

# 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: God does not want us to perish, but to come to his life-giving light.

*(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. God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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: "How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,

in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children.

Make us with the king heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through 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 – "Beautiful Savior"

### THE SERMON – "Transfiguration Sunday"

### 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.<sup>7</sup>

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: "The Trees of the Field"

# How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

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1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night; Your  
2 How good, Lord, to be here! Your beau - ty to be - hold Where  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past And hope of things to be, We  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We see your king - dom come; We



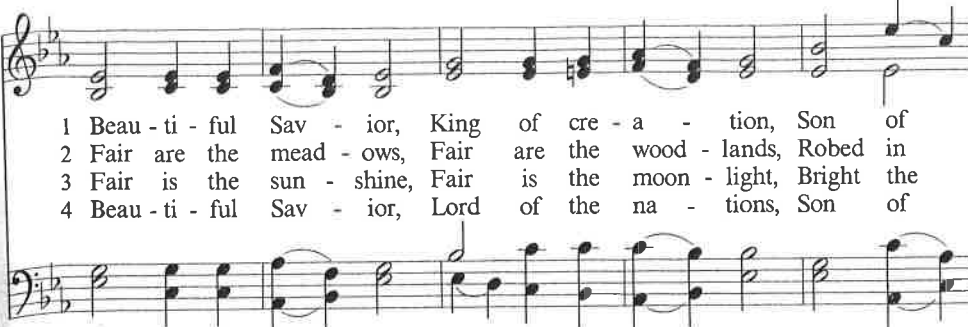
face and gar - ments, like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.  
hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.  
long to hold the vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.



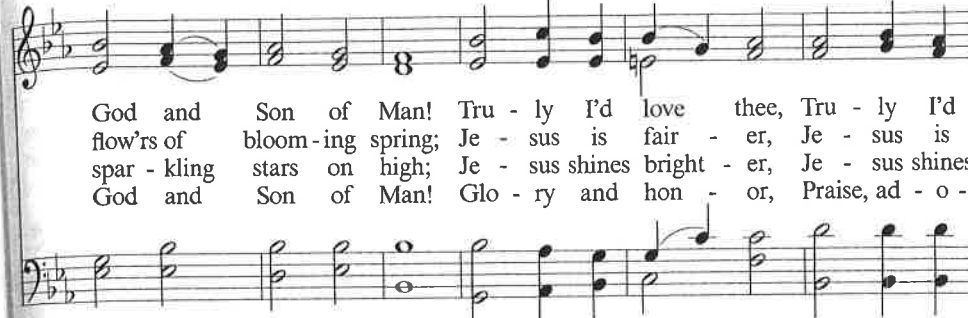
5 How good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since you bid us leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain.

## Beautiful Savior

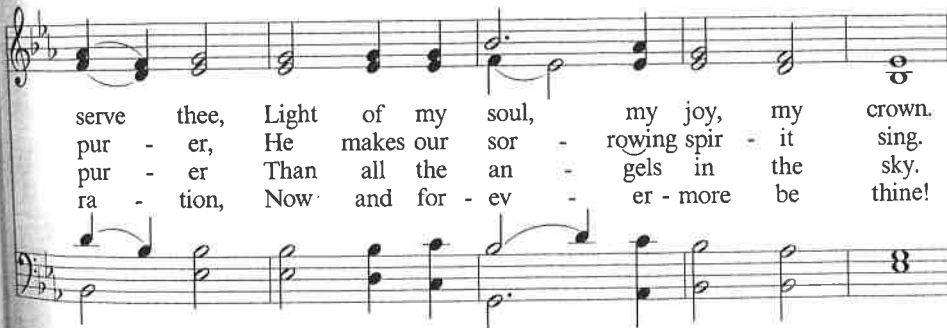
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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

