

CONTINUE IN MY WORD

*If you
continue in
my word,
you are
really my
disciples.
You will
know the
truth and
the truth
will set
you free.*

John 8:31-32 CSB

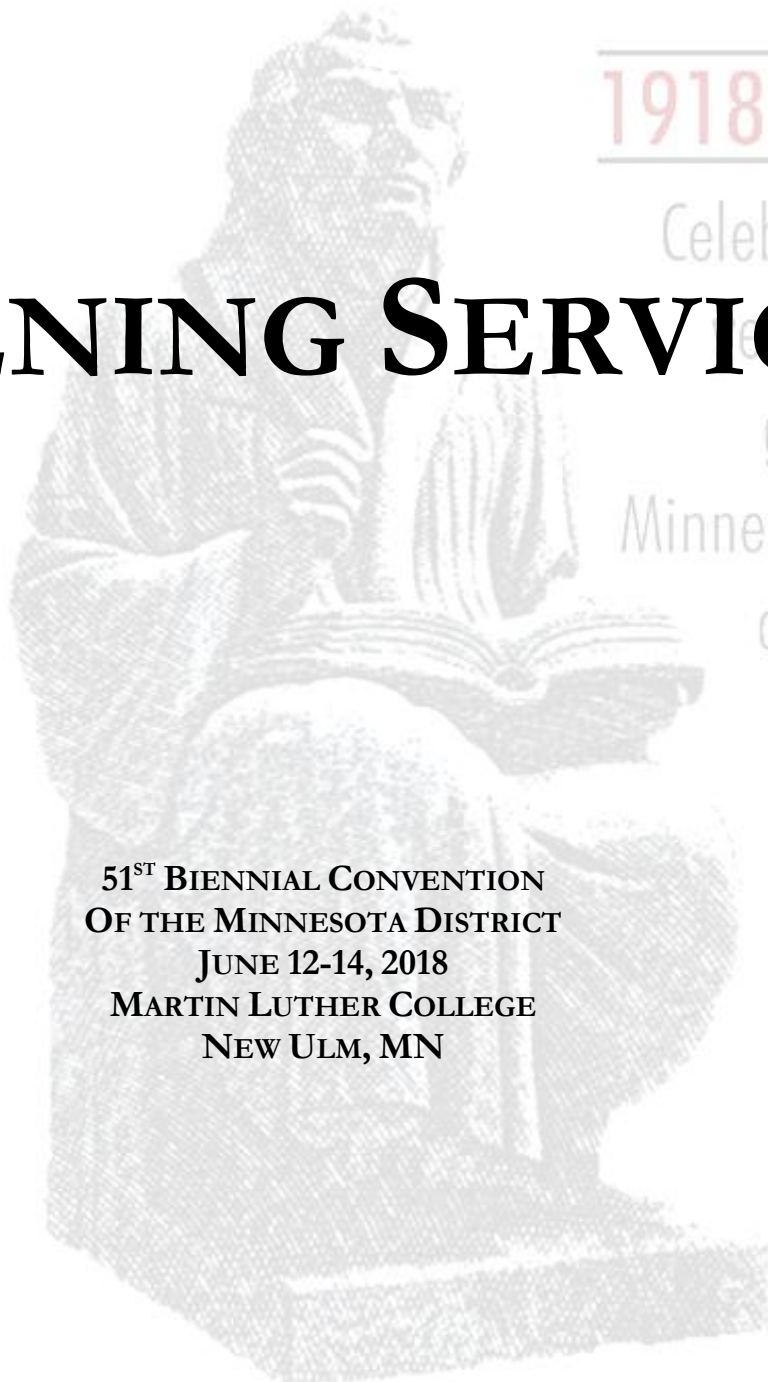
