

Installation Service

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“Faithful To Our Calling”



Chapel of the Christ

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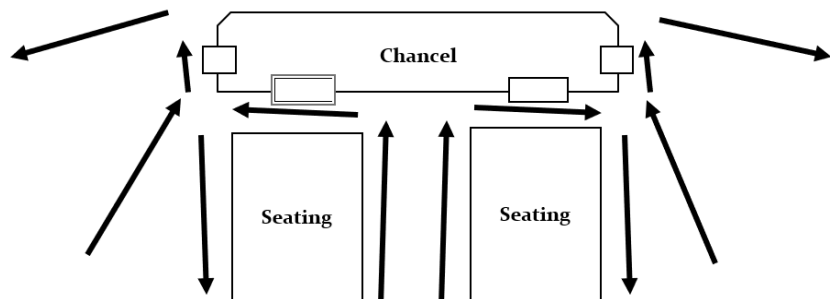
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The Service: Setting 3

920 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

CW 920

Stand for the final stanza



All: 1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
All: 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
Choir: 3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful all the gifts they
All: 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
ask to gain; what they gain from you for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion speak with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 188

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

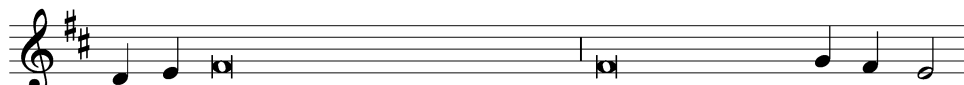
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190




In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



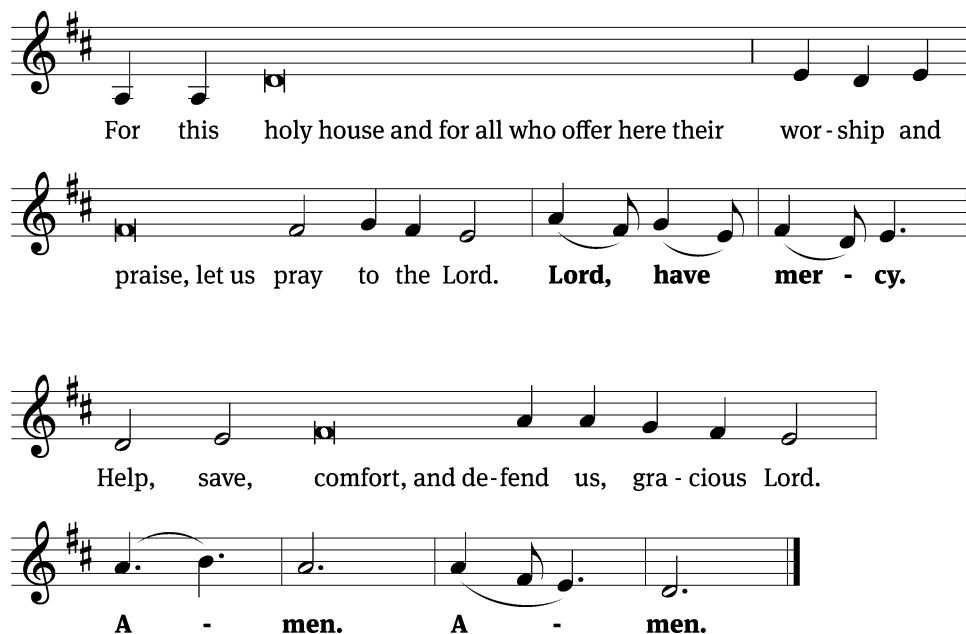
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and
 praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**
 Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.
A - men. A - men.

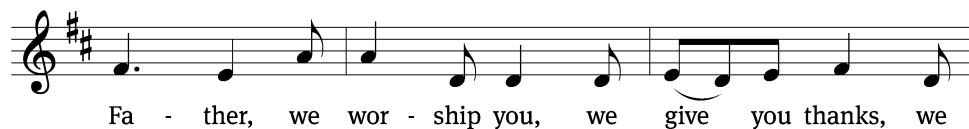
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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191



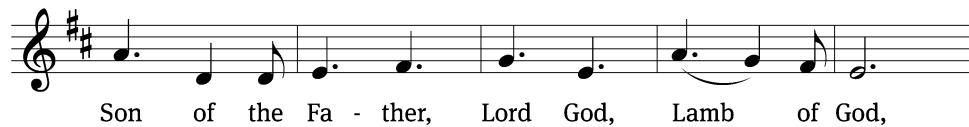
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and




Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



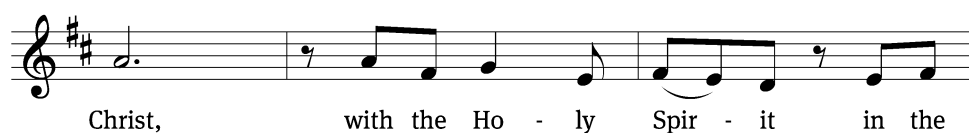
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus



Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, your Spirit calls and gathers the whole Church on earth and empowers it for service. Guide and preserve the work we do with other congregations in our synod. Keep us loyal to your Word, and give us courage to confess your truth boldly. Bestow on our leaders pure hearts, clear vision, and patient faith. Raise up new generations of faithful witnesses who will join us to proclaim the gospel to every creature.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11–13

*The remnant who trust in the name of the Lord are transformed—they are blessed.
 Rejoice and be glad, daughter of Zion!*

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land,
 you who do what he commands.
 Seek righteousness, seek humility;
 perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger.

^{3:11}On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame for all the wrongs you have done to me, because I will remove from you your arrogant boasters. Never again will you be haughty on my holy hill.

¹²But I will leave within you the meek and humble.

The remnant of Israel will trust in the name of the LORD.

¹³They will do no wrong;
they will tell no lies.

A deceitful tongue will not be found in their mouths.

They will eat and lie down and no one will make them afraid.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

118A This is the Day the LORD Has Made

Psalm 118A

Refrain



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

Tone



The LORD is my strength and / my defense;
he has become my sal- / vation.

The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;
the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!

I will not / die but live,
and will proclaim what the / LORD has done. *Refrain*

I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;
you have become my sal- / vation.

The stone the builders re- / jected
has become the / cornerstone;

the LORD has / done this,
and it is marvelous / in our eyes.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

God calls us to serve, leaving no doubt as to the one-sidedness of his grace.

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand


Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Sung by the Choir



Blessed are the poor in spir - it,



for theirs is the kingdom of heav - en. *Refrain*

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Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

*God uses his blessed people to turn the world upside down.
In anticipation of the life to come, in this life, rejoice and be glad!*

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

He said:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

690 Blest Are They

CW 690



Cantor/Choir:	1	Blest	are	they,	the	poor	in	spir - it,	theirs	is	the
All:	2	Blest	are	they,	the	low - ly	ones,	_____	they	shall	in -
All:	3	Blest	are	they	_____	who	show	mer - cy,	mer - cy		
All:	4	Blest	are	they	_____	who	seek	peace,	_____	they	are
All:	5	Blest	are	you	who	suf - fer	hate	_____	all	_____	be -



king - dom of God. Blest ___ are they, ___
 her - it the earth. Blest ___ are they who
 shall ___ be theirs. Blest ___ are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest ___ are they who
 cause ___ of me. Re - jice and be glad, ___



full ___ of sor - row, they ___ shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst, ___ they ___ shall have their fill.
 pure ___ of heart, ___ they ___ shall see God!
 suf - fer in faith, ___ the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; ___ shine ___ for all to see.



Refrain
 All: Re - jice and be glad! Bless - ed are



you, ho - ly are you! Re - jice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

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Sermon

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11-13

Be faithful to God's Call

1. To seek his righteousness.
2. To serve him in righteousness.

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 truly 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

Installation of District Officers

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod.

Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer

Keep in your care those who are enduring chronic pain and incessant unhappiness, those enduring rejection and struggling with poverty, those mourning the loss of someone they loved. [Especially bless... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Bring healing and help and comfort and calm to everyone in distress.

Move us to act alone or join with others to provide help and support.

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

Offering

Following the Offering, stand

The Sacrament

Preface

CW 199

The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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Holy, Holy, Holy

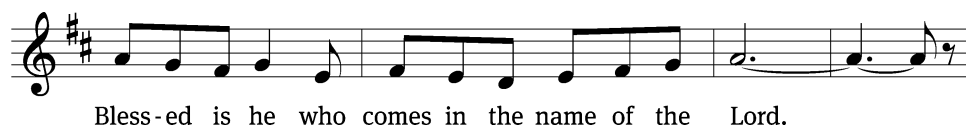
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,

heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



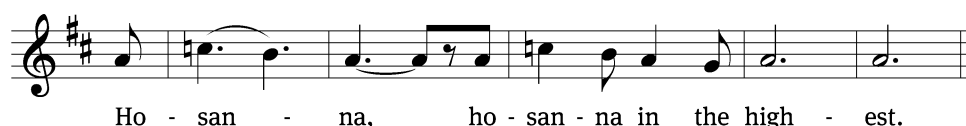
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



