

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 – “Bringing in the Sheaves”

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE HYMN – “Here I am to Worship”

THE SERMON – “Why Do You Come to Church”

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: "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"

Bringing In the Sheaves

KNOWLES SHAW, 1834-1878

GEORGE A. MINOR, 1845-1904

1. Sow-ing in the morn-ing, sow-ing seeds of kind-ness, Sow-ing in the
 2. Sow-ing in the sun-shine, sow-ing in the shad-ows, Fear-ing nei-ther
 3. Go - ing forthwithweep-ing, sow-ing for the Mas-ter, Tho the loss sus -

noon-tide and the dew-y eve, Wait-ing for the har-vest and the
 clouds nor win-ter's chill-ing breeze; By and by the har-vest and the
 tained our spir-it oft-en grieves; When our weep-ing's o-ver He will

time of reap-ing - We shall come re-joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.
 la-bor end-ed - We shall come re-joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.
 bid us wel-come - We shall come re-joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.

CHORUS

Bring-ing in the sheaves, bring-ing in the sheaves, We shall come re -

joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves. joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.

32. HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

1. Light of the World,
You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
hope of a life spent with You.

So, here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.

2. King of all days,
oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the Earth You created,
all for love's sake became poor.

So, here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.
And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.
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So, here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Melody from *Ninth Symphony*

HENRY VAN DYKE, 1852-1933

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN, 1770-1827

1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore Thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
 2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heavn re-flect Thy ways,
 3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, Ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
 4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus Which the morn-ing stars be-gan;


Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore Thee, Hail Thee as the sun a-bove.
 Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise;
 Well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, O-cean-depth of hap-py rest!
 Fa-ther-love is reign-ing o'er us, Broth-er-love binds man to man.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the dark of doubt a-way;
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, Bloss-'ming mea-dow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou the Fa-ther, Christ our Broth-er- All who live in love are Thine:
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, Vic-tors in the midst of strife;

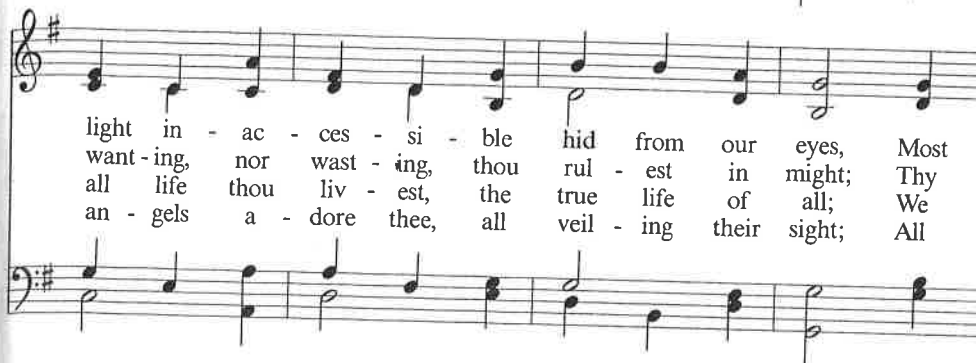
Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day!
 Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain Call us to re-joice in Thee.
 Teach us how to love each oth-er, Lift us to the joy di-vine.
 Joy-ful mu-sic lifts us sun-ward In the tri-umph song of life.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

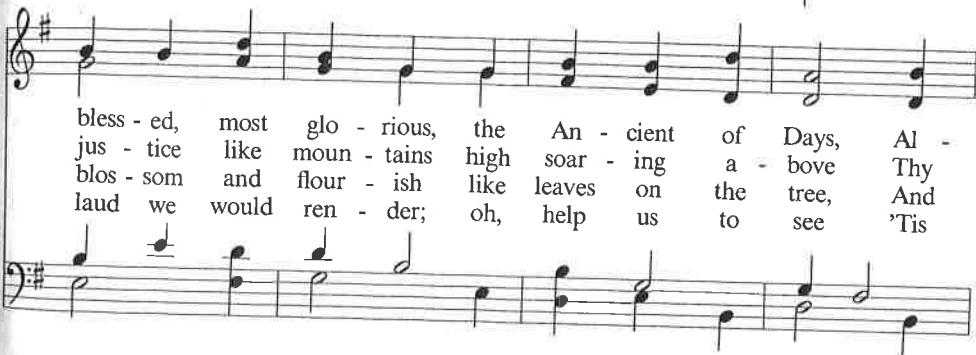
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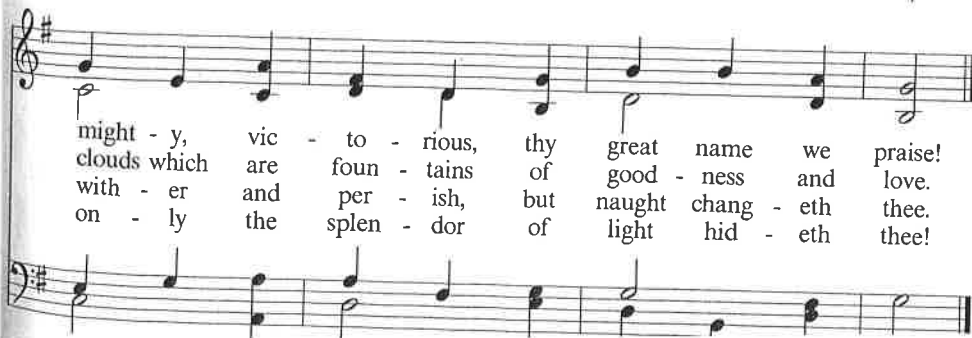
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, In
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, Nor
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small; In
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light; Thine



light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, Most
 want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; Thy
 all life thou liv - est, the true life of all; We
 an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; All