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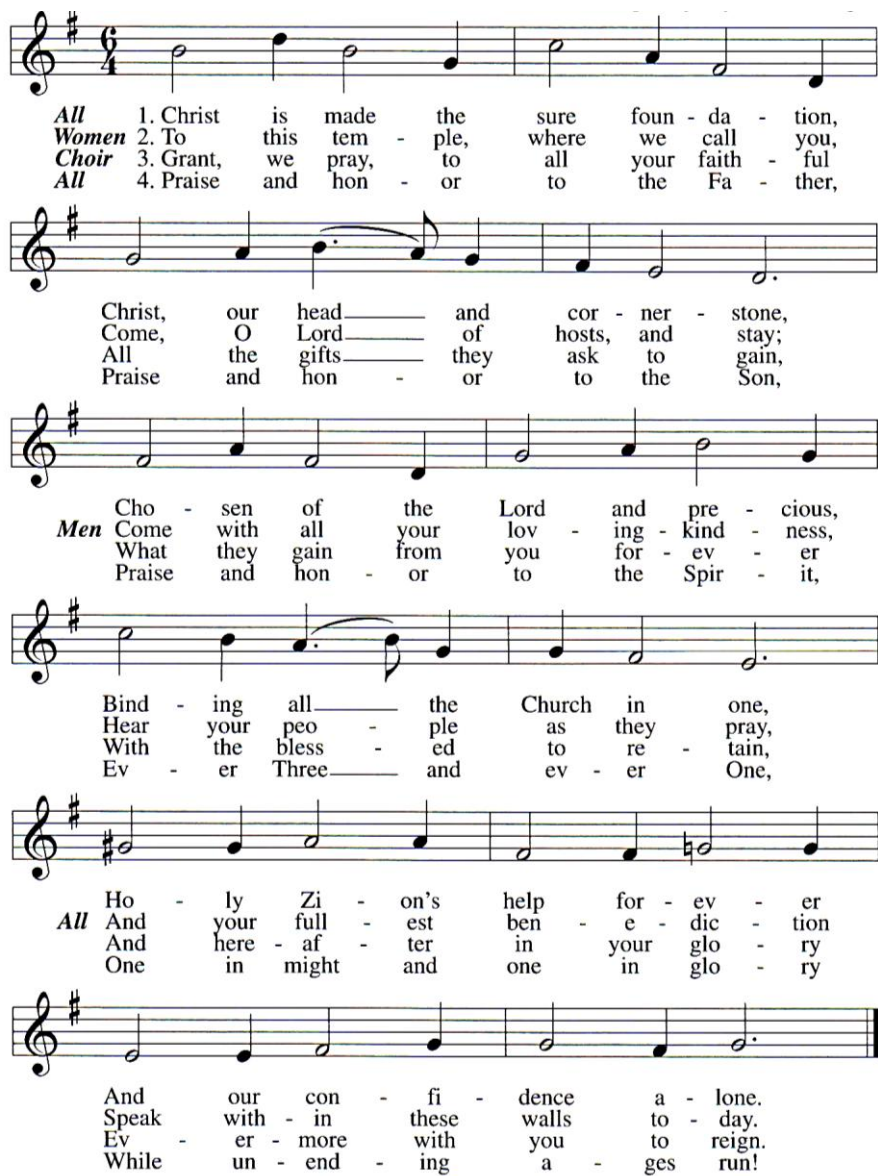
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HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation, CW 531*arr. Joyce Schubkegel*


