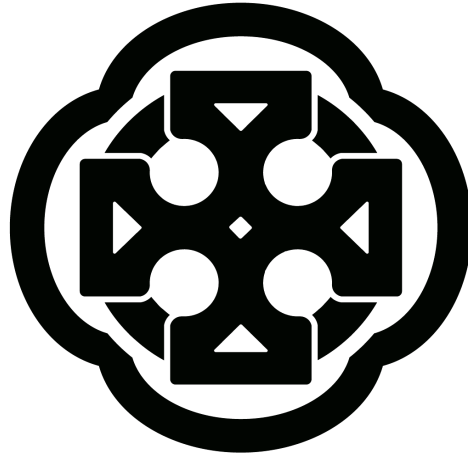




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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Ordinary Time
July 20th, 2025

Quotes for Reflection

The hope which depends upon God cannot possibly be disappointed.

—John Calvin

Afflictions drive us to seek God, they being God's hired laborers, sent to break the clods, and to plough Christ's land, that he may sow heaven there; but Christ must bring new earth to the soil... The prayers of the saints in prosperity are but summer prayers—slow, lazy, and alas! too formal. In trouble, they rain out prayers, as a fountain doth cast out waters.

—Samuel Rutherford

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves: the King opens His gates and welcomes us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—Psalm 62:8

Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.

Sung Response—Come, Christians, Join To Sing, Vs. 1

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice; Praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!' The piano accompaniment features a simple, rhythmic pattern of chords and single notes, providing a steady harmonic foundation for the vocal lines.

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Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish melody,
arr. David Evans, 1927.

Call to Worship—Psalm 34:3-6, 8

Pastor: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!

All: We sought the Lord, and He answered us and delivered us from all our fears.

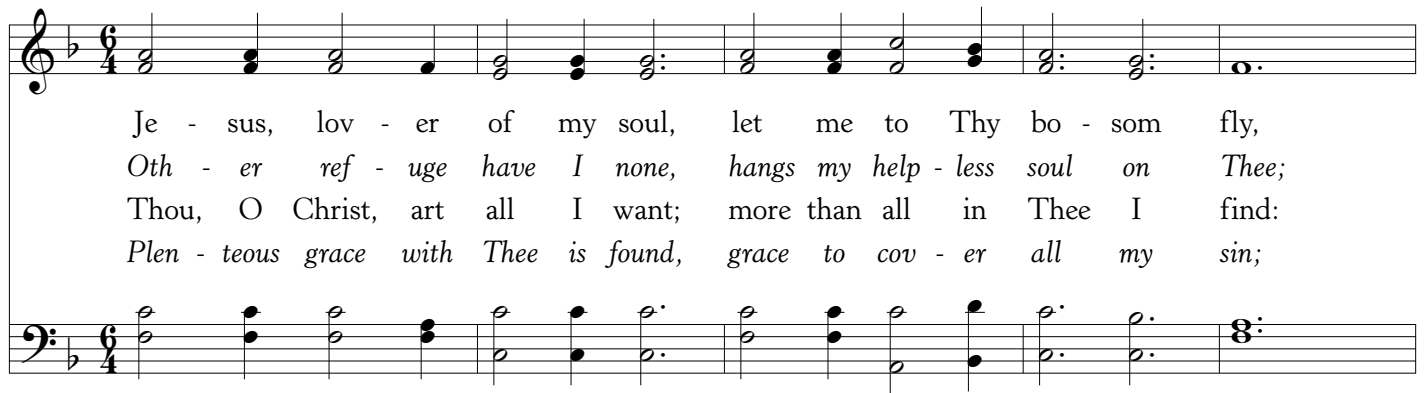
Reader 1: Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Reader 2: This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

All: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Pastor: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

