56; John 19. 31-42.

**Explanations.**—*Veil of the temple*—The veil between the holy place and the holy of holies. *The centurion*—The Roman officer in charge of the crucifixion of Jesus. *So cried out*—In the words given in Luke 23. 46, and John 19. 30. *Salome*—Who is supposed to have been the mother of James and John. *Preparation*—The hours near sunset were so called, because the sabbath began in the evening. *Waited for the kingdom*—And who had been a believer in Jesus as the Christ. *Boldly*—This required courage, to face the hatred of the Jews, and, perhaps, the anger of Pilate. *Marvelled*—Because persons generally lived two or three days on the cross. *Wrapped him*—As was usual in burials among the Jews. *A sepulchre*—It was his own, and a new tomb. *Rolled a stone*—Which probably fitted into the opening of the tomb.

#### QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. **The Veil**, v. 38. Where was this veil? What happened to it? What did this show?

Heb. 10. 19, 20. Through whom may we have access to God? John 14. 6.

2. **The Witnesses**, v. 39-41. Who were some of the witnesses to the death of Jesus? Who besides these were present? John 19. 25, 26. What did the centurion say? What is related of these women in Luke 8. 2, 3? How did they show their love to Jesus? How was their love rewarded? Matt. 28. 5, 6.

3. **The Sepulchre**, v. 42-47. Who showed himself a friend to Jesus? Why did they wish to have the body taken down at once? What did Joseph do? What did Pilate say? How were they sure that Jesus was dead? John 19. 33, 34. What was done with Jesus' body? In whose sepulchre was he buried? Matt. 27. 59, 60. Who witnessed the burial? What was done by the Jews after the burial? Matt. 27. 62-66.

#### PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

Where in this lesson do we find—

1. A testimony of Christ's greatness?
2. A token of love?
3. A token of courage?

**The Lesson Catechism.**—(For the entire school.) 1. What took place when Jesus died? The veil of the temple was rent. 2. What did the centurion at the cross say when Jesus died? "This man was the Son of God." 3. Who were present and saw Christ's death on the cross? Some Galilean women. 4. Who asked his body of Pilate? Joseph of Arimathea. 5. What did he do with the body? He laid it in his own tomb.

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION**—The conquest of death.

#### QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. **The Veil**, v. 38. What took place at the moment of Christ's death? Where was this veil, and what did it cover? What was the significance of its rending? What is the teaching of this in Heb. 10. 19, 20?

2. **The Witnesses**, v. 39-41. What witnesses are here mentioned? What was the centurion's testimony, and its meaning? Who besides these witnessed Christ's death? John 19. 25. What was their feeling toward Jesus?

3. **The Sepulchre**, v. 42-47. What led to the body of Jesus being taken from the cross? What had been Joseph's attitude toward Jesus? John 19. 38. How did he now show courage? What caused Pilate's surprise? How was the death of Jesus shown? John 19. 33-35. What was done with the body of Jesus? How did his friends now regard him?

#### PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

What do we find in this lesson—

1. As a testimony to Jesus?
2. As a token of love to Jesus?
3. As an evidence of the death of Jesus?