

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: Take heed, lest you stumble," says the Lord,

C: **"or put a stumbling block before one who believes in me."**

P: Lest we lose our reward, let us confess our sins to the Lord

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: O God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift,

C: **we confess that we are imperfect. Our minds are filled with hate and prejudice; our tongues are uncontrolled; our deeds do not bear witness to our faith. As sinners we stand condemned. We plead the merits of your perfect Son, Jesus Christ, who willed and spoke and did what you command. For our sakes he obeyed; for his sake we beg forgiveness.**

P: The will of God is your redemption. The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. In his name and for his sake, I declare to you the full forgiveness of all your sins.

C: **Lord, make us instruments of your peace!**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

THE HYMN – We've a Story to Tell

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE HYMN – The Greatest Thing

THE SERMON – "For Generations to Come – Go!"

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: Lead on O King Eternal

We've a Story to Tell

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1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions That shall turn their
2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions That shall lift their
3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions—That the Lord who
4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions Who the path of

hearts to the right, A sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, A
hearts to the Lord, A song that shall con - quer e - vil And
reign - eth a - bove Hath sent us His Son to save us And
sor - row hath trod, That all of the world's great peo - ples Might

sto - ry of peace and light, A sto - ry of peace and light.
shat - ter the spear and sword, And shat - ter the spear and sword.
show us that God is love, And show us that God is love.
come to the truth of God, Might come to the truth of God.

CHORUS

For the dark - ness shall turn to dawn - ing, And the dawn - ing to noon - day bright,

And Christ's great king - dom shall come to earth, The king - dom of love and light.

73. THE GREATEST THING

- 1. The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You.
The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You.
I want to know You more;
I want to know You more.
The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You.**
- 2. The greatest thing in all my life is loving You.
The greatest thing in all my life is loving You.
I want to love You more;
I want to love You more.
The greatest thing in all my life is loving You.**
- 3. The greatest thing in all my life is serving You.
The greatest thing in all my life is serving You.
I want to serve You more;
I want to serve You more.
The greatest thing in all my life is serving You.**

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O Jesus, I Have Promised

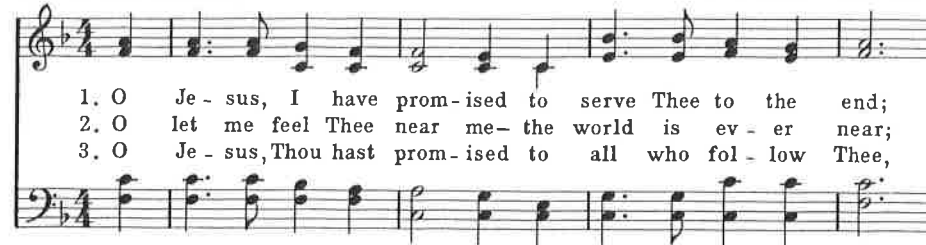
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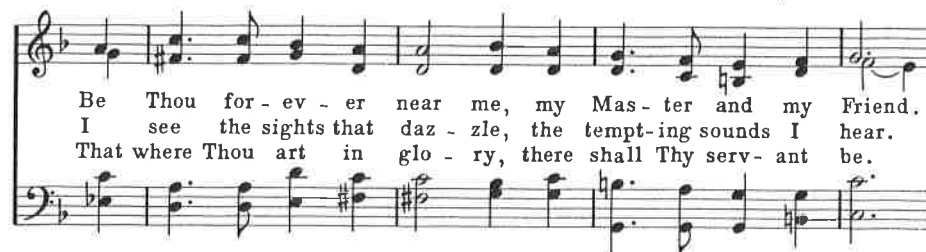
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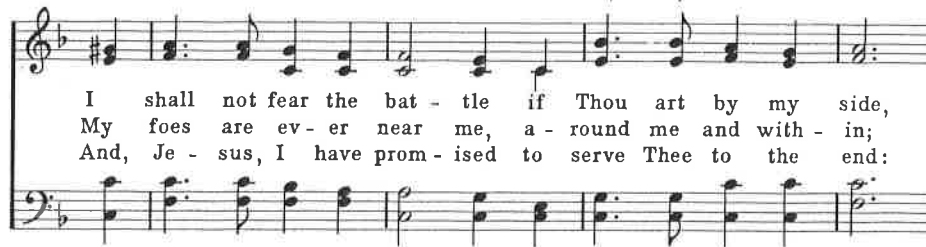
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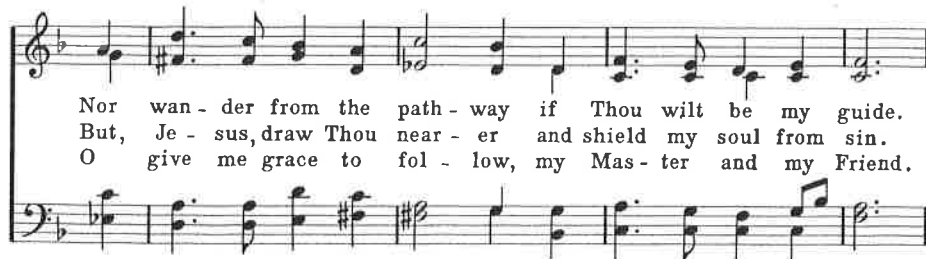
1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve Thee to the end;
2. O let me feel Thee near me - the world is ev - er near;
3. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low Thee,



Be Thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my Friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
That where Thou art in glo - ry, there shall Thy serv - ant be.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if Thou art by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve Thee to the end:



Nor wan - der from the path - way if Thou wilt be my guide.
But, Je - sus, draw Thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.

Lead On, O King Eternal!



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: We fol - low, not with fears,



Hence-forth in fields of con - quest Your tents will be our home.
 And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet a - men of peace;
 For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Your grace has made us strong;
 For not with swords loud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light;



And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.
 But deeds of love and mer - cy The heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might!

