

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

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PRELUDE

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to God, who is good,

Whose faithful love lasts forever!

When we are hungry and thirsty, lost in the wilderness,

God satisfies our thirst, and fills the hungry with good things.

God turns deserts into pools of water, and thirsty ground into springs;

So let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

America, the Beautiful

- 1. O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, For am-ber waves of grain,
 2. O beau-ti-ful for pil-grim feet, Whose stern im-pas-sioned stress
 3. O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved In lib-er-at-ing strife,
 4. O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream That sees be-yond the years

For pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties A-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 A thor-ough-fare for free-dom beat A-cross the wil-der-ness!
 Who more than self their coun-try loved, And mer-cy more than life!
 Thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, Un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed His grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea! *sea!
 Con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, Thy lib-er-ty in law!
 Till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, And ev-ery gain di-vine!
 And crown thy good with broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea!

TEXT: Katharine Lee Bates
 MUSIC: Samuel A. Ward

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

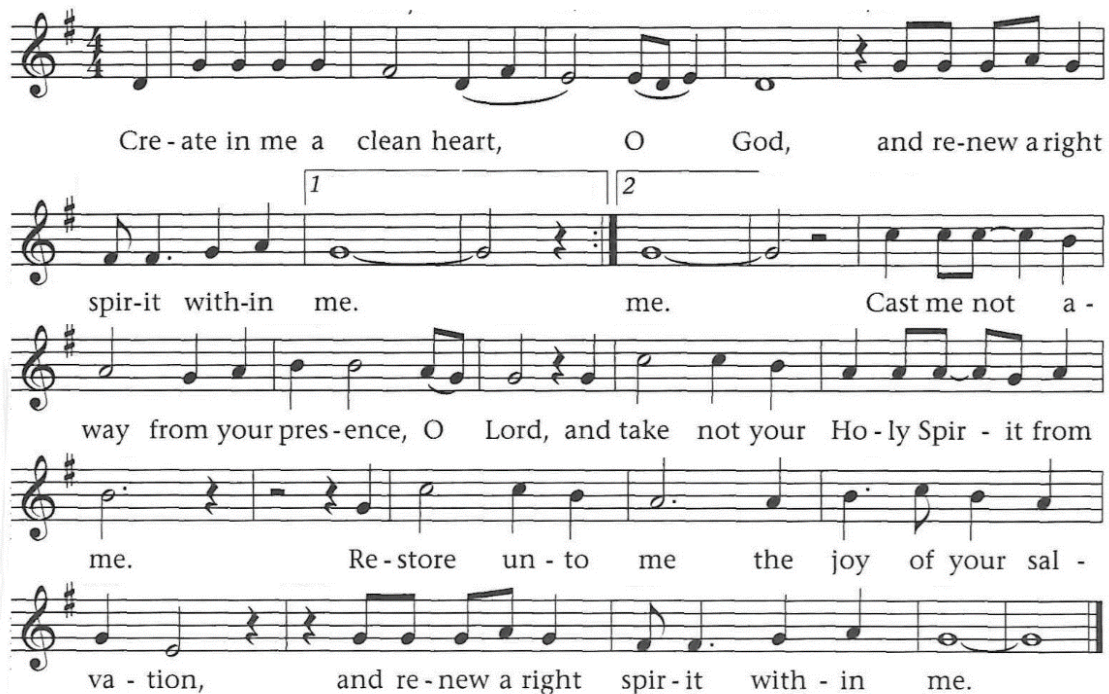
When we have wandered, and when we are lost, we pray that you would find us and help us find our way home. When we cannot quench our thirst, when we want that which is harmful to ourselves or others, satisfy us with your love and grace. When we need forgiveness, shower us with your unending mercy. Receive this prayer, and the silent prayers of our hearts...*Time of silent reflection*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

It's been said that sin is to God's mercy like a hot coal is to the sea. Know that God loves you beyond all measure, that in Christ, God forgives, and that the Holy One extends hope to all.

Hallelujah! Thanks be to God.

