

# 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: Jesus Christ is our great High Priest.

C: **By his blood we have confidence to enter the sanctuary.**

P: Let us then approach with a true heart, in full assurance of faith.

C: **Let us confess our sins and seek God's forgiveness.**

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C: **we confess to you our disobedience and our unworthiness. Without your grace, we could not stand in your presence. Without your mercy we would be doomed on the Day of Judgment. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your obedient and worthy Son, we ask your forgiveness. May his perfect sacrifice avail.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you; he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. For his sake your sins are forgiven.

C: **The One who promised is faithful; we will hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering.**

P: Jesus Christ is our great High Priest.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## 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

Almighty and everlasting God,  
in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations.  
Preserve the works of your mercy,  
that your Church throughout the world may persevere with  
steadfast faith in the confession of your name;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

## THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

## THE HYMN – “Built on a Rock”

## THE SERMON – “Making “Go” Happen”

## 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: Lord, in your mercy,


People: Hear our prayer.

## 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.

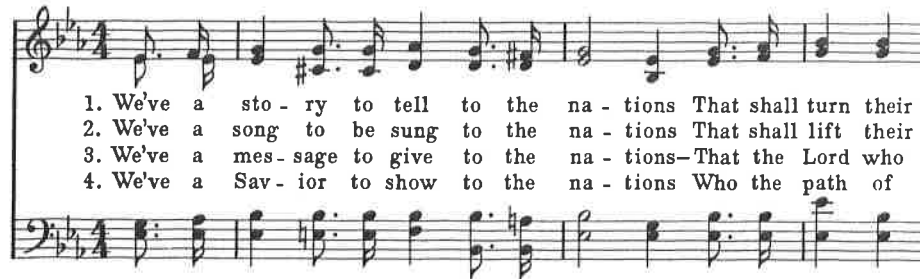
## THE HYMN: "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

## We've a Story to Tell

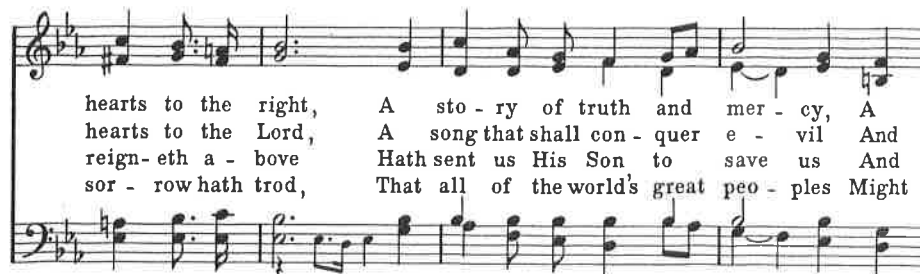
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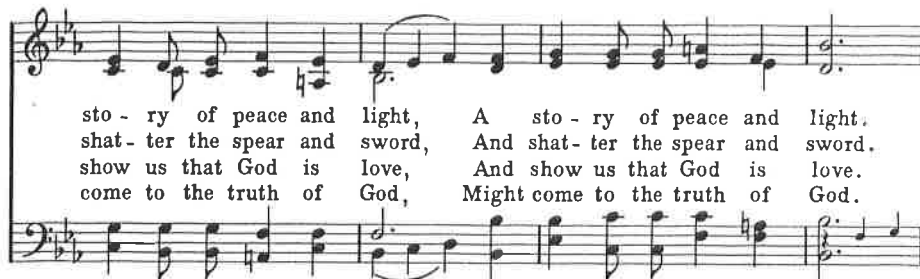
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1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions That shall turn their  
 2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions That shall lift their  
 3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions—That the Lord who  
 4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na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

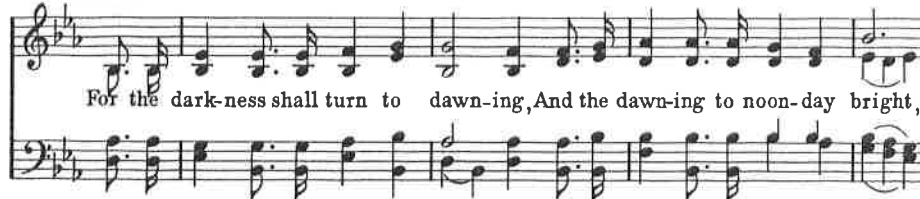


hearts to the right, A sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, A  
 hearts to the Lord, A song that shall con - quer e - vil And  
 reign - eth a - bove Hath sent us His Son to save us And  
 sor - row hath trod, That all of the world's great peo - ples Might



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.