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



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



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

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

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 \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

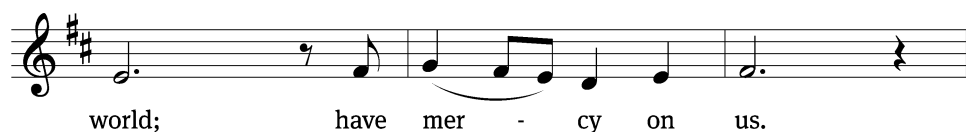
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God

CW 202



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Be seated

Distribution



1 His robes for mine: O won - der - ful ex - change!
 2 His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?
 3 His robes for mine: God's jus - tice is ap - peased.
 4 His robes for mine: such an - guish none can know.



Clothed in my sin, Christ suf - fered 'neath God's rage.
 God's daunt - ing law Christ mas - tered in my stead.
 Je - sus is crushed, and thus the Fa - ther's pleased.
 Christ, God's be - loved, con - demned as though his foe.



Draped in his right - eous - ness, I'm jus - ti - fied.
 Fault - less I stand with right - eous works not mine,
 Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"
 He, as though I, ac - cursed and left a - lone;



In Christ I live, for in my place he died.
 saved by my Lord's vi - car - ious death and life.
 Sin's wage is paid, pro - pi - ti - a - tion won.
 I, as though he, em - braced and wel - comed home!



Refrain
 I cling to Christ, and mar - vel at the cost:



Je - sus for - sak - en, God es - tranged from God.



Bought by such love, my life is not my own.



My praise— my all— shall be for Christ a - lone.

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Anthem

Make Me an Instrument | Craig Courtney

*O Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.*

691 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise and See

CW 691



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise and see this great and
2 Al - though life's heart - aches, trials, and sin com - bine to
3 Come, share that life formed by his cross and for Christ's
4 For you no long - er live, but he who washed you



glo - rious mys - ter - y, this shin - ing prom - ise,
grieve your hope with - in, re - jice! Your Sav - ior's
sake, come suf - fer loss; his Spir - it works your
clean and set you free; bap - tized in Christ, you



ev - er new: the hope of glo - ry— Christ in you.
grace is great, made per - fect in your weak - ened state.
life to fill with all good things to do his will.
now are saved, for - ev - er on his palms en - graved.

5 Christ offers you, with nail-scarred hand, true manna for this desert land:
his body and his blood divine
beneath the sacred bread and wine.

6 Our Savior never leaves his own
as orphans, hungry and alone;
he promises with certainty:
"I am in you and you in me."

7 Such precious gifts do not disdain;
do not receive God's grace in vain,
but cherish, as his children true,
the hope of glory—Christ in you.

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Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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 favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

736 Lord, You Call Us as Your People

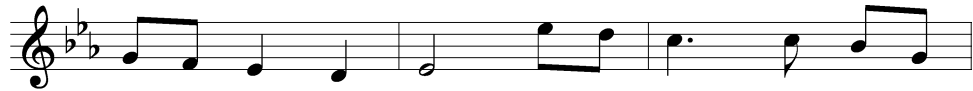
CW 736



All: 1 Lord, you call us as your peo - ple, out of dark - ness
 Choir: 2 Lord, you call us as dis - ci - ples, walk - ing on your
 All: 3 Lord, you send us to the har - vest in your Great Com -
 Choir: 4 Lord, you call us to new ven - tures by a path - way
 All: 5 Lord, you call us as your peo - ple, now in faith we



in - to light. You cre - at - ed and re - deemed us, made us
 pil - grim way. Cru - ci - fied and ris - en Sav - ior, you are
 mis - sion's call, reach - ing out to all the na - tions, bring - ing
 yet un - known. Though we can - not see the end - ing, we will
 sing your praise: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, al - le -



pre - cious in your sight. Give us faith to trust you
 with us ev - 'ry day. Give us wis - dom, give us
 life and hope to all. Give us bold - ness and com -
 fol - low you a - lone. Know - ing that your hand is
 lu - ias to you raise. Hold us in your gra - cious



bold - ly and to love you stead - fast - ly. By your
 cour - age as you teach us pa - tient - ly. By your
 pas - sion, bless us with your eyes to see. By your
 guid - ing and you love us faith - ful - ly, by your
 pow - er, bless - ed Ho - ly Trin - i - ty, that re -



Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.
 Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.
 Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.
 Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.
 joic - ing we will ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.

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