SEASONAL RESPONSE



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, O Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal -
va - tion, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 8:31-38

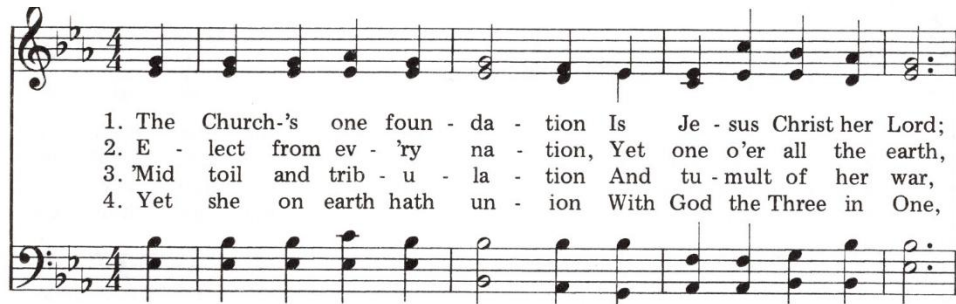
SERMON

A Tale of Two Kingdoms

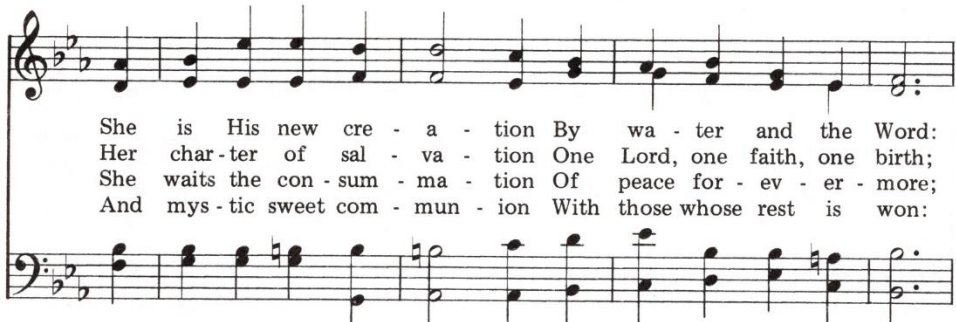
OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN

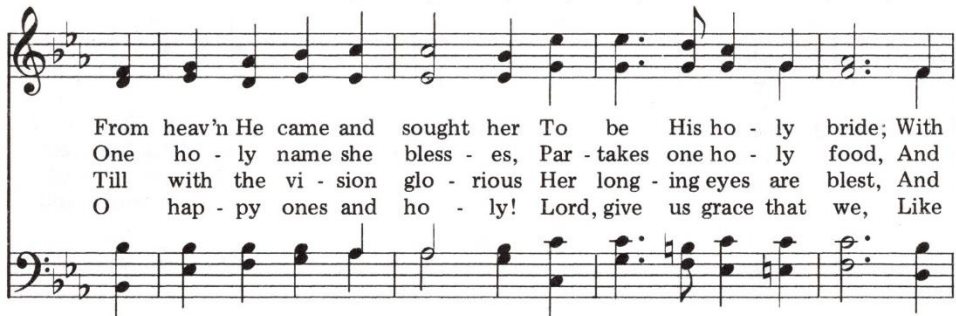
The Church's One Foundation



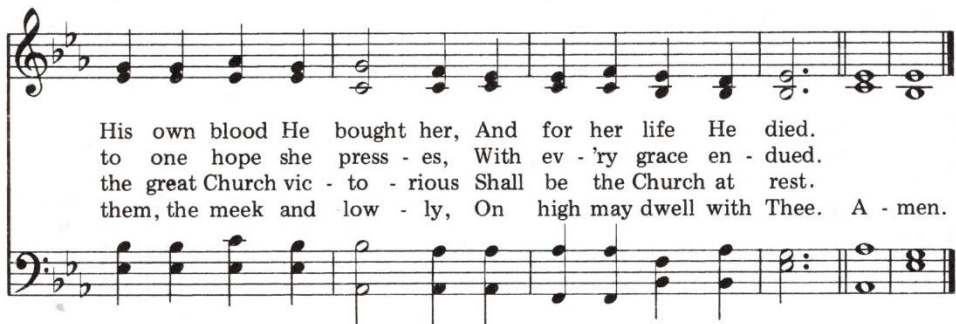
1. The Church-'s one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
3. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war,
4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word:
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion One Lord, one faith, one birth;
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;
And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won:



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride; With
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest, And
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we, Like



His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with Thee. A - men.