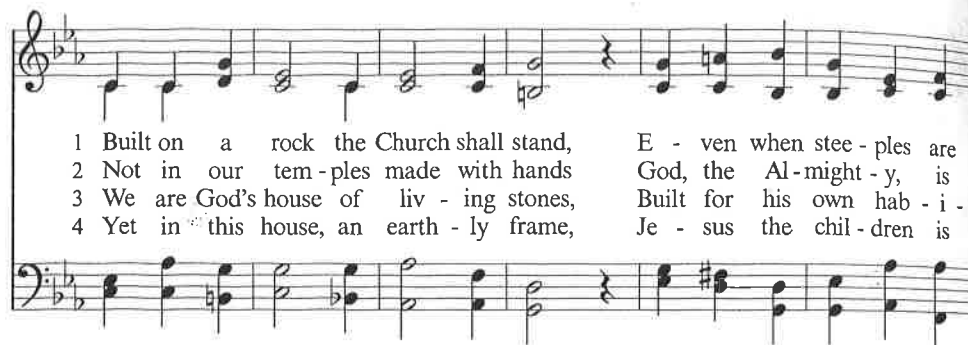
## CHORUS



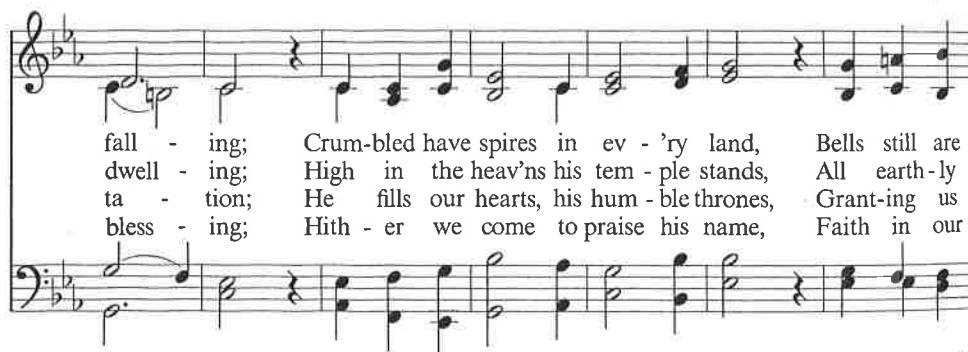
For the dark - ness shall turn to dawn - ing, And the dawn - ing to noon - day bright,



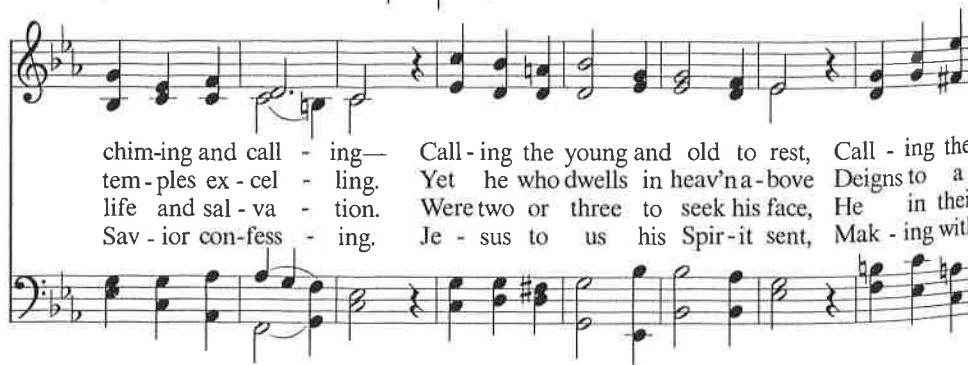
And Christ's great king - dom shall come to earth, The king - dom of love and light.



