Hymn for the Christmas Fast (Saint Philip's Fast)

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Isaiah 30:19-26 and Isaiah 61:1-3
Melody: Prizri, o Marije / Mary, look upon us (traditional)

NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 24

1. Truly, Zion’s people, now you shall weep no more.
2. No more shall your Teacher hide himself from your face,
3. Earth, with fruits abundant, shall blossom forth for you.

God will hear your crying, and open heaven’s door.
But your eyes shall see him! Cast idols from this place!
God will bind your wounds up; his word of life is true!

Refrain

Liberty for captives, good news for the outcast,

Comfort for the mourner, redemption at the last!