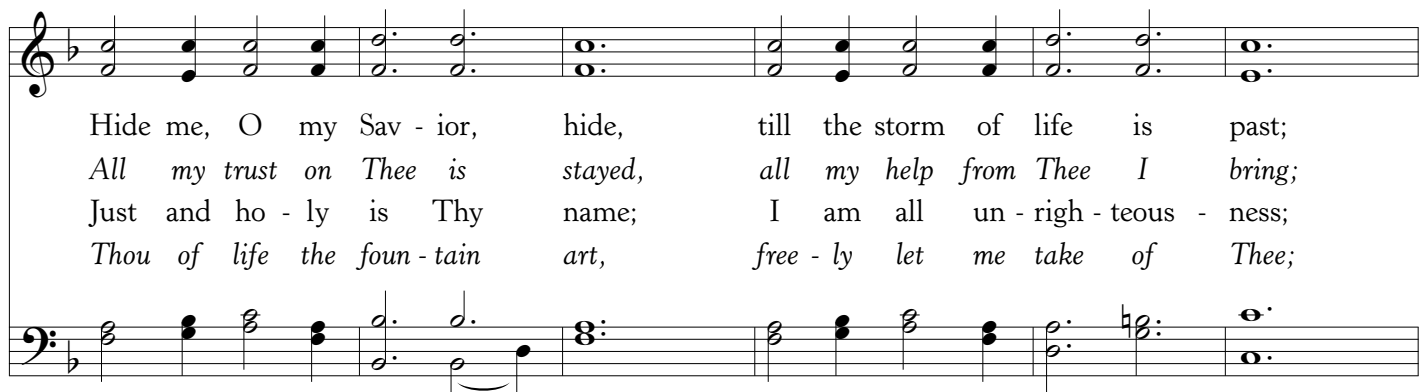
Congregational Hymn—Jesus, Lover Of My Soul



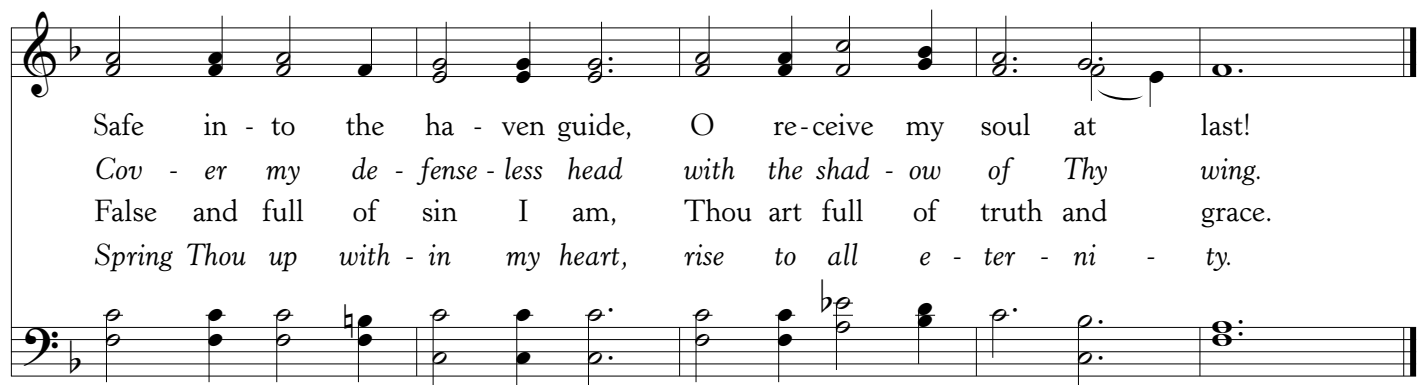
Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to Thy bo - som fly,
 Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on Thee;
 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find:
 Plen - teous grace with Thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;



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, till 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.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1740; Music: MARTYN, Simeon B. Marsh, 1834.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. In His Word, God particularly calls us to sing psalms: while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to use the Psalter as the church’s songbook.

Congregational Psalm—O Lord Most High (Psalm 9)



O Lord most high, with all my heart, Your great works I will pro - claim;
The Lord, the ev - er - last - ing King, seat - ed on His judg - ment throne;
Je - ho - vah will a re - fuge prove, re - fuge strong for all op - pressed,
All they, O Lord, that know Your name, place their trust in the Word of truth,



I will be glad and give You thanks and sing the prais - es of Your name.
The right-eous judge of all the world will make His per - fect jus - tice known.
A safe de - fense, where wear - y souls in troub - led times may sure - ly rest.
For You have ne - ver turned a - way from those who tru - ly seek for You.



Hope of the poor, to You we cry! A - rise, O Lord, de - fend the weak!



Sing Praise to the Lord en - throned on High! De - clare to all His might - y deeds!

Text: from Psalm 9:1-2, 7-11, 18-19, *The Psalter*, 1912;
Music: Nathan George, 2013.

