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[The opening theme song with a poetic paraphrase begins:]

Ich bete an die Macht der Liebe,
O Pow'r of love, all else transcending,
Die sich in Jesu offenbart;
In Jesus present evermore,
Ich geb' mich hin dem freien Triebe,
I worship thee, in homage bending,

Psalm 32

Lyrics: Translated by Myles Coverdale (1488-1569)

Artists: Choir of Salisbury Cathedral, Simon Lole (dir.)

[Happy are those who are now freed from guilt.]

- 1 Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven *
and whose sin is covered.
- 2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin *
and in whose spirit there is no guile.

[Inner agony over secret and unresolved wrongdoings affects us emotionally and physically.]

- 3 For while I held my tongue *
my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.
- 4 For thy hand was heavy upon me day and night *
and my moisture was like the drought in summer.

[The crucial decision is to face my wrongdoings]

- 5 I will acknowledge my sin unto thee *
and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.
- 6 I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord *
and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

[The relief / blessing of God's forgiveness means that former troubles are no longer troubling.]

- 7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time
when thou mayest be found *
but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.
- 8 Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble *

thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

[If we are open-minded, we can learn how beneficial understanding these things can be to life.]

9 I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go *
and I will guide thee with mine eye.

10 Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding *
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

[Happiness comes from trusting and following God's ways of getting along.]

11 Great plagues remain for the ungodly *
but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

12 Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord *
and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

[Closing words to our theme song:]

*O! dass diess jeder Sünder wüsste,
O! that every sinner would know this,
Sein Herz wohl bald dich lieben müsste.
His heart must soon surely love You.*

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