1. On a Sabbath day, Jesus went his way,

2. Seeing her distress, Jesus called and blessed:

3. When the headman saw works against the Law,

4. Christ said in reply, “Hypocrites! your eye

Teaching in the synagogue. There a woman, bent,

“From your illness you are freed!” Standing straight again

He rebuked the crowd and said: “Work has six days blest;

Cannot see the justice here: Ox and ass you’ll feed;

eighteen years had spent, meeting Christ in evil’s fog.

in the sight of men, she rejoiced in God indeed!

Sabbath is for rest! Come those days for cures instead!”

one who should be freed is deserving more, I fear!”

Refrain

Take the truth as belt for you; Justice as your breast-plate true;

Faith, as mighty shield, won’t to evil yield; Gospel’s zeal as sturdy shoe!

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