

# SUNDAY APRIL 19, 2020 LITURGY

## GOD CALLS US

### Call to Worship

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

**136** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>3</sup> Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

∞ VERSICLE ∞ The LORD be with you!  
∞ RESPONSE ∞ **And also with you.**  
∞ Our help is in the name of the LORD.  
∞ **Who made heaven and earth!**

### Salutation

THIS LITURGY IS PHILIPPIANS 1

SUITABLE FOR  
PRIVATE DEVOTIONS  
AND SMALL

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

GATHERINGS. IF  
GATHERED  
TOGETHER, ONE

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OFFICIANT SHOULD  
BE DESIGNATED TO  
READ ALL

NON-EMBOLDENED  
TEXT (SUCH AS  
SCRIPTURE

PASSAGES) AND TO  
TAKE THE ROLE OF  
THE VERSICLE.

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THE ∞ SYMBOL.

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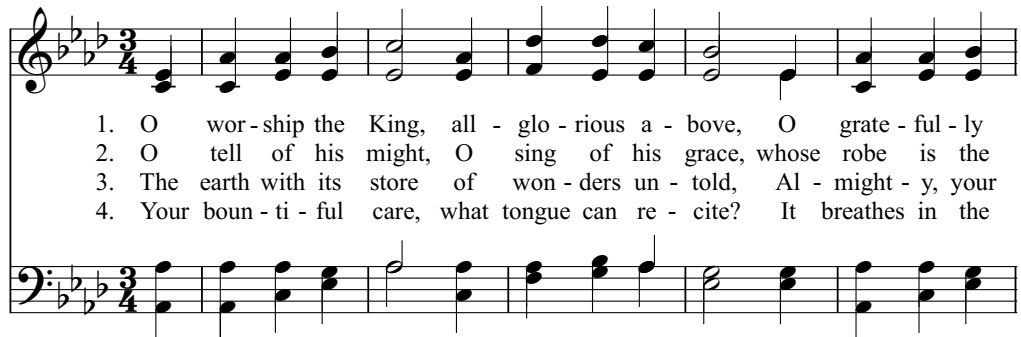
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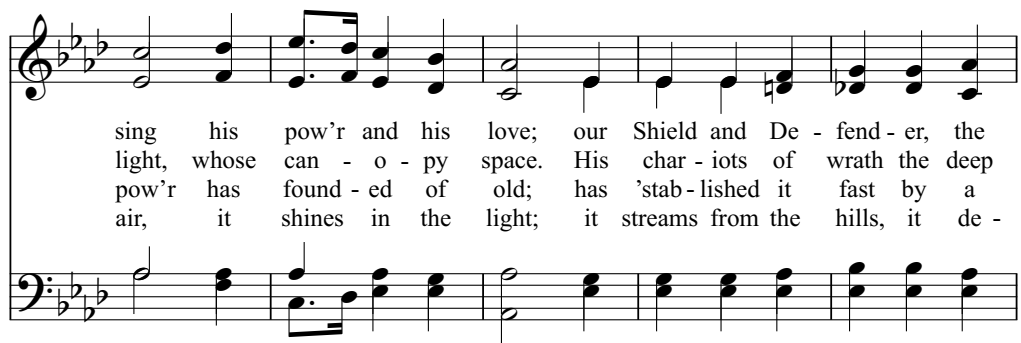
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## Hymn of Praise

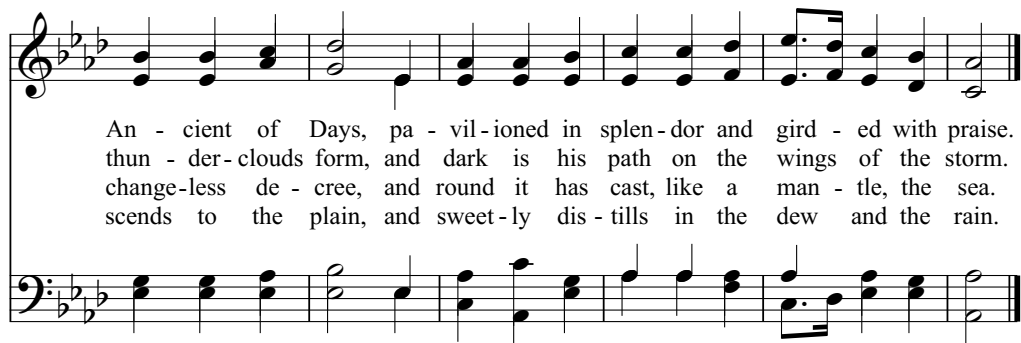
#219 O WORSHIP THE KING



1. O wor-ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly  
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the  
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your  
4. Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the



sing his pow'r and his love; our Shield and De - fend - er, the  
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep  
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a  
air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de -



An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
change-less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
scends to the plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn you above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

based on Psalm 104  
Robert Grant, 1833  
mod.