All 1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion,
Women 2. To this tem - ple, where we call you,
Choir 3. Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful
All 4. Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther,

Christ, our head and cor - ner - stone,
 Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
 All the gifts they or ask to the gain,
 Praise and hon - or to the Son,

Men Cho - sen of all the Lord and pre - cious,
 Come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 What they gain from you to for - ev - er
 Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

Bind - ing all the Church in one,
 Hear your peo - ple as they pray,
 With the bless - ed and to re - tain,
 Ev - er Three and ev - er One,

All Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er
 And your full - est ben - e - dic - tion
 And here - af - ter in your glo - ry
 One in might and one in glo - ry

And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Speak with - in these walls to - day.
 Ev - er - more with you to reign.
 While un - end - ing a - ges run!

STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach our God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES

arr. Jean Slater

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends your word: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to thee; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: *(spoken)* And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, you have promised to be with your Church forever. We are especially thankful for your faithfulness on this, the 100th anniversary of the Minnesota District. You have gathered us as a community of believers and have shown us your great favor over these past 100 years. Increase our faith, knit us together in the bonds of love, and make our fellowship an example to all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

God's grace abounded for his Old Testament people.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 7:6-12

You are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. But those who hate him he will repay to their face by destruction; he will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate him. Therefore, take care to follow the commands, decrees and laws I give you today. If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the Lord your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your ancestors.

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PSALM OF THE DAY – *Psalm 115*

Refrain, Kevin Hildebrand
Psalm Tone, John Reim

Refrain



Not un - to us, O Lord, not un - to us, but to your name give ___

7
glo - ry, _____ for your mer - cy, and for your truth's _____ sake.

Choir: Refrain

All: Refrain

Psalm Tone



Choir: Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.
Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?"
Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

All: The Lord remembers us and will bless us;
He will bless the house of Israel,
he will bless those who fear the Lord—
small and great alike.

All: Refrain

Choir: May the Lord make you increase,
both you and your children.
May you be blessed by the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

All: The highest heavens belong to the Lord,
but the earth he has given to man.
It is not the dead who praise the Lord,
it is we who extol the LORD, both now and forevermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

All: Refrain

God's grace abounds for his New Testament people.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:4-9

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Good News Acclamation

James Chepponis

Choir: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All:

Al - le - lu - ia. _____ Al - le - lu - ia. _____

5 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! _____

Cantor: Open our hearts, O Lord,

All:

Al - le - lu - ia. _____

Cantor: to listen to your Word,

All:

Al - le - lu - ia. _____

Cantor: the Word of eternal life.

All:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! _____

Praise and hon - or to you. _____ Praise and hon - or to you. _____

5 Praise and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ! _____

STAND

God's abundant grace was completed in Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-52

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us, CWS 753

text, Paul E. Eickmann

arr. John C. Reim

All 1 Fa - ther, God of grace, you knew us, Chose us, named us as your own,
Choir 2 We your crea-tures, sinned a - gainst you, And our guilt was crim - son red.
Women 3 Coun - se - lor, you bring as prom - ised From the Fa - ther and the Son
Men 4 Lord, your change-less Word has fed us, Span - ning time, tran - scend - ing space.
Choir 5 For - ward lead us; Christ, we fol - low, Drawn by Word and prom - ise true:
All 6 Praise the Fa - ther, great cre - a - tor. Praise the Son, who took our place.

10
Through e - ter - nal a - ges plan - ning To re deem us in your Son.
Son of God, you came in - car - nate, Crushed the craft - y ser - pents head,
Right - eous - ness ful - filled, ac - com - plished, Free for - give - ness, heav - en won.
Wa - ter, bread, and wine sus - tained us When the dark - ness hid your face.
"To all na - tions preach the gos - pel; I am ev - er - more with you."
Praise the Spir - it, Sanc - ti - fi - er, God of free and faith - ful grace!

18
Praise the Fa - ther, God who loved us Ere cre - a - tion was be - gun!
Died our death, now live, tri - um - phant: Praise the first - born from the dead!
Praise the Spir - it! He as - sures us Our sal - va - tion's work is done!
Keep us with you, faith - ful Shep - herd, By your sav - ing means of grace!
Keep us faith - ful! Then, Lord Je - sus, Quick - ly come! Make all things new!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

In the same way, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. And if it is by grace, then it is no longer by works. Otherwise, grace would no longer be grace.

