

# Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each
3. Hark! the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert
4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,  
dark mis-deed; all that well de - serv'd his an - ger  
far and near, call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance,  
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load; speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem  
he will no more see nor heed. She has suf - fer'd man - y a day,  
since the king - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!  
as be - fits his ho - ly reign, for the glo - ry of the Lord



of the peace that waits for them; tell her that her  
now her griefs have passed a - way, God will change her  
Now pre - pare for God a way! Let the val - leys  
now o'er earth is shed a - broad, and all flesh shall



sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
pin - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.  
see the to - ken that his Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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Music: Psalm 42 | Genevan Psalter, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois

The Genevan Psalter was created to support worship as led by John Calvin: the 150 psalms were sung in unison, without accompaniment. Most well-known is the tune for psalm 100 (our Doxology tune). -NS