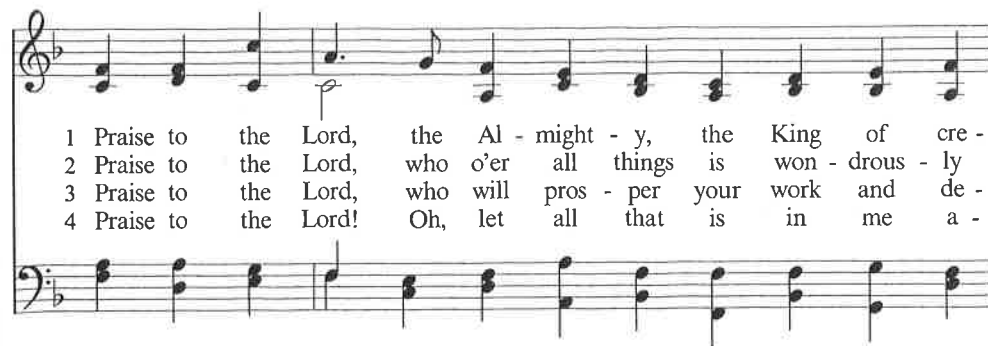
bles - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, Al -
 jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove Thy
 blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree, And
 laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see 'Tis



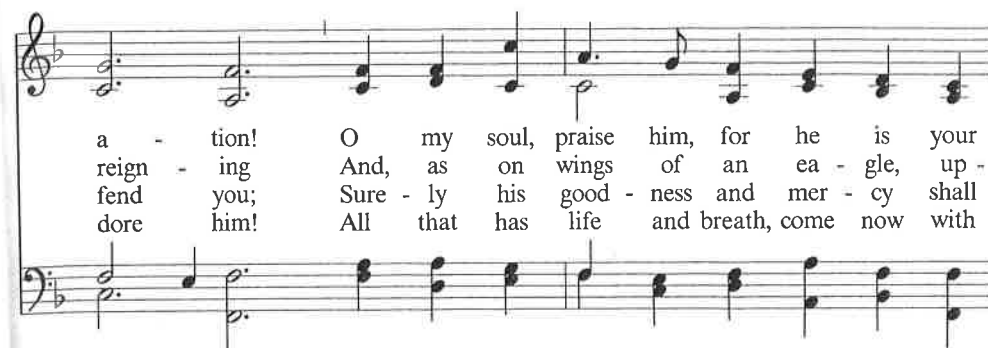
might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

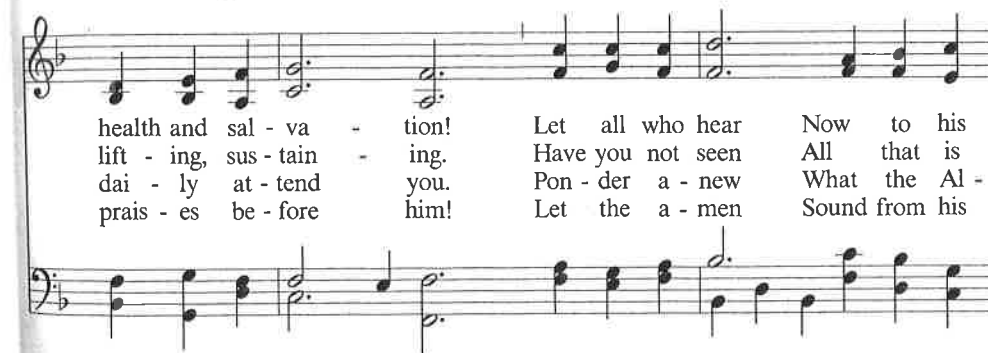
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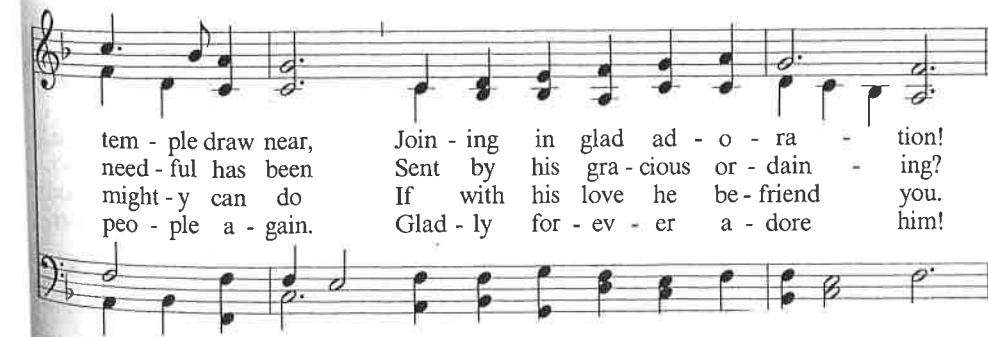
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to his
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men Sound from his



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 might - y can do If with his love he be - friend you.
 peo - ple a - gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!