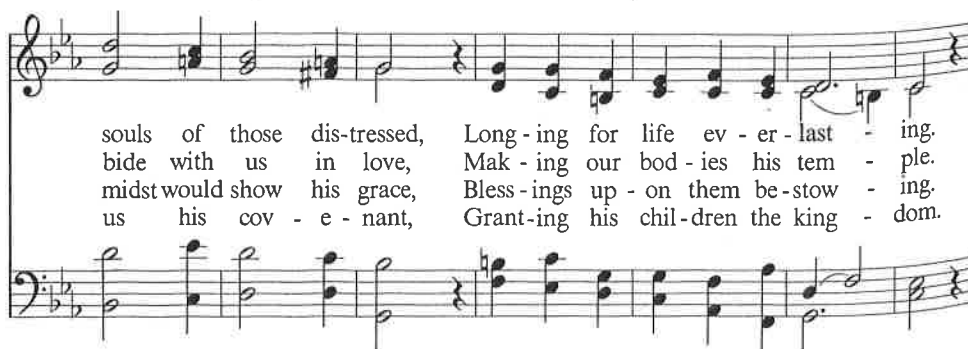
1 Built on a rock the Church shall stand, E - ven when stee - ples are  
 2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for his own hab - i -  
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing; Crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, Bells still are  
 dwell - ing; High in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, All earth - ly  
 ta - tion; He fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, Grant - ing us  
 bless - ing; Hith - er we come to praise his name, Faith in our

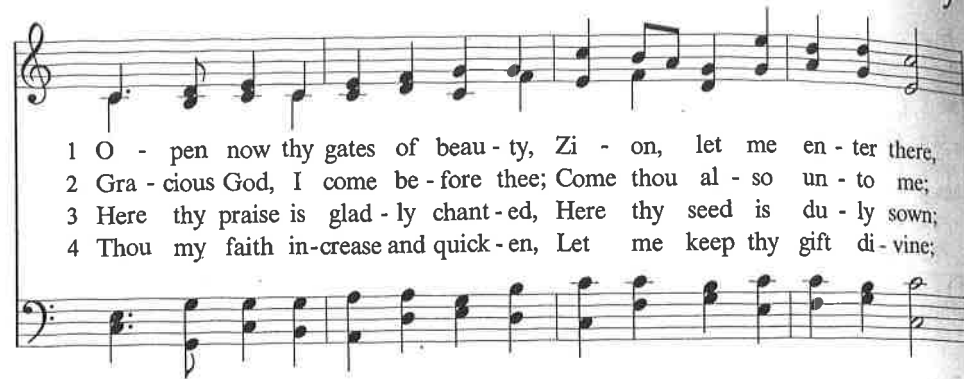


chim - ing and call - ing — Call - ing the young and old to rest, Call - ing the  
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove Deigns to a -  
 life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, He in their  
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, Mak - ing with

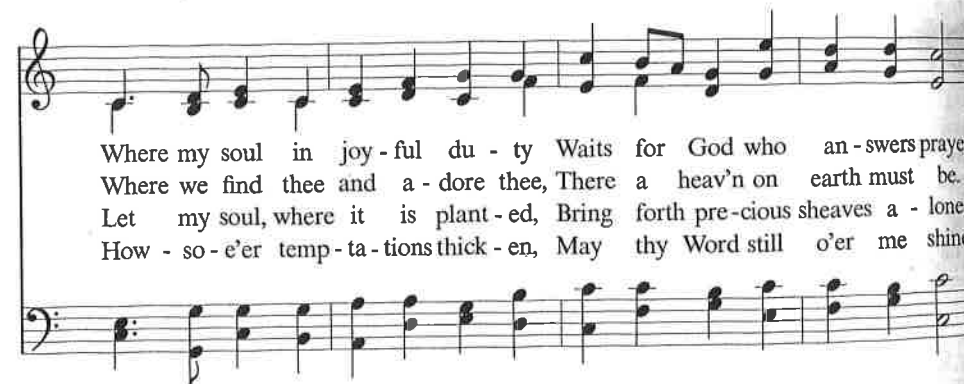


souls of those dis - tressed, Long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 bide with us in love, Mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 midst would show his grace, Bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
 us his cov - e - nant, Grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