Scripture Reading—Luke 23:33, 44-49

And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Jesus, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left.

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all His acquaintances and the women who had followed Him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



The image displays the musical score for the hymn "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed." It is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first five lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining five lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The music features a variety of note values, including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and fermatas. The key signature is G major, and the time signature is 3/4.

A - las! and did my Sa - vior bleed, and did my Sov - ereign die! —
Was it for crimes that I have done, He groaned up - on the tree? —
Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut his glor - ies in, —
Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while His dear cross ap - pears; —
But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe; —

Would He de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
A - maz - ing pi - ty! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
When Christ, the migh - ty ma - ker, died for man the crea - ture's sin.
Dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.
Here, Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1824.

Sermon Text—Psalm 31:1-24

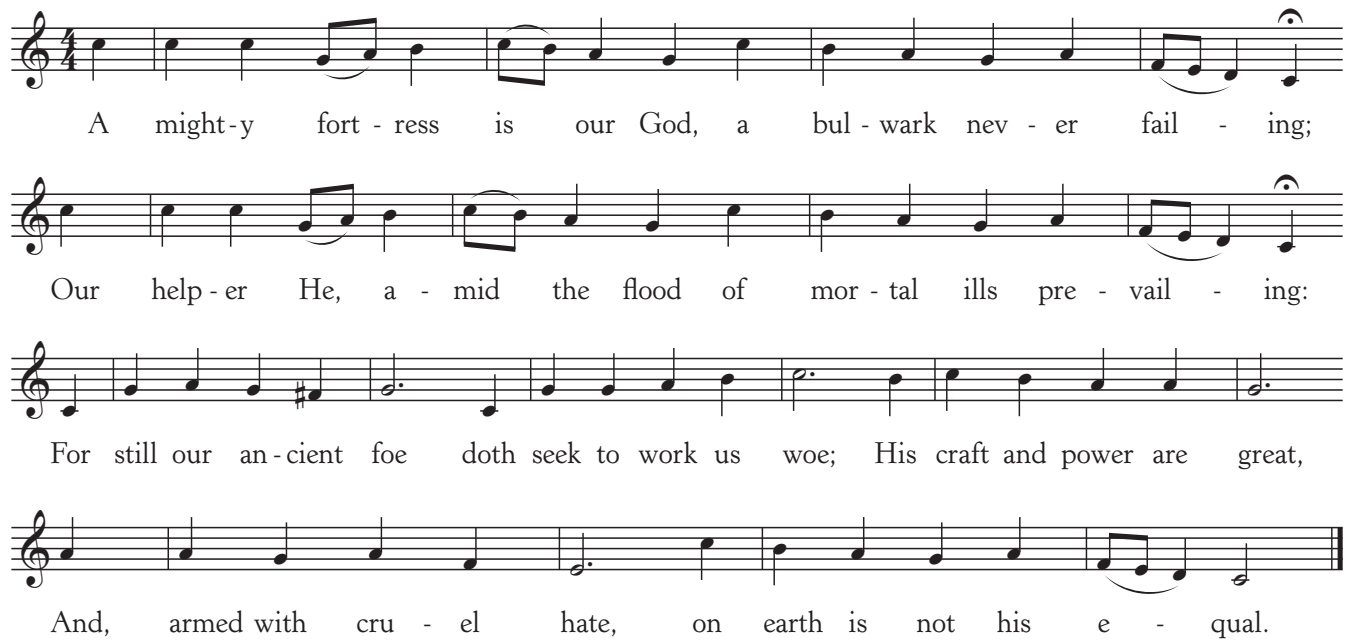
- In You, O Lord, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in Your righteousness deliver me!
- ² Incline Your ear to me;
rescue me speedily!
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!
- ³ For You are my rock and my fortress;
and for Your name's sake you lead me and guide me;
- ⁴ You take me out of the net they have hidden for me,
for You are my refuge.
- ⁵ Into Your hand I commit my spirit;
You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.
- ⁶ I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,
but I trust in the Lord.
- ⁷ I will rejoice and be glad in Your steadfast love,
because You have seen my affliction;
You have known the distress of my soul,
- ⁸ and You have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;
You have set my feet in a broad place.
- ⁹ Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief;
my soul and my body also.
- ¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my iniquity,
and my bones waste away.
- ¹¹ Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,
especially to my neighbors,
and an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.
- ¹² I have been forgotten like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.
- ¹³ For I hear the whispering of many—
terror on every side!—
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