STAND

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er
 3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord,
 4 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees
 5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult



Christ, her Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By
 all the earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One
 to de - fend, To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is
 her op - pressed, By schisms rent a - sun - der, By
 of her war She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of



wa - ter and the Word. From heav'n he came and
 Lord, one faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she
 with her to the end. Though there be those that
 her - e - sies dis - tressed, Yet saints their watch are
 peace for - ev - er - more Till with the vi - sion



sought her To be his ho - ly bride; With his own
 bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And to one
 hate her And strive to see her fail, A - gainst both
 keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the
 glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest And the great



blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
 hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 foe and trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.
 night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,

C: On this 100th Anniversary of the Minnesota District, we reflect on your past help and are encouraged in our hope for the future.

M: We praise you for keeping and sustaining your people throughout the ages and for preserving your Word and the administration of your sacraments among us.

C: We praise you also for using us to bring to others the good news that sinners are reconciled to you through the life and death of Jesus Christ.

M: Now we ask you to give us courage and hope as we move day by day into the future.

C: Keep safe all those who assemble here in your name.

M: Do not permit the evil one to pluck us out of your mighty hand.

C: Strengthen us in the confidence that you have already overcome our greatest enemies: sin, death, and the devil.

M: Increase our trust in your precious promise that you are with us always.

C: Cause your Holy Spirit to work mightily in us and through us, so that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

M: Be with us as we strive to pass down to our children the truths that have been passed down to us.

C: Continue to make our Minnesota District a beacon of light in this sin-darkened world.

M: Bless the Praesidium of our Minnesota District,

C: That the district may be blessed through their leadership.

M: Bless the pastors, teachers, and staff ministers of our district,

C: That they may faithfully serve in their callings in the congregations of our district.

M: Bless all of the members of the congregations of our Minnesota District.

C: Preserve them in their faith, and make them courageous witnesses of their Savior, Jesus Christ, to those who do not yet know Jesus as their Savior.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Grant that this celebration of your gracious activity in the years and ages past be only the prelude to that far greater celebration we will enjoy forever in the joy and glory of the world to come. Still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

C: Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREPARING FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Lamb of God
Gary Daigle

Cantor: *Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

Congregation (*sung in imitation*): Have mercy on us.

Cantor: *Bread of life, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

Congregation (*sung in imitation*): Have mercy on us.

Cantor: *Saving cup, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

Congregation (*sung in imitation*): Have mercy on us.

Cantor: *Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

Congregation (*sung in imitation*): grant us peace.

MINISTER: (*spoken over music*)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."


Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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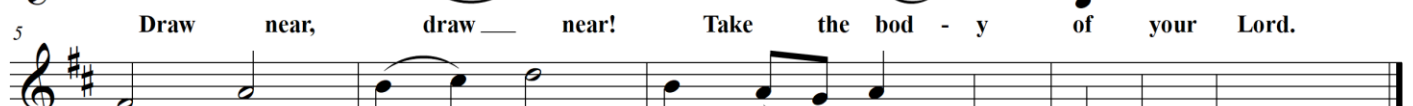
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Draw Near, CWS 740

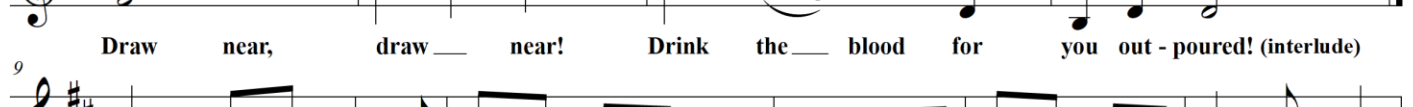
Refrain



5 Draw near, draw — near! Take the bod - y of your Lord.




9 Draw near, draw — near! Drink the — blood for you out - poured! (interlude)



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord, And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.
2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son, Has by his cross and blood the vic t'ry won.
3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole, Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.

