

Season

##. Yea, as I Live, Jehovah Saith

So wahr ich leb', spricht Gott der Herr

Nikolaus Herman, 1560

Tr., Matthias Loy, 1880

St. Luke

Jeremiah Clarke, †1707

1. "Yea, as I live," Je -  
 2. Hence Christ His ser - vants  
 3. "Whose sins so - ev - er  
 4. "What ye shall bind, that

ho - vah saith, "I do not wish the  
 gave com - mand: "Go forth and preach in  
 ye re - mit, I tru - ly par - don  
 bound shall be, What ye shall loose, that

sin - ner's death, But that He turn from  
 ev - 'ry land; Par - don to ev - 'ry  
 and ac - quit; Whose sins so - ev - er  
 shall be free; To all a - like the

er - ror's ways, Re - pent and live thro'  
 soul ex - tend That mourns, be - lieves, and  
 ye re - tain, Con - demned and guilt - y  
 Keys are giv'n To ope and close the

end - less days."  
 will a - mend.  
 shall re - main.  
 gates of heav'n. A - men.

5. "They who believe, when ye proclaim  
 The joyful tidings in My name,  
 That I for them My blood have shed,  
 Are free from guilt and judgment dread."

6. The words which absolution give  
 Are His who died that we might live;  
 The minister whom Christ has sent  
 Is but His humble instrument.

7. However great our sin may be,  
 The absolution sets us free,  
 Appointed by God's own dear Son  
 To bring the pardon He has won.

8. When ministers lay on their hands,  
 Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;  
 He who by grace the Word believes,  
 The purchase of His blood receives.

9. This is the Pow'r of Holy Keys,  
 It binds and doth again release;  
 The Church retains them at her side,  
 Our Mother, and Christ's holy Bride.

10. Let those who stings of conscience bear,  
 Whom sin would drive to dark despair,  
 To Jesus come with trustful mind.  
 And peace in absolution find.

11. All praise, Eternal Son, to Thee,  
 For absolution full and free,  
 In which Thou showest forth Thy grace;  
 From false indulgence guard our race.

Δ12. Praise God, the Father and the Son  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
 As 'twas, is now, and so shall be,  
 World without end, eternally.