- ¹⁴ But I trust in You, O Lord;
I say, "You are my God."
¹⁵ My times are in Your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
¹⁶ Make Your face shine on Your servant;
save me in Your steadfast love!
¹⁷ O Lord, let me not be put to shame,
for I call upon You;
let the wicked be put to shame;
let them go silently to Sheol.
¹⁸ Let the lying lips be mute,
which speak insolently against the righteous
in pride and contempt.
- ¹⁹ Oh, how abundant is Your goodness,
which You have stored up for those who fear You
and worked for those who take refuge in You,
in the sight of the children of mankind!
²⁰ In the cover of Your presence You hide them
from the plots of men;
You store them in Your shelter
from the strife of tongues.
- ²¹ Blessed be the Lord,
for He has wondrously shown His steadfast love to me
when I was in a besieged city.
²² I had said in my alarm,
"I am cut off from Your sight."
But You heard the voice of my pleas for mercy
when I cried to You for help.
- ²³ Love the Lord, all you His saints!
The Lord preserves the faithful
but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.
²⁴ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the Lord!

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, Vs. 1



A might-y fort - ress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
Our help - er He, a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing:
For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 46, Martin Luther, 1529, tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853;
Music: EIN'FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529.

Sermon—*Into Your Hands*

—Pastor, James Crampton

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—based on Deuteronomy 32:10-12, 15-16, 18

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You found us in a desert land, and in the howling waste of the wilderness; You encircled us, You cared for us, and You kept us like the apple of Your eye. Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions, the Lord alone guided us.

All: But we forsook the God who made us and scoffed at the Rock of our salvation.

Pastor: We stirred You to jealousy with strange gods; with abominations we provoked You to anger.

All: We were unmindful of the Rock that bore us, and we forgot the God who gave us birth.

Assurance of Pardon—Psalm 34:19-22; Romans 1:16-17

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: Therefore, I am not ashamed of the Gospel.

All: It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.

Pastor: For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Sung Response—My Soul Waits In Expectation (Psalm 62), Vs. 3



All you peo - ples, all you na - tions, all _ times place in Him your trust!



Pour out all your heart be - fore Him, trust in _ no - thing but His love.



God is a re - fuge for His peo - ple. Pow'r be - longs to God a-lone!



Pow-er be - longs to God a-lone.

Text: from Psalm 62, alt. Nathan George, 2011; Music: Nathan George, 2011.

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM

God feeds the faith of His people by giving them a meal. As God fellowships with them in faith, His people pledge their obedience to God and their love for one another.

Profession of Faith—*The Nicene Creed*

We 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 the 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;
He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died, and was buried;
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and now sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end;

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church—both seen and unseen;
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

WOMEN

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

MEN

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Hea-ven and Earth are

Hea-ven and Earth are full of Your glo-ry, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

full of Your glo-ry, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9;
Music: CLOVERCROFT SANCTUS, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

Congregational Psalm—The Lord Ever Hear You (Psalm 20)



The Lord ev - er hear you when trou - bles are near;
May He all the gifts of your love keep in mind,
For joy in sal - va - tion we'll shout to His praise:
Some trust in their char - iots pre - pared for the fray,
Our foes are bowed down and are fal - len at length,



The name of our God keep you safe from all fear.
And all of your off' - rings ac - cep - ta - ble find;
In God's ho - ly name all our ban - ners we'll raise.
And some in their hor - ses the foe to dis - may,
While we have a - ris - en and stand in Your strength.