14 *To Refrain*



Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood, With souls re - fresh - ed we give our thanks to God.
He gave his life for great - est and for least, Him - self the of - f'ring and him - self the Priest.
Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends, Gives all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.
Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow, In this great feast of love be with us now.

HYMN

*Behold the Lamb**Keith Getty*

1 Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us; and we re - mem - ber
 2 The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you; eat and re - mem - ber
 3 The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you; drink and re - mem - ber
 4 And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond; and to re - mem - ber

5 The pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we
 The wounds that heal the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we
 He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we
 Our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His bod - y here on earth. As we

9 share in this bread of life, And we drink of His sac - ri - fice As a
 share in this bread of life And we drink of His sac - ri - fice As a
 share in this bread of life And we drink of His sac - ri - fice As a
 share in His suf - fer - ing, We pro - claim Christ will come a - gain, And we'll

13 sign of our bonds of peace, A - round the ta - ble of the King.
 sign of our bonds of love A - round the ta - ble of the King.
 sign of our bonds of grace A - round the ta - ble of the King.
 join in the feast of heav'n A - round the ta - ble of the King.

HYMN

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior, CW 313

1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's wrath for - ev - er;
 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre - cious food sup - ply - ing,
 3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; Take heed how you are pre - par - ing,
 4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion If sal - va - tion you could fash - ion.

3 By his bit - ter grief and woe He saved us from the e - vil foe.
 Gives his bod - y with the bread And with the wine the blood he shed.
 For if you do not be - lieve, Judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.
 Do not come if you sup - pose You need not him who died and rose.

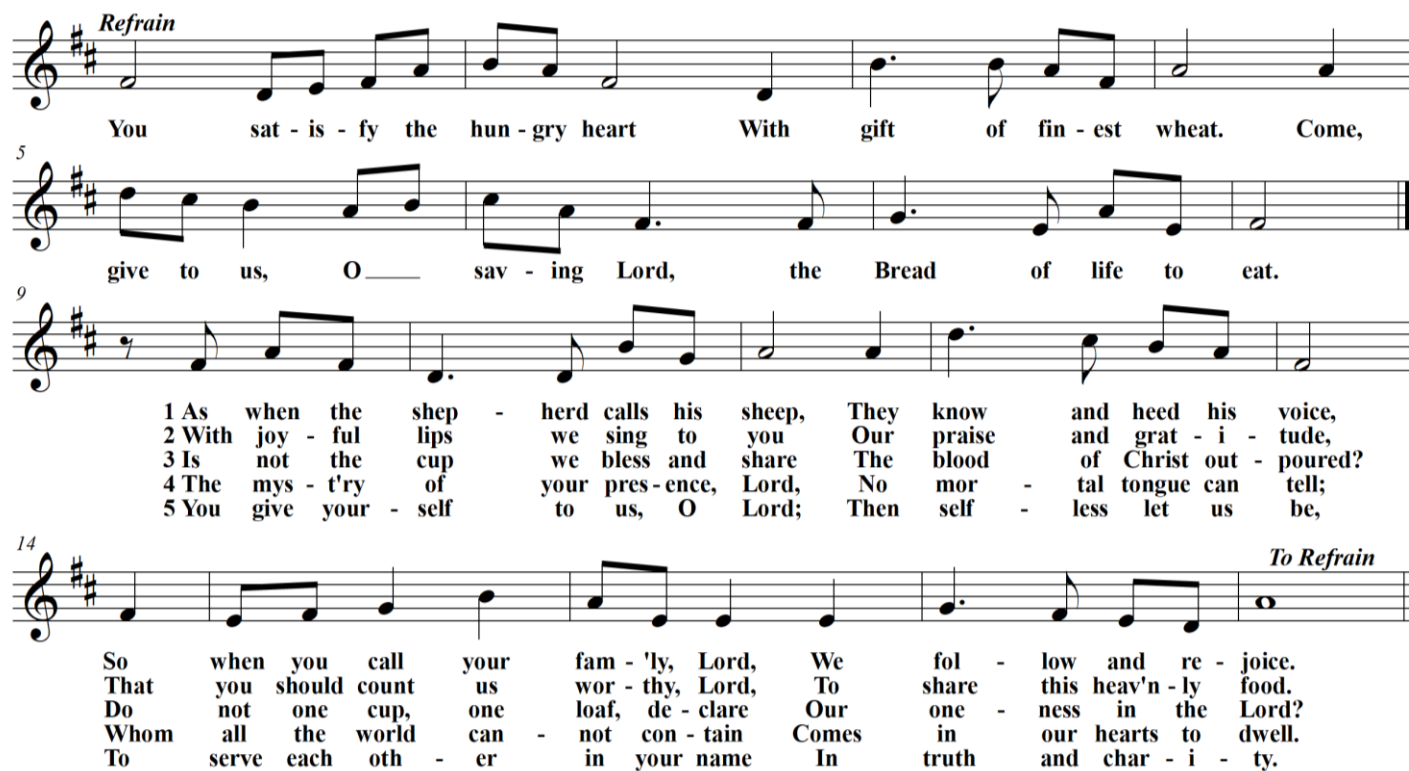
5 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
 That this food is to be taken
 By the souls who are distressed,
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.