LYONS 10.10.11.11.  
Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806  
arr. in William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

# GOD CLEANSSES US

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## Reading of God's Law

℣ VERSICLE ℣ Hear now the commandments of Your God, which he has commanded you to keep saying,  
℞ RESPONSE "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength." This is the first and great commandment.

℞ **And the second, like unto it is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

℣ Have we fully obeyed the LORD in all that he has commanded?

℞ **No, but we have sinned against Him in thought, word and deed.**

## Confession of Sin

IN UNISON **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## Words of Comfort

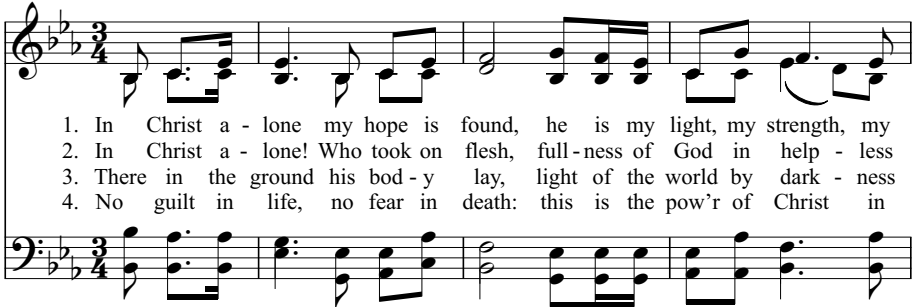
ISAIAH 55

- <sup>6</sup> "Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

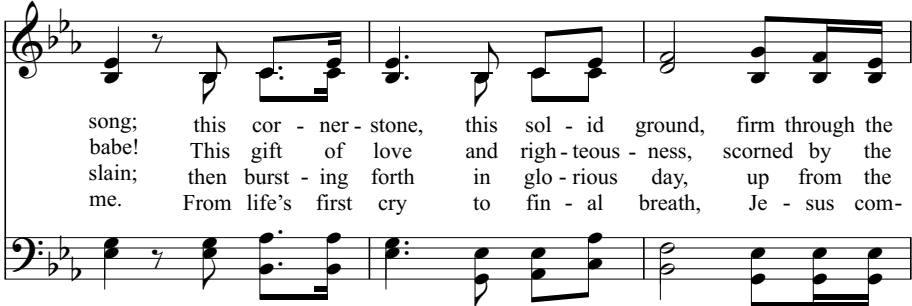
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## Hymn of Assurance

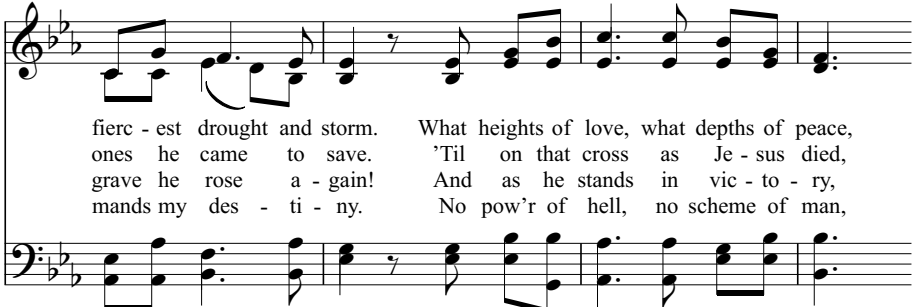
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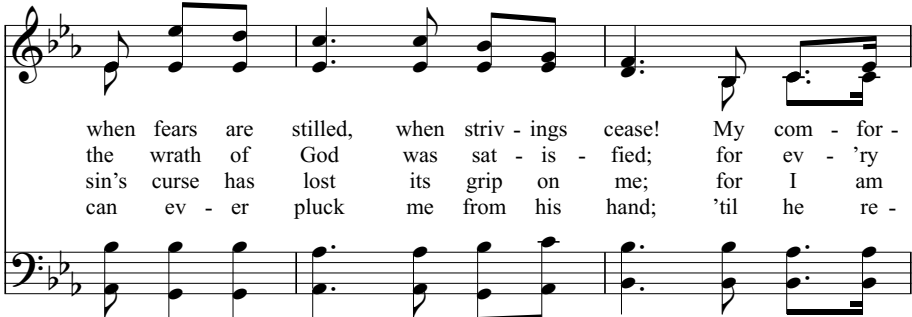
1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my  
2. In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less  
3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the  
babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the  
slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the  
me. From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com -



