

# THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

## THE CONFESSION

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: "I am the Bread of Life," says Jesus Christ. "Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

C: **Lord, give us this bread always.**

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Most merciful and gracious God,

C: **we confess our sins to you.**

P: Our sins of thought-

C: **We have doubted your power and your promise; we have plotted wickedly.**

P: Our sins of word-

C: **We have spoken in anger and in ways that are belittling; we have argued against your good and gracious will.**

P: Our sins of deed-

C: **We have hoarded your gifts selfishly, and have defiled ourselves with all manner of evil.**

P: We hunger and thirst for righteousness.

C: **But we are doomed to starve and die, to thirst eternally. Therefore, we beg you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, to forgive our sins... and to fill us with his perfect goodness, that we may live as your Spirit directs us, filled with all the fullness of God.**

P: Like bread broken to be shared, Jesus Christ was given to die for you. For his sake your sins are forgiven. He will raise you up on the last day, and you will live forever.

C: **Lord, give us this bread always! Amen.**

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

## THE HYMN – We Have Come Into This House

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,  
we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for  
the sake of the world.  
Humble us by his example,  
point us to the path of obedience,  
and give us strength to follow his commands;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

## THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

## THE HYMN – Soldiers of Christ

## THE SERMON – "Marriages That Last"

## THE APOSTLES CREED

*LEADER: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostolic Creed:*

**CONG: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of  
the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

### THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord.


People: Lord, have mercy.

### THE OFFERTORY AND THE GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

### THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

People: Amen.

**THE HYMN: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**

## **88. WE HAVE COME INTO THIS HOUSE**

- 1. We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him.  
We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him.  
We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Christ the Lord.  
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.**
  
- 2. So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him.  
So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him.  
So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Christ the Lord.  
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.**
  
- 3. Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Him.  
Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Him.  
Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Christ the Lord.  
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.**

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# Soldiers of Christ, Arise

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CHARLES WESLEY, 1707-1788

DIADEMATA

GEORGE J. ELVEY, 1816-1893

1. Sol - diers of Christ, a - rise And put your ar - mor on,  
2. Stand then in His great might, With all His strength en - dued,  
3. Leave no un-guard - ed place, No weak-ness of the soul;

Strong in the strength which God sup-plies Thru His e - ter - nal Son;  
And take, to arm you for the fight, The pan - o - ply of God;  
Take ev - 'ry vir - tue, ev - 'ry grace, And for - ti - fy the whole.

Strong in the Lord of hosts And in His might - y pow'r: Who  
That hav - ing all things done, And all your con - flicts past, Ye  
From strength to strength go on, Wres - tle and fight and pray; Tread

in the strength of Je - sus trusts Is more than con - quer - or.  
may o'er - come thru Christ a - lone And stand en - tire at last.  
all the pow'rs of dark - ness down And win the well - fought day.

*This tune in a lower key: 62*

# How Firm a Foundation

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FOUNDATION

American melody

"K" — in Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787

From Caldwell's *Union Harmony*, 1837



1. How firm a foun-da-tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your
2. "Fear not, I am with thee—O be not dis-mayed, For I am thy
3. "When thru the deep wa-ters I call thee to go, The riv-ers of
4. "When thru fi-ery tri-als thy path-way shall lie, My grace, all-suf-
5. "The soul that on Je-sus hath leaned for re-pose, I will not, I



faith in His ex-cel-lent Word! What more can He say than to  
God, I will still give thee aid; I'll strength-en thee, help thee, and  
woe shall not thee o-ver-flow; For I will be with thee thy  
fi-cient, shall be thy sup-ply; The flame shall not hurt thee— I  
will not de-sert to his foes; That soul, tho all hell should en-



you He hath said— To you, who for ref-uge to Je-sus have fled?  
cause thee to stand, Up-held by my gra-cious, om-nip-o-tent hand.  
trou-bles to bless, And sanc-ti-fy to thee thy deep-est dis-tress.  
on-ly de-sign Thy dross to con-sume and thy gold to re-fine.  
deav-or to shake, I'll nev-er-no, nev-er-no, nev-er-for-sake!"



Alternate tunes: ADESTE FIDELES—100, ST. DENIO—34

# Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, As sol - diers of the cross,  
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;  
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Stand in his strength a - lone;  
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The strife will not be long;



Lift high his roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.  
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this his glo - rious day.  
The arm of flesh will fail you, You dare not trust your own.  
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my he shall lead,  
Let all his faith - ful serve him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see,



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger, And strength to strength op - pose.  
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
And with the King of glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