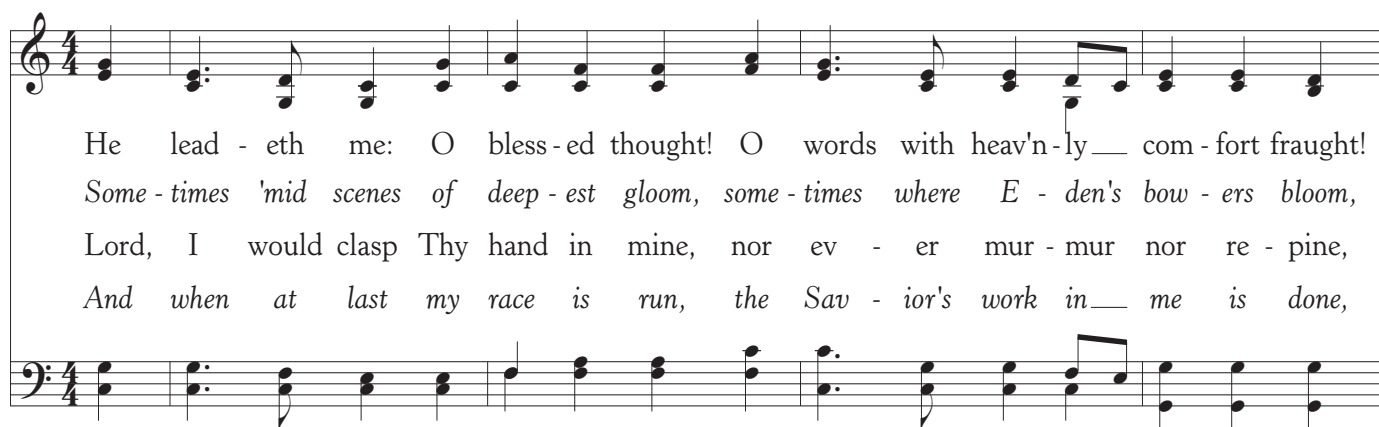
The Lord send you help; from His tem - ple pro - claim
May He ev - er grant you the wish of your heart,
The Lord who has saved be your con - fi - dence still,
But we will make men - tion of one on - ly name;
O, Lord save the king! For You rule o - ver all;



That He'll out of Zi - on your weak - ness sus - tain.
Ful - fill all your yearn - ing, and wis - dom im - part.
And all your pe - ti - tions in mer - cy ful - fill.
The Lord God al - migh - ty, we'll ev - er ac - claim.
Give bless - ing and an - swer when - ev - er we call!

Text: Edward Collier, *Lyrics from the Psalter*, 1907, alt. 2021;
Music: STAR POINTER, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

Congregational Hymn—He Leadeth Me



He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O words with heav'n - ly — com - fort fraught!
Some - times 'mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some - times where E - den's bow - ers bloom,
Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine,
And when at last my race is run, the Sav - ior's work in — me is done,



What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
by wa - ters still, o'er trou - bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

Refrain



He lead - eth me, He lead - eth — me; by His own hand He — lead - eth me.



His faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, for by His hand He lead - eth me.

Text: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862; Music: HE LEADETH ME, William Bradbury, 1864.

GOD’S PEOPLE GRATEFULLY RESPOND WITH THEIR PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS, AND PRAISE

Praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship, moving our faith from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings. Offering boxes for both tithes and alms are located in the foyer.

Pastoral Prayer

Corporate Prayer—*The Lord’s Prayer*

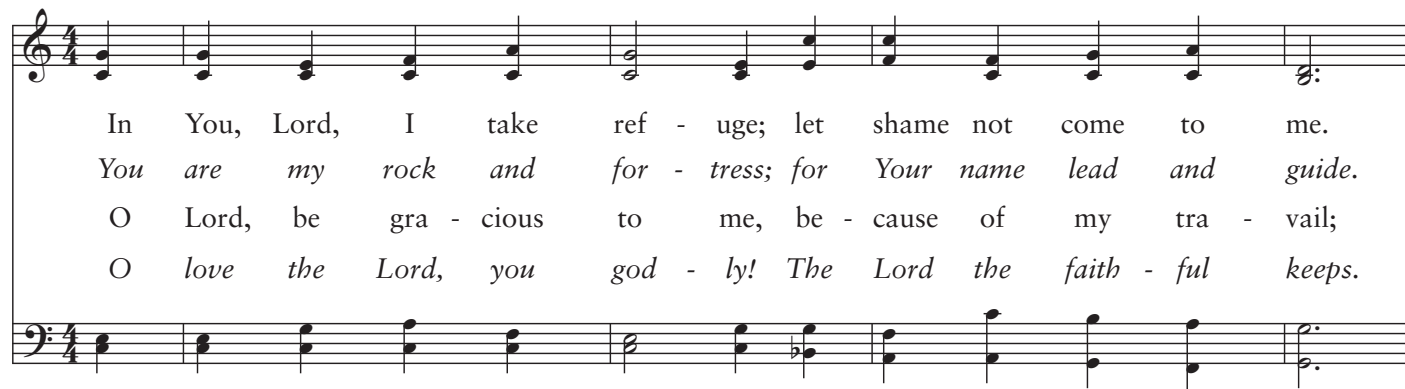
Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,
On Earth as it is in Heaven.