fier - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
ones he came to save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died,  
grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to - ry,  
mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,



when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -  
the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am  
can ev - er pluck me from his hand; 'til he re -



ter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.  
sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.  
his and he is mine— bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
turns or calls me home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

IN CHRIST ALONE L.M.D.  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend  
arr. Ruth Coleman

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## Old Testament Reading

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

# 124

A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF DAVID.

- <sup>1</sup> If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—  
let Israel now say—
- <sup>2</sup> if it had not been the LORD who was on our side  
when people rose up against us,  
<sup>3</sup> then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
when their anger was kindled against us;  
<sup>4</sup> then the flood would have swept us away,  
the torrent would have gone over us;  
<sup>5</sup> then over us would have gone  
the raging waters.
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed be the LORD,  
who has not given us  
as prey to their teeth!
- <sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird  
from the snare of the fowlers;  
the snare is broken,  
and we have escaped!
- <sup>8</sup> Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

‡ VERSICLE ‡ The Word of the Lord!  
‡ RESPONSE ‡ **Thanks be to God!**

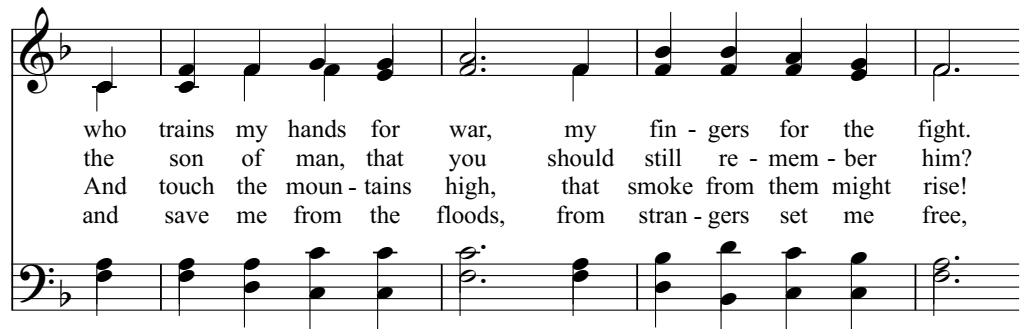
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## Psalm of Preparation

