

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 – Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C – Amen

P – If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P - Most merciful God,

C – **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**
Amen

P – Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C – Amen

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you

THE HYMN – “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, gracious Lord,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people.
Keep them steadfast in your Word,
protect and comfort them in all temptations,
defend them against all their enemies,
and bestow on the Church your saving peace;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE HYMN – “O God Our Help In Ages Past”

THE SERMON – “Why Do We Do What We Do”

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.

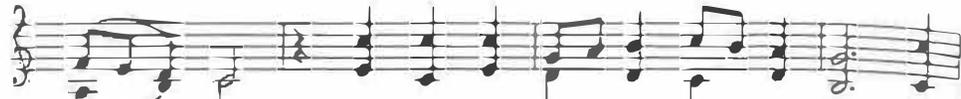
People: Amen.

THE HYMN: "Thy Strong Word" (verse 1,3,4 & 6)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom
 vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They
 fear it; For God him - self fights by our side With



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



Has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 In bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 Goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way,

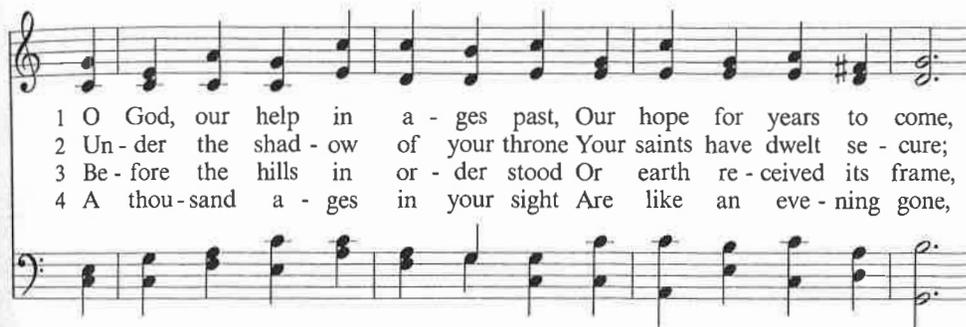


He arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 They can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

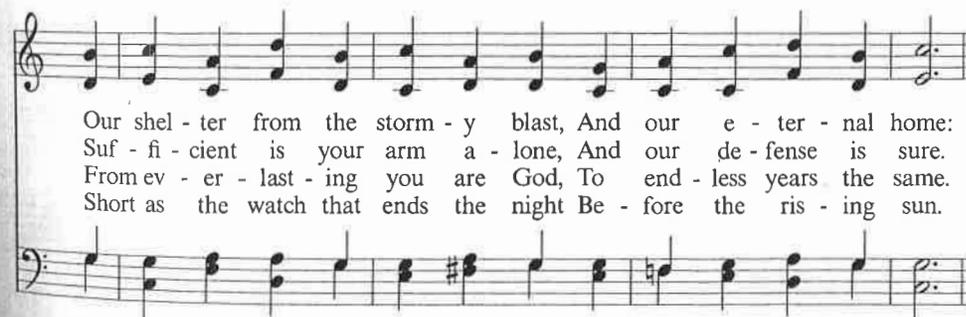


O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing you are God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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Draw Near and Take
the Body of the Lord

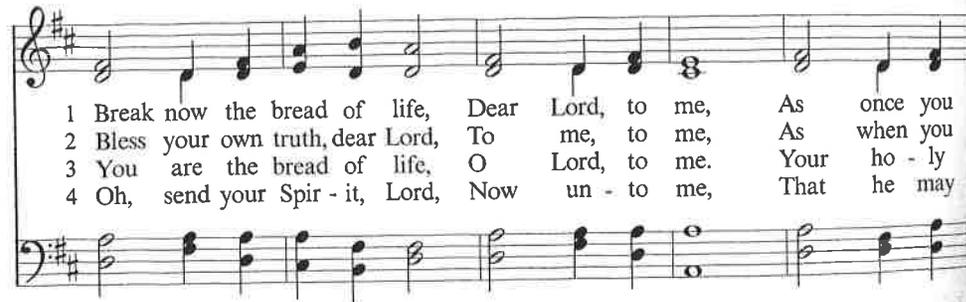
1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

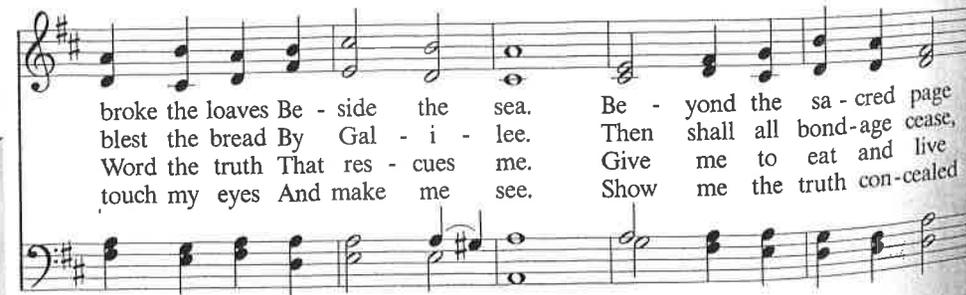
Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow

Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

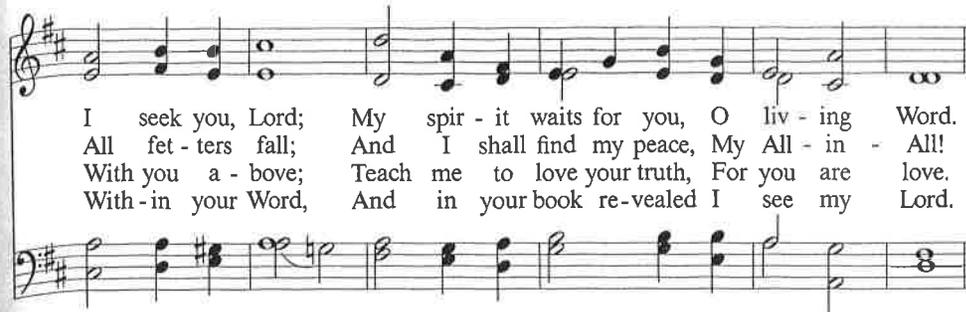
Break Now the Bread of Life



1 Break now the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, As once you
 2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, To me, to me, As when you
 3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me. Your ho - ly
 4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, Now un - to me, That he may



broke the loaves Be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blest the bread By Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 Word the truth That res - cues me. Give me to eat and live
 touch my eyes And make me see. Show me the truth con-cealed



I seek you, Lord; My spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 All fet - ters fall; And I shall find my peace, My All - in - All!
 With you a - bove; Teach me to love your truth, For you are love.
 With - in your Word, And in your book re-vealed I see my Lord.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.
 Tune: William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888

BREAD OF LIFE
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Thy Strong Word

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth

speaking it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -

light we thank thee, While thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 thy sal - va - tion, Breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All thy bright re - deem - ing light.

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 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

- 5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!

- 6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!