TEXT: Samuel J. Stone
MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley
A lower setting may be found at No. 567

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 offer our gifts, given from your abundance that they may be used to
proclaim your love and to bring healing and hope to all who are in need.
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 ENDIING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

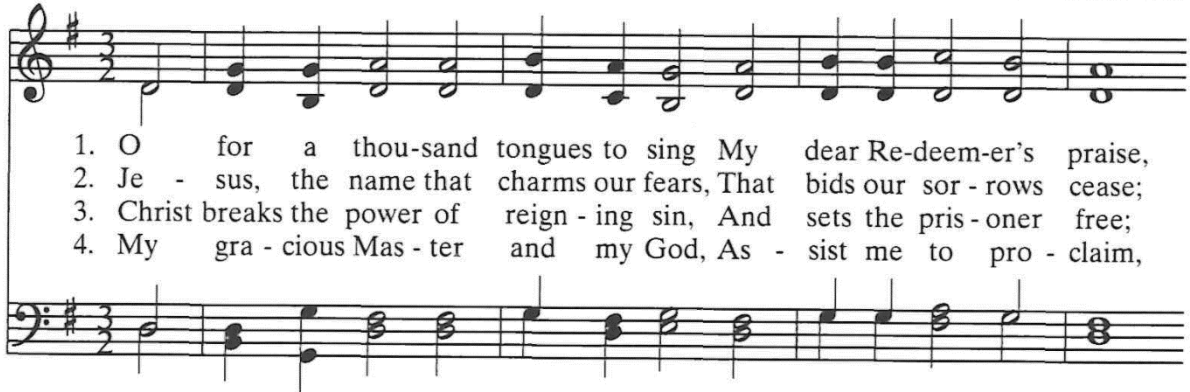
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive
our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

HYMN

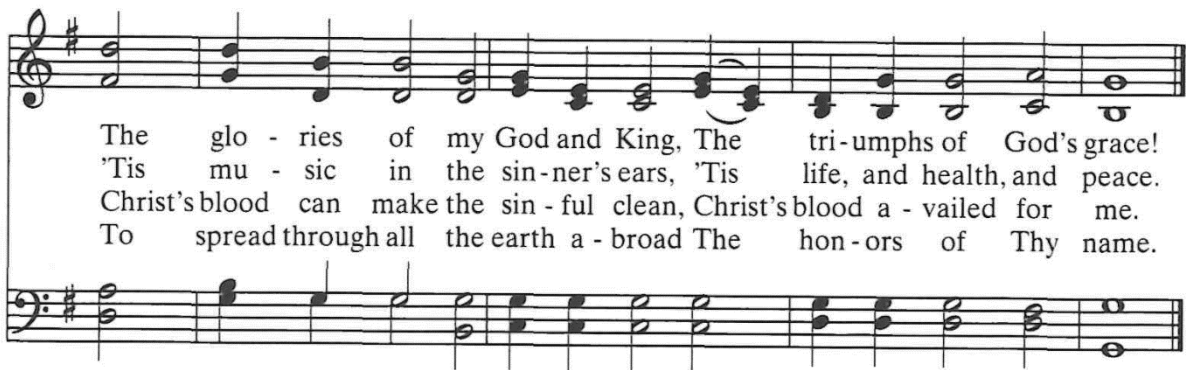
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Charles Wesley, 1738; alt.

Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing My dear Re-deem-er's praise,
2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease;
3. Christ breaks the power of reign - ing sin, And sets the pris - oner free;
4. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,



The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of God's grace!
'Tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
Christ's blood can make the sin - ful clean, Christ's blood a - vailed for me.
To spread through all the earth a - broad The hon - ors of Thy name.

CLOSING BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fugue sur les jeux d'anches

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