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.

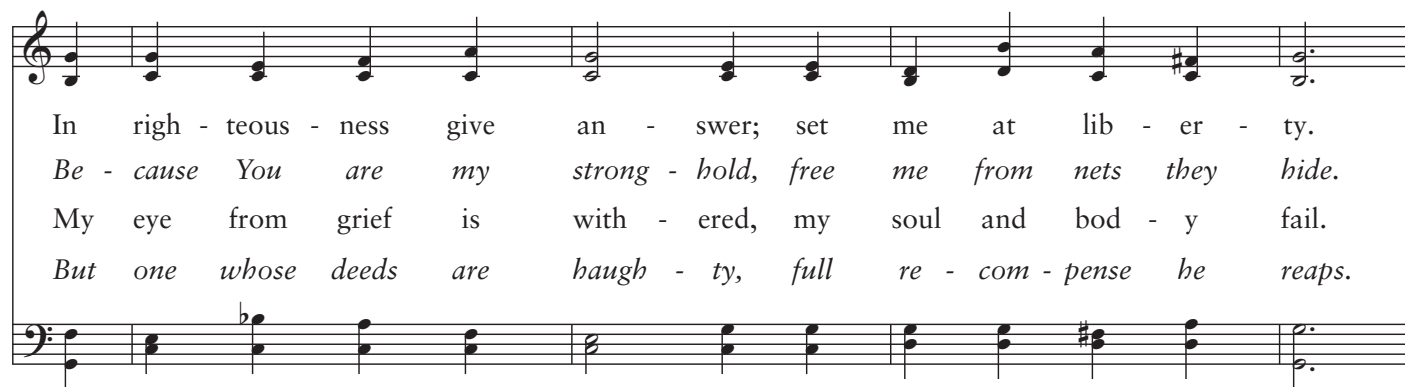
For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

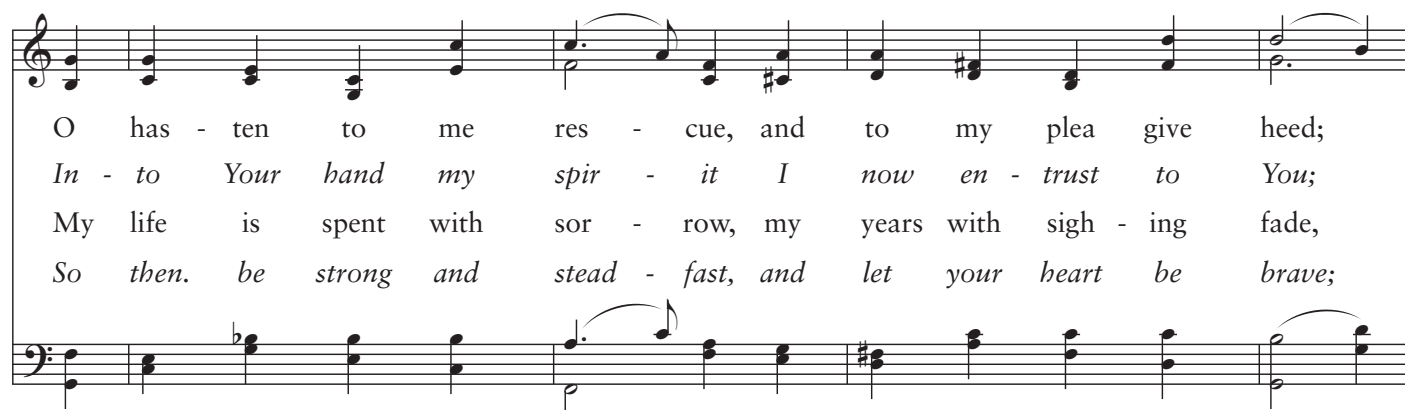
Congregational Psalm—In You, Lord, I Take Refuge (Psalm 31)



