

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: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

C: **If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

P: The Lord of hosts who calls us is the holy, holy, holy, One, and we are people of unclean lips.

(Silence for meditation and self – examination)

P: Almighty God,

C: **You dwell in light unapproachable. Unprotected, we perish in your presence. For our hearts are darkened, our minds beclouded; we have loved darkness rather than the light.**

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

C: **For his sake we beg forgiveness.**

P: For his sake God hears your prayer. Your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.

C: **We have seen the Lord's glory; we have heard the Lord's voice.**

P: Walk, then, as children of light, 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: "Glorify Thy Name"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and
our ears to hear.

Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE HYMN – "Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"

THE SERMON – "From Empty Nets to Full Lives"

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.⁷

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: "We've a Story to Tell"

25. GLORIFY THY NAME

**Father, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

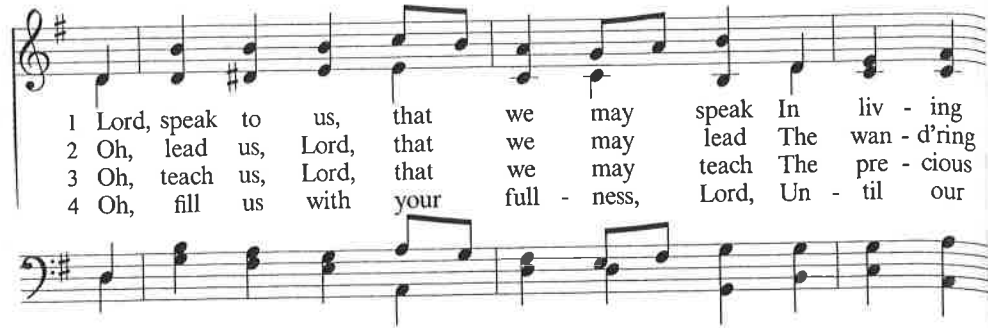
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Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

**Jesus, we love You,
We worship and adore you,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

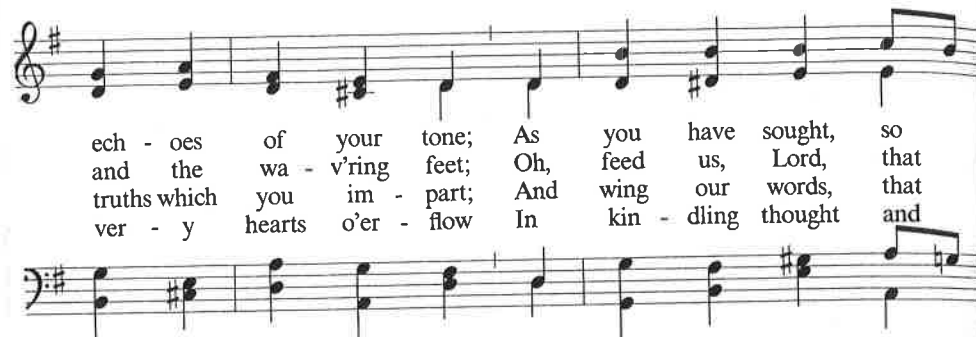
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1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak In liv - ing
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead The wan - d'ring
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach The pre - cious
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, Un - til our



ech - oes of your tone; As you have sought, so
 and the wa - v'ring feet; Oh, feed us, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part; And wing our words, that
 ver - y hearts o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and



let us seek Your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed Your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach The hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, Your love to tell, your praise to show.

Take My Life, that I May Be

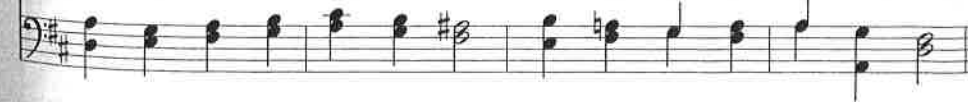
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1 Take my life, that I may be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.



5 Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

SERVICE

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O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

WASHINGTON GLADDEN, 1836-1918

MARYTON

H. PERCY SMITH, 1825-1898

1. O Mas-ter, let me walk with Thee In low-ly paths of serv-ice free;
2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, win-ning word of love;
3. Teach me Thy pa-tience! still with Thee In clos-er, dear-er, com-pa-ny,
4. In hope that sends a shin-ing ray Far down the fu-ture's broad-ning way,

Tell me Thy se-cret- help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
Teach me the way-ward feet to stay And guide them in the home-ward way.
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that tri-umphs o-ver wrong.
In peace that on-ly Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.

We've a Story to Tell

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H. ERNEST NICHOL, 1862-1928

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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.