

# **WELCOME**

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## TODAY'S SERVICE

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

#### Psalm 90:1-12

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. <sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. <sup>3</sup> You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men." 4 For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past, And like a watch in the night. 5 You carry them away like a flood; They are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up: 6 In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers. 7 For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified. 8 You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance. 9 For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh. 10 The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. "Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath. 12 So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

# #123:1-4,8 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

by Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

- I. Our God, our Help in ages past,Our Hope for years to come,Our Shelter from the stormy blast,And our eternal Home!
- Under the shadow of Thy throne
   Thy saints have dwelt secure;
   Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
   And our defense is sure.
- Before the hills in order stood
   Or earth received her frame,
   From everlasting Thou art God,
   To endless years the same.
- 4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
  Are like an evening gone,
  Short as the watch that ends the night
  Before the rising sun.

8. Our God, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,
Be Thou our Guard while troubles last
And our eternal Home!

## INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

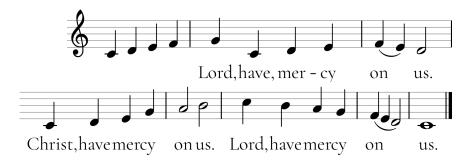


## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

- all Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.







p Let us pray . . . Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### THE WORD

Romans 8:31-39 If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes interces-

sion 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 peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." <sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Luke 12:35-40 <sup>35</sup> "Let your waist be girded and *your* lamps burning; <sup>36</sup> "and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. <sup>37</sup> "Blessed *are* those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down *to eat*, and will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> "And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants. <sup>39</sup> "But know this, that

if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup> "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

p Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.



### THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### #53 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

by Josua Stegmann, 1628

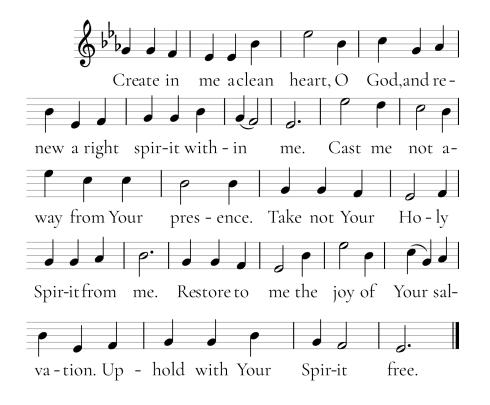
- 1. Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Thy grace That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
- 2. Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Thy Word And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.
- 3. Abide with heavenly brightness Among us, precious Light; Thy truth direct and keep us From error's gloomy night.
- 4. Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord; Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through Thy Word.
- 5. Abide with Thy protection Among us, Lord, our Strength, Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.
- 6. Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Thy love; Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

### **SERMON**

Isaiah 30:15-18 <sup>15</sup> For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not, <sup>16</sup> And you said, "No, for we will flee on horses "-- Therefore you shall flee! And, "We will ride on swift horses"-- Therefore those who pursue you shall be swift! <sup>17</sup> One thousand shall flee at the threat of one, At the threat of five you shall flee, Till you are left as a pole on top of a mountain And as a banner on a hill. <sup>18</sup> Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him.

## **RETURN AND WAIT**

It can be hard to wait and trust that the Lord has a plan. It is in waiting that we receive rest. When we fail to wait on Him, He waits for us.



### #158:1,5-8 "Abide with Me!"

by Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

I. Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide;The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.When other helpers fail and comforts flee,Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

- 5. Thou on my head in every youth didst smile, And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile, Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee. On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.
- 6. I need Thy presence every passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the Tempter's power? Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!
- 7. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?I triumph still if Thou abide with me.
- 8. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes, Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

## OFFERING HYMN #568:1

I. We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;We lay it before Thee, We kneel and adore Thee,We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.

### PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

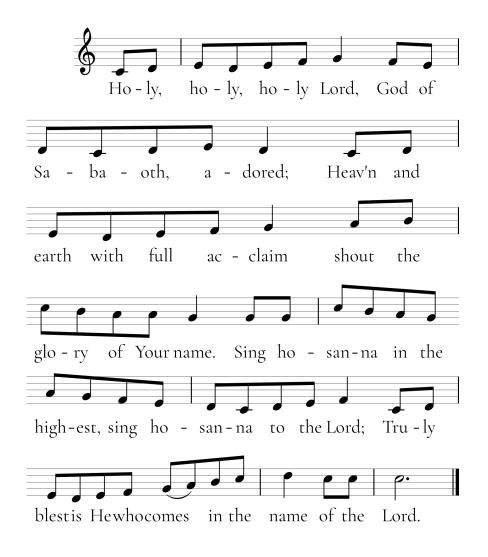
p The Lord be with you.



p Lift up your hearts.



p It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us glorious assurance and hope that, following their example of faith, we may run with perseverance the race marked out for us, and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song;

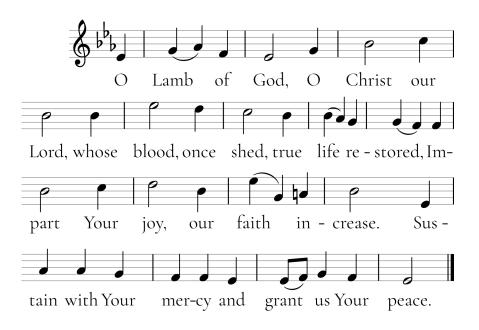


p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, say-

ing, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



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## THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



## #47 "Savior, Again"

by John Ellerton, 1826-1893

- Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
   With one accord our parting hymn of praise.
   Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
   Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.
- 2. Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
  With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day;
  Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
  That in this house have called upon Thy name.
- 3. Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.From harm and danger keep Thy children free,For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

4. Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life, Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife; Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.



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