

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

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PRELUDE

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Our days are insecure and unpredictable. We do not know what is to come.

**We do not fear the future; we know that God will be there to guide and protect us.**

When we hear rumors of chaos, we will not fear. We will stand fast in faith.

**We trust only in God, who wields the sword of righteousness on our behalf.**

# OPENING HYMN

## *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*



- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth,  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend thee;  
 - 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore Him!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va - tion!  
 Shel-ters thee un - der His wings, yes, so gen - tly sus - tain - eth!  
 Sure-ly His good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.  
 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be - fore Him.

All ye who hear, Now to His tem-ple draw near; Join me in  
 Hast thou not seen How all thy long-ings have been Grant-ed in  
 Pon-der a - new What the Al - might-y can do, If with His  
 Let the A - men Sound from His peo-ple a - gain: Glad-ly for

glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 what He or - dain - eth?  
 love He be - friend thee.  
 aye we a - dore Him. A - men. Him.

TEXT: Joachim Neander; translated by Catherine Winkworth  
 MUSIC: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of power and mercy, we confess that we are not always the people we like others to think we are. We put our best feet forward in public, but you know our inner thoughts, desires, and weaknesses better than anyone. Yes, we have disappointed ourselves once again. We have disappointed you, too, and that grieves us. God of power and mercy, help us to set our sins behind us, that we may not be shackled to the past by guilt, regret, or disappointment. Give us a new day and a new life in your Spirit, that we may have integrity of heart, mind, and body...***Time of silent reflection*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS - *Romans 10:9-11*

Hear the good news! If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. So be at peace. Your sins are forgiven.

## SEASONAL RESPONSE

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872

Frederick Charles Maker, 1887

1. \*Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, For - give our fool - ish  
ways; Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, In  
pur - er lives Thy ser - vice find, In deep - er rev - erence, praise.

## THE WORD OF GOD

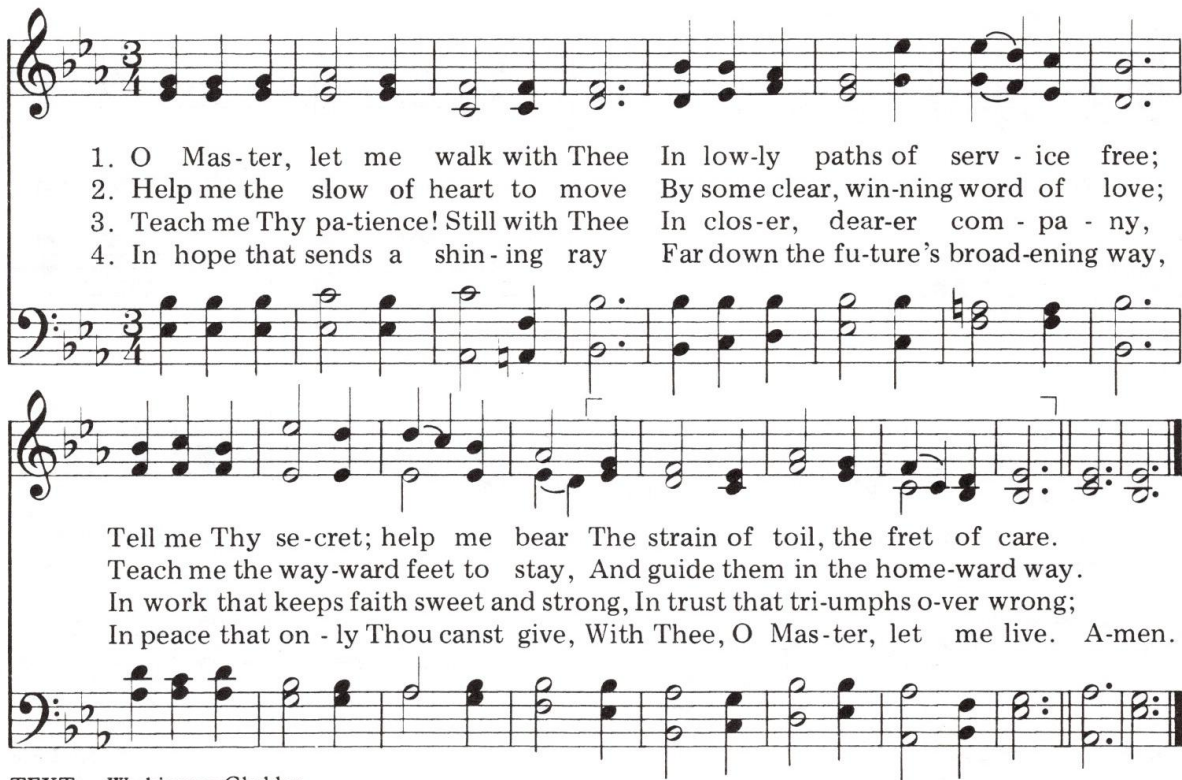
### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

### SERMON

### HYMN

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*



1. O Mas-ter, let me walk with Thee In low-ly paths of serv - ice free;  
2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, win-ning word of love;  
3. Teach me Thy pa-tience! Still with Thee In clos-er, dear-er com - pa - ny,  
4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the fu-ture's broad-en-ing way,

Tell me Thy se-cret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.  
Teach me the way-ward feet to stay, And guide them in the home-ward way.  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that tri-umphs o-ver wrong;  
In peace that on - ly Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas-ter, let me live. A-men.

TEXT: Washington Gladden

MUSIC: H. Percy Smith

A lower setting may be found at No. 320

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

## SONG OF PRAISE

4 This gift we now bring, this present, this token,  
these words can't convey it, the joy of this day!  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '4' indicating the time signature. The lyrics are: '4 This gift we now bring, this present, this token, these words can't convey it, the joy of this day! When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor and praise!'.

Text and music: Jane Marshall (b. 1924)

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## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, we have caught ourselves thinking that we deserve more. How much will be enough for us? We have enough now: food, clothing, shelter, the opportunity to determine our destiny, and your salvation! We have so much; we have enough to share with those who have less. Bless these gifts, multiply them, and send them out beyond our sight, to your children who need your touch and ours. Receive each gift represented here and bless each giver in the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER with 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**



## HYMN

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

1. Take my life and let it be Con - se - cra - ted,  
 2. Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse  
 3. Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly,  
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold— Not a mite would  
 5. Take my will and make it Thine— It shall be no  
 6. Take my love— my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its

Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days— Let them  
 of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and  
 for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with  
 I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry  
 long - er mine; Take my heart— it is Thine own, It shall  
 treas - ure store; Take my - self— and I will be Ev - er,

flow in cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
 mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
 pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.  
 be Thy roy - al throne, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.  
 on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal

MUSIC: Henry A. César Malan; Last verse harmonization by David Allen

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## CLOSING BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

*Recessional*

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