

# 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: Return to me with all your heart, says the Lord, with prayer and fasting, with weeping and mourning, with broken and contrite hearts.

C: **For the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

*(Silence for meditation and self – examination)*

P: O God, in your kindness, have pity.

C: **O God, in your mercy, wash away our sins. Cleanse us from the stain and guilt of the sins we cannot forget and those we cannot remember, for we have succumbed to temptation and have disobeyed you in our thinking, our speaking, and our doing. We deserve your wrath and punishment. For the sake of Jesus Christ, turn your eyes from our iniquity and cover our guilt, that we may know again the joy of your salvation.**

P: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved..

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: “My Song is Love Unknown”**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, our strength,  
the battle of good and evil rages within and around us,  
and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises.  
Keep us steadfast in your Word and, when we fall,  
raise us again and restore us 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 – “I Am the Bread of Life”

## THE SERMON – “Bread”

## 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, 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: "O Living Bread"

# My Song Is Love Unknown

F Dm Bb6 F Am Gm F

1 My song is love un-known, My Sav-ior's love to me, Love  
 2 He came from his blest throne, Sal - va - tion to be-stow; But  
 3 Some-times they strew his way And his sweet prais-es sing; Re -  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He

Dm Bb6 F Am Gm F C

to the love-less shown, That they might love - ly be. Oh,  
 men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know. But,  
 sound-ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their King. Then  
 made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight. Sweet

F Dm Bb Am C Bb C

who am I, that for my sake My Lord should take frail  
 oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, Who at my need his  
 "Cru-ci - fy!" is all their breath, And for his death they  
 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these Them-selves dis-please, and

Am C F Am F C7 F

flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 life did spend; Who at my need his life did cry.  
 thirst and cry. And for his death they thirst and cry.  
 'gainst him rise; Them-selves dis-please, and 'gainst him rise.

LENT

- 5 They rise, and needs will have  
 My dear Lord made away;  
 A murderer they save,  
 The prince of life they slay.  
 Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes,  
 That he his foes from thence might free.
- 6 In life, no house, no home  
 My Lord on earth might have;  
 In death, no friendly tomb  
 But what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home;  
 But mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing—  
 No story so divine!  
 Never was love, dear King,  
 Never was grief like thine.  
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
 I all my days could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624-1683  
 Tune: John D. Edwards, 1806-1885

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### **36. I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE**

1. **"I am the Bread of Life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger,  
And who believe in me shall not thirst  
No one can come to me  
Unless the Father beckons."**

#### **Refrain**

**"And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.**

2. **"The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread  
you shall live forever,  
you shall live forever." (Refrain)**
3. **Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you."**

#### **Refrain**

**"And I will raise you up,  
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and I will raise you up on the last day.**

4. **"I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
If you believe in me,  
even though you die,  
you shall live forever." (Refrain)**
5. **Yes, Lord I believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who has come  
into the world. (Refrain)**

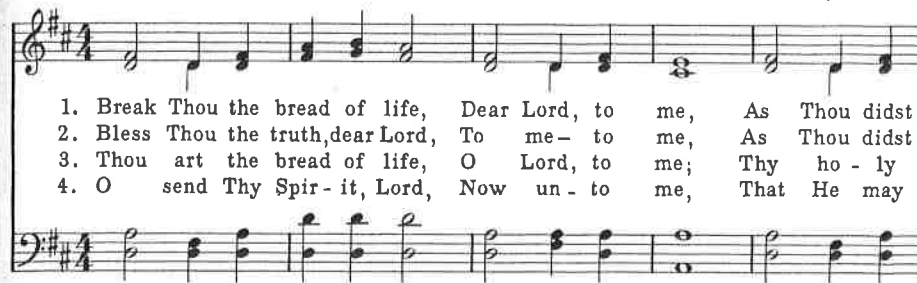
# Break Thou the Bread of Life

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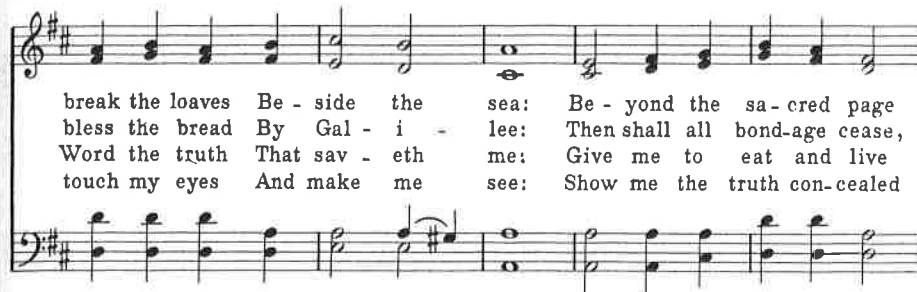
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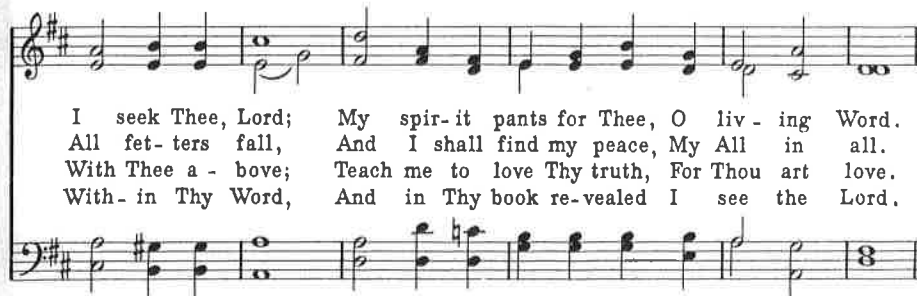
WILLIAM F. SHERWIN, 1826-1888



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.

## Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;

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*Refrain*  
 When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

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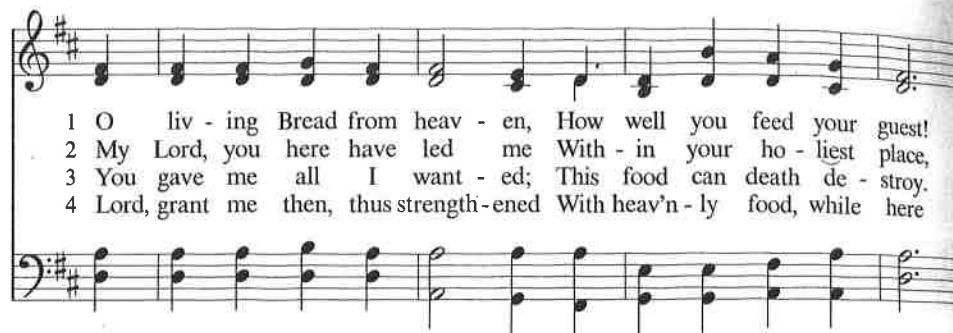
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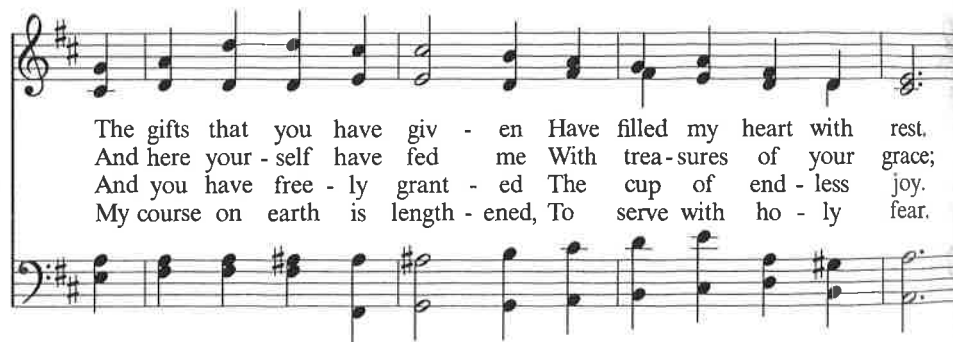
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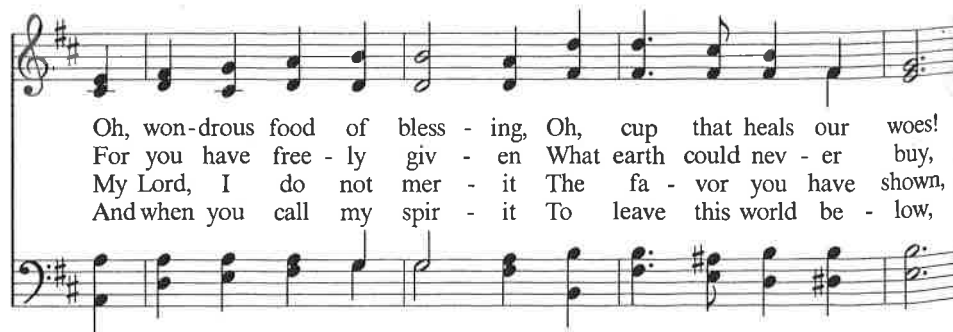
## O Living Bread from Heaven



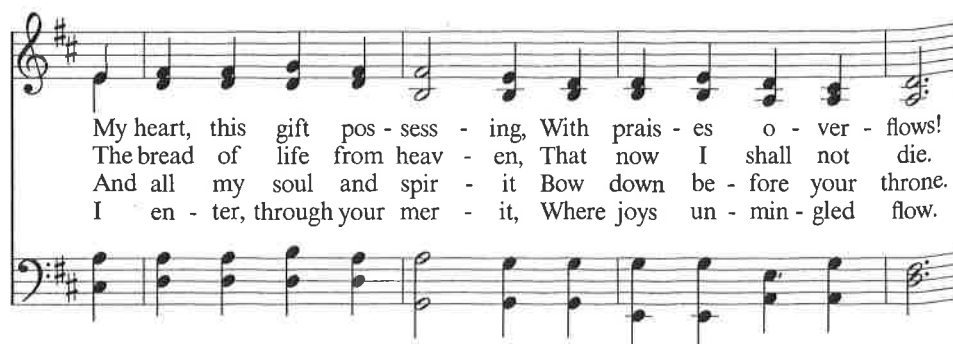
1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well you feed your guest!  
 2 My Lord, you here have led me With - in your ho - liest place,  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can death de - stroy.  
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en Have filled my heart with rest.  
 And here your - self have fed me With trea - sures of your grace;  
 And you have free - ly grant - ed The cup of end - less joy.  
 My course on earth is length - ened, To serve with ho - ly fear.



Oh, won-drous food of bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
 For you have free - ly giv - en What earth could nev - er buy,  
 My Lord, I do not mer - it The fa - vor you have shown,  
 And when you call my spir - it To leave this world be - low,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows!  
 The bread of life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.  
 And all my soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore your throne.  
 I en - ter, through your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.