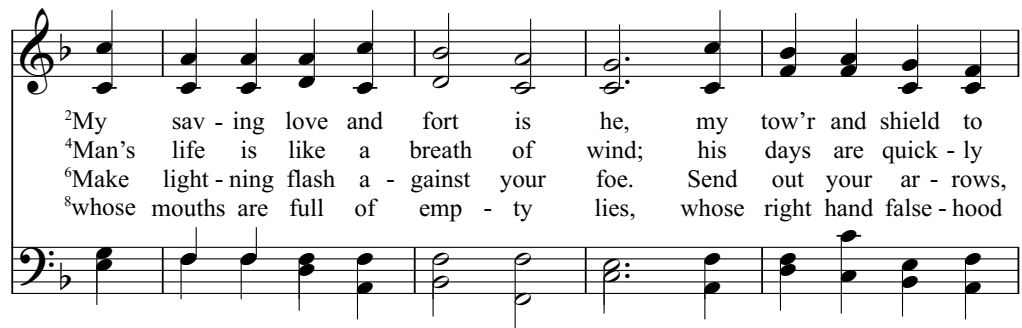
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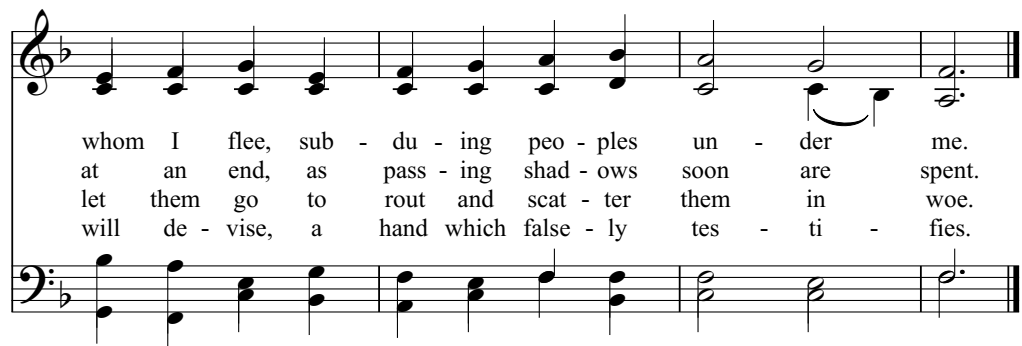
1. <sup>1</sup>Now bless - ed be the LORD, my rock of strength and might,  
2. <sup>3</sup>O LORD, what then is man, that you con - sid - er him—  
3. <sup>5</sup>O LORD, di - vide your heav'ns, and come down from the skies!  
4. <sup>7</sup>From heav - en stretch your hand; reach down to res - cue me,



who trains my hands for war, my fin - gers for the fight.  
the son of man, that you should still re - mem - ber him?  
And touch the moun - tains high, that smoke from them might rise!  
and save me from the floods, from stran - gers set me free,



<sup>2</sup>My sav - ing love and fort is he, my tow'r and shield to  
<sup>4</sup>Man's life is like a breath of wind; his days are quick - ly  
<sup>6</sup>Make light - ning flash a - gainst your foe. Send out your ar - rows,  
<sup>8</sup>whose mouths are full of emp - ty lies, whose right hand false - hood



whom I flee, sub - du - ing peo - ples un - der me.  
at an end, as pass - ing shad - ows soon are spent.  
let them go to rout and scat - ter them in woe.  
will de - vise, a hand which false - ly tes - ti - fies.

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John David Edwards, ca. 1840

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## New Testament Reading

ROMANS 8

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

☩ VERSICLE      ☩ The Word of the Lord!  
☩ RESPONSE      ☩ Thanks be to God!

## Homily

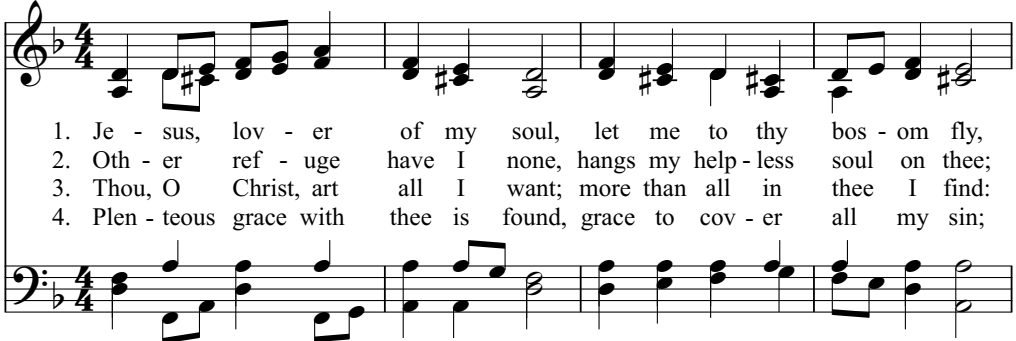
REV. JESSE PIRSCHER

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(AUDIO ONLY).