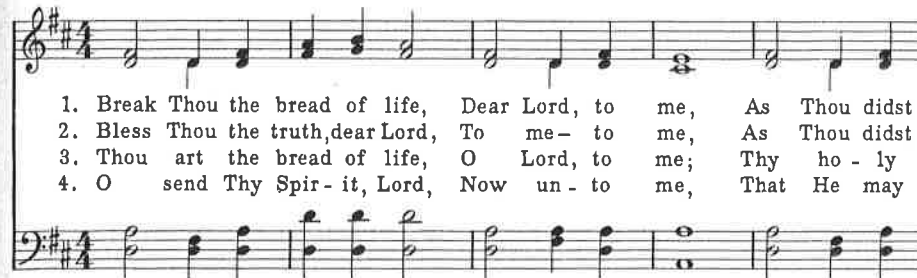
# Break Thou the Bread of Life

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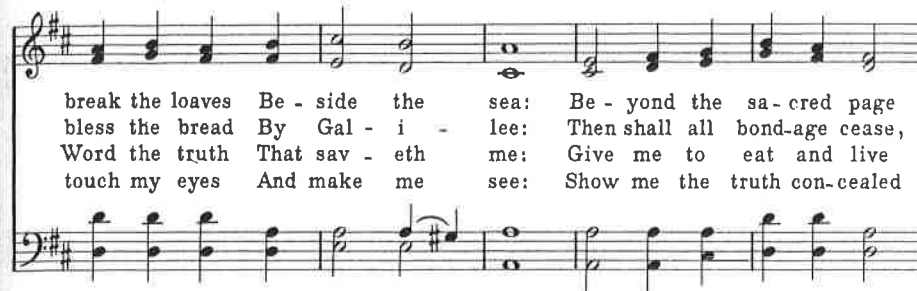
MARY ANN LATHBURY, 1841-1913

BREAD OF LIFE

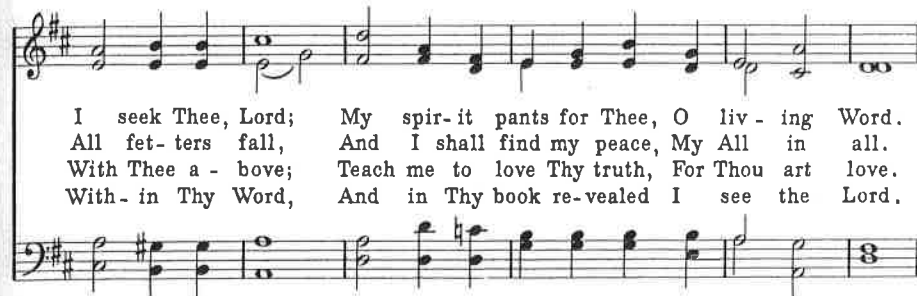
WILLIAM F. SHERWIN, 1826-1888



1. Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, As Thou didst  
2. Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me - to me, As Thou didst  
3. Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me; Thy ho - ly  
4. O send Thy Spir - it, Lord, Now un - to me, That He may



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



I seek Thee, Lord; My spir - it pants for Thee, O liv - ing Word.  
All fet - ters fall, And I shall find my peace, My All in all.  
With Thee a - bove; Teach me to love Thy truth, For Thou art love.  
With - in Thy Word, And in Thy book re - vealed I see the Lord.

## Faith of Our Fathers

HENRI F. HEMY, 1818-1888

FREDERICK W. FABER, 1814-1863

ST. CATHERINE

Adapted by James G. Walton, 1821-1905

1. Faith of our fa-thers, liv- ing still In spite of dun-geon, fire and sword—  
 2. Our fa-thers, chained in pris-ons dark, Were still in heart and con-science free;  
 3. Faith of our fa-thers, we will love Both friend and foe in all our strife;

O how our hearts beat high with joy When-e'er we hear that glo-ri-ous word!  
 How sweet would be their chil-dren's fate If they, like them, could die for thee!  
 And preach thee too, as love knows how, By kind-ly words and vir-tuous life.

Faith of our fa-thers, ho-ly faith, We will be true to thee till death!

**77. THE TREES OF THE FIELD – (Sing 3 times)**

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.  
The trees of the field will clap their hands.  
The trees of the field will clap their hands.  
While you go out with joy.**

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