6 If your heart this truth professes
 And your mouth your sin confesses,
 Surely you will be his guest
 And at his banquet ever blest.

HYMN

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart, CWS 744

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With gift of fin - est wheat. Come,
give to us, O — sav - ing Lord, the Bread of life to eat.

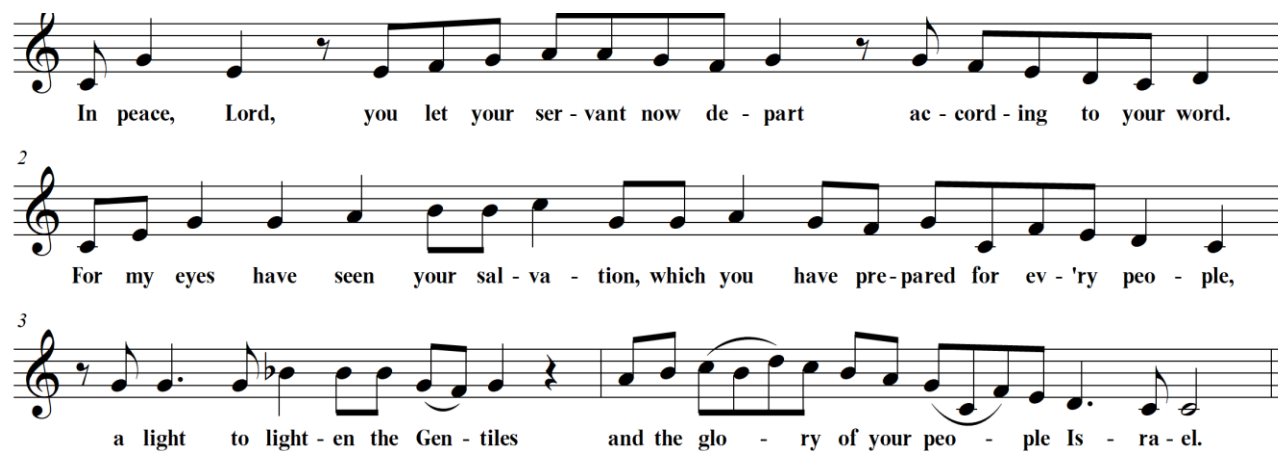
1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice,
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our praise and grat - i - tude,
3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ out - poured?
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal tongue can tell;
5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less let us be,

To Refrain

So when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
That you should count us wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
Whom all the world can - not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
To serve each oth - er in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Christian Worship, Evening Prayer, p.61
Luke 2:29-32


In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word.

For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with with favor and give you peace.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

BE SEATED



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