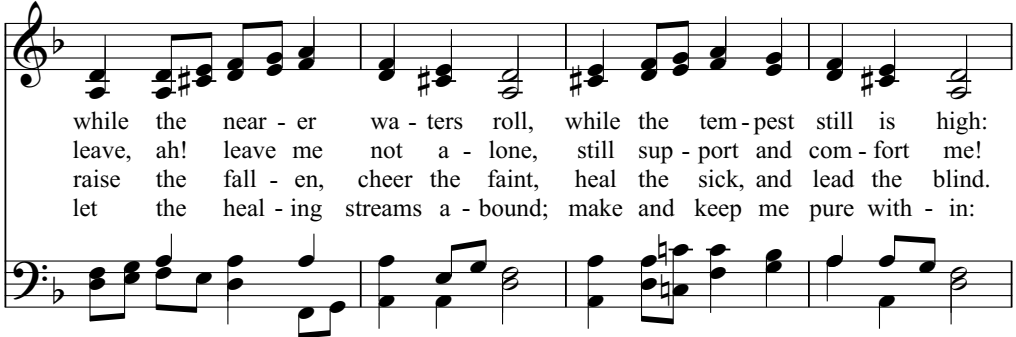
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## Hymn of Response

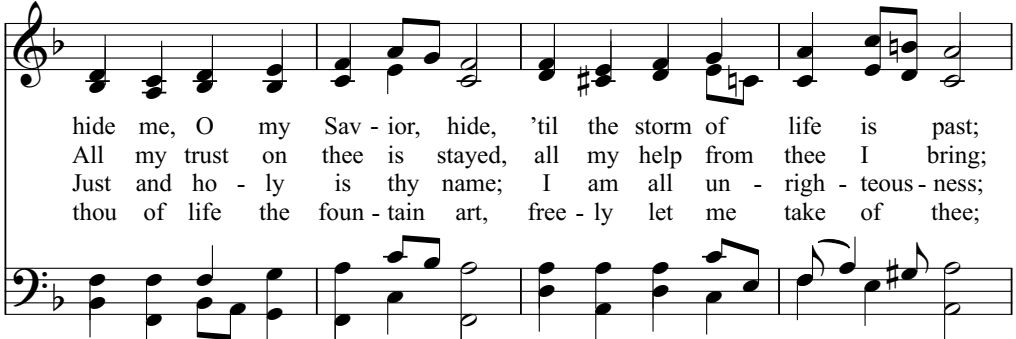
#450 JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL



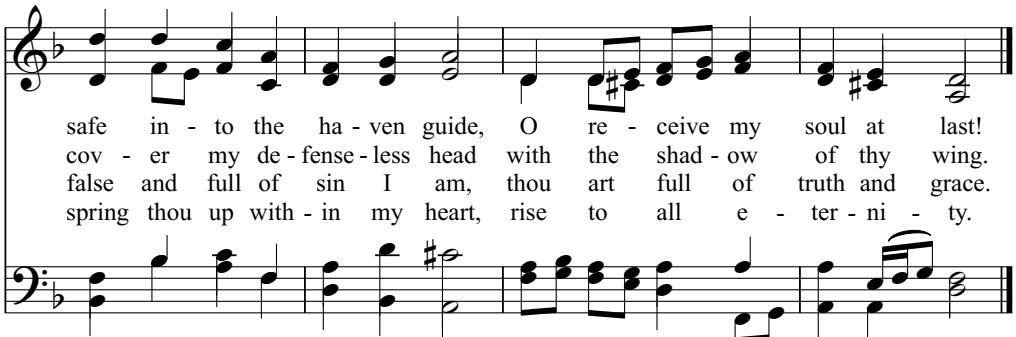
1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,  
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on thee;  
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:  
4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;



while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:  
leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!  
raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in:



hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, 'til the storm of life is past;  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;  
Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness;  
thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;



safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!  
cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.  
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.  
spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Charles Wesley, 1740

ABERYSTWYTH 7.7.7.D.  
Joseph Parry, 1879



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## Confession of Faith

IN UNISON APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

∿ O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
    ℞ **And grant us thy salvation.**  
∿ Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
    ℞ **And make thy chosen people joyful.**  
∿ Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
    ℞ **For only in thee can we live in safety.**  
∿ Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
    ℞ **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
∿ Let thy way be known upon earth;  
    ℞ **Thy saving health among all nations.**  
∿ Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
    ℞ **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
∿ Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
    ℞ **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

IN UNISON **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

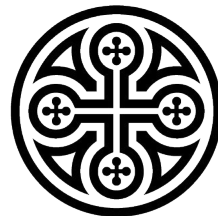
# GOD COMMISSIONS US

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## Departing Words of Comfort

HEBREWS 13

<sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Amen.*



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