

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

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PRELUDE

*Aria Semplice*

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Let your light shine!

**Let your hearts be glad!**

God is faithful to us, and God rules in love.

**Then let us worship God.**

OPENING HYMN

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 2/2 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, Lord, send Your Spir-it in this place; Lord, lis-ten to Your chil-dren pray - ing, Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. grace!" The score includes a first ending marked "1 (optional) D.C." and a final ending marked "Final".

TEXT and MUSIC: Ken Medema

CHILDREN PRAYING  
Irregular meter

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As God's beloved children, we are invited to come to our God with the fullness of our lives, to admit our love and our hate, to admit our faith and our fear. Trusting in God's mercy, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer...

**Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. In Christ's name, Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News. We are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## SEASONAL RESPONSE

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;  
World without end! Amen, Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:1-10

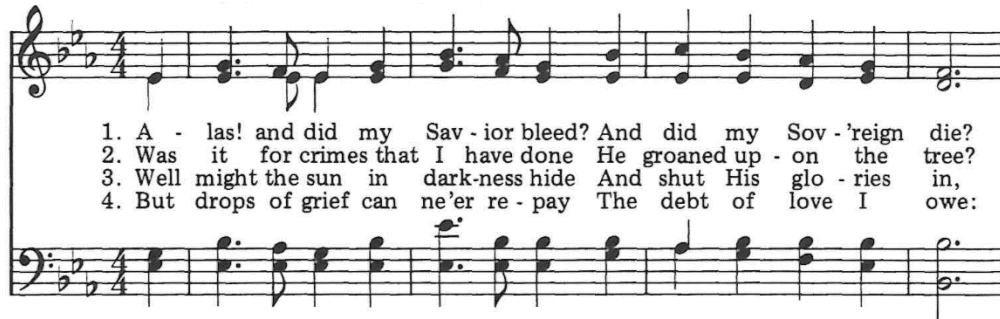
#### SERMON

*Delivered!*

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN

*At the Cross*



1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed? And did my Sov - 'reign die?  
2. Was it for crimes that I have done He groaned up - on the tree?  
3. Well might the sun in dark-ness hide And shut His glo - ries in,  
4. 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 pit - y! grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!  
When Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died For man the crea - ture's sin.  
Here, Lord, I give my - self a - way— 'Tis all that I can do!

*Refrain*



At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light And the  
bur - den of my heart rolled a - way— It was there by faith  
I re - ceived my sight, And now I am hap - py all the day!

TEXT: Isaac Watts; Ralph E. Hudson, Refrain  
MUSIC: Ralph E. Hudson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

### OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

### SONG OF PRAISE

**We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We recognize that the greatest gift is the gift of love. May our offerings distribute this love to the world, the small world we inhabit with the suffering people we know, the larger world where the power of love is sorely needed. 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

*Lord, Speak to Me*


1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In liv - ing ech - oes of Thy tone;  
 2. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The pre-cious things Thou dost im-part;  
 3. O fill me with Thy full-ness, Lord, Un - til my ver - y heart o'er-flow  
 4. O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, Just as Thou wilt and when and where;

As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thy err-ing chil-dren lost and lone.  
 And wing my words, that they may reach The hid-den depths of many a heart.  
 In kind-ling thought and glow-ing word Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.  
 Un - til Thy bless - ed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glo-ry share. A - men.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal  
 MUSIC: Robert Schumann

## CLOSING BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

*To God Be the Glory*

Tom Birchwood