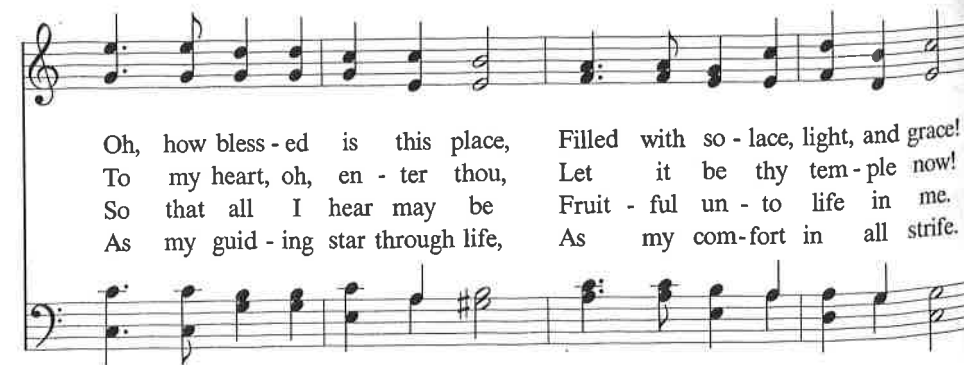
## Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; Come thou al - so un - to me;  
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, Here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, Let me keep thy gift di - vine;



Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
 Where we find thee and a - dore thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.  
 Let my soul, where it is plant - ed, Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
 How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, May thy Word still o'er me shine



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, Filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, Let it be thy tem - ple now!  
 So that all I hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
 As my guid - ing star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
 Let thy will be done indeed;  
 May I undisturbed draw near thee  
 While thou dost thy people feed.  
 Here of life the fountain flows;  
 Here is balm for all our woes.

## **12. BIND US TOGETHER**

**Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together  
with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together,  
Bind us together in love.**

**There is only one God,  
There is only one King,  
There is only one body,  
That is why I sing.**

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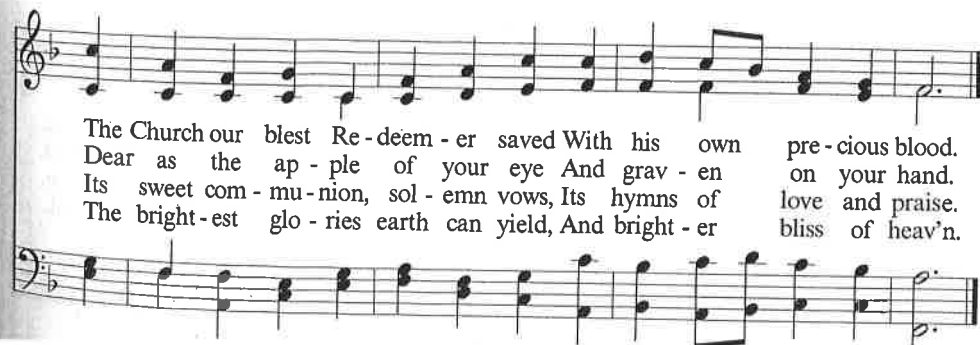
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# I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

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1 I love your king - dom, Lord, The place of your a - bode;  
2 I love your Church, O God! Its walls be - fore you stand,  
3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,  
4 Sure as your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With his own pre - cious blood.  
Dear as the ap - ple of your eye And grav - en on your hand.  
Its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.  
The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, And bright - er bliss of heav'n.