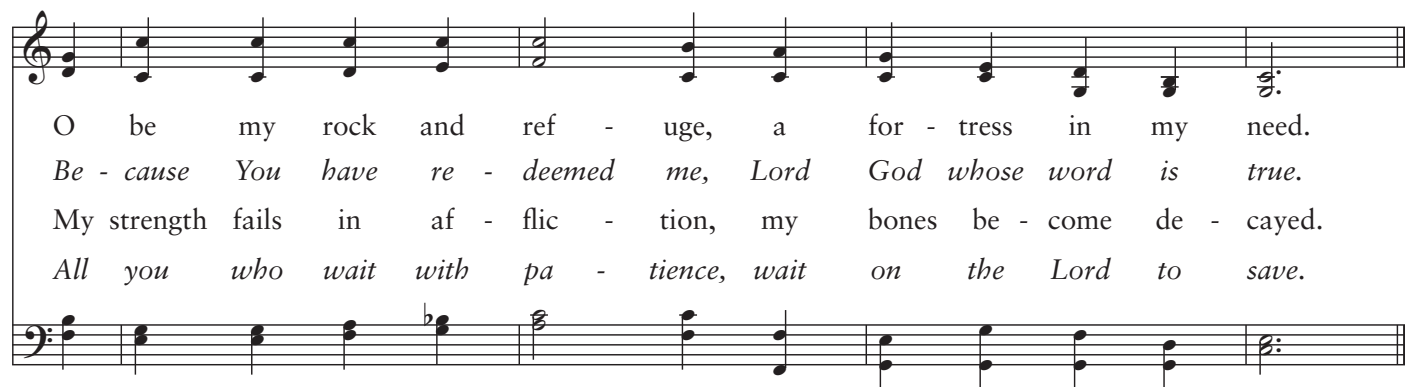
In You, Lord, I take ref - uge; let shame not come to me.
You are my rock and for - tress; for Your name lead and guide.
O Lord, be gra - cious to me, be - cause of my tra - vail;
O love the Lord, you god - ly! The Lord the faith - ful keeps.



In righ - teous - ness give an - swer; set me at lib - er - ty.
Be - cause You are my strong - hold, free me from nets they hide.
My eye from grief is with - ered, my soul and bod - y fail.
But one whose deeds are haugh - ty, full re - com - pense he reaps.



O has - ten to me res - cue, and to my plea give heed;
In - to Your hand my spir - it I now en - trust to You;
My life is spent with sor - row, my years with sigh - ing fade,
So then. be strong and stead - fast, and let your heart be brave;



O be my rock and ref - uge, a for - tress in my need.
Be - cause You have re - deemed me, Lord God whose word is true.
My strength fails in af - flic - tion, my bones be - come de - cayed.
All you who wait with pa - tience, wait on the Lord to save.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—from Psalm 5:11-12

Let all who take refuge in the Lord rejoice; let them ever sing for joy. May He spread His protection over them, that those who love His name may exult in Him. The Lord bless you; the Lord cover you with favor as with a shield. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Unto Christ Who Loved Us



Un-to Christ, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,



And has made us kings and priests un - to God and His Fa - ther:



Un-to Him be glo-ry and do-min-ion for - ev-er and ev-er. A - men.

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Music: UNTO HIM WHO LOVED US, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1936.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

refuge *noun*

1. shelter or protection from danger or distress.
2. a place that provides shelter or protection.
3. something to which one has recourse in difficulty

(“refuge.” *Merriam-Webster.com*, Merriam-Webster, 2025.)

As you read, listen, and sing through the worship service this morning, notice how many times the word “refuge” occurs, and how it is used. Right at the beginning of the service, we hear, “God is a refuge for us” (Psalm 62:8) and “blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him” (Psalm 34:8). We’ll sing that though we have no other refuge (*Jesus, Lover Of My Soul*), we can rest in the knowledge that “Jehovah will a refuge prove, [a] refuge strong for all oppressed” (*O Lord Most High—Psalm 9*). God is called a “refuge” four times in Psalm 31, including the ecstatic declaration that “Oh, how abundant is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You and worked for those who take refuge in You!” (Psalm 31:19). We are promised that “none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned” (Psalm 32:22), and we are commanded “all who take refuge in [the Lord] rejoice” (Psalm 5:11). As we face danger, distress, or difficulties throughout the week, I hope that these reminders from the Scriptures and the hymns of the faith will prod us to take refuge in the Lord, our God.

—Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Refuge, Fortress, Trust, Distress, Affliction, Times, Hand

Keystone Verse: Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. (Psalm 31:5)



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