

# THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

## THE INVOCATION & 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: In that name, and with that faith – as dear children approaching a loving parent, as sinners redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, as believers filled with the Holy Spirit – let us confess our sins to almighty God.

C: Let us seek forgiveness..

*(Silence for meditation and self – examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

C: we have been unworthy and disobedient children. We have ignored our Father's admonitions, disregarded our Savior's instructions, grieved the Holy Spirit. We are not worthy to be called children of God. But we beg you – of your fatherly compassion, by your saving merits, at your inviting call – to have mercy on us and grant us your forgiveness.

P: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him might not perish but have eternal life. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, the heavenly Father gives the Holy Spirit that they may be children of God. Rejoice in the Lord; your sins are forgiven – 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 – “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God our Father,  
dwelling in majesty and mystery,  
renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit,  
and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ:

Cleanse us from doubt and fear,  
and enable us to worship you,  
with your Son and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, living and reigning,  
now and forever. Amen.

## THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

## THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

## THE OFFICE HYMN – “Trust and Obey”

## THE SERMON: “A Question of Trust”

## THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and our salvation

he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made  
man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.


We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord.                      **People: Lord, have mercy.**

#### THE OFFERTORY AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

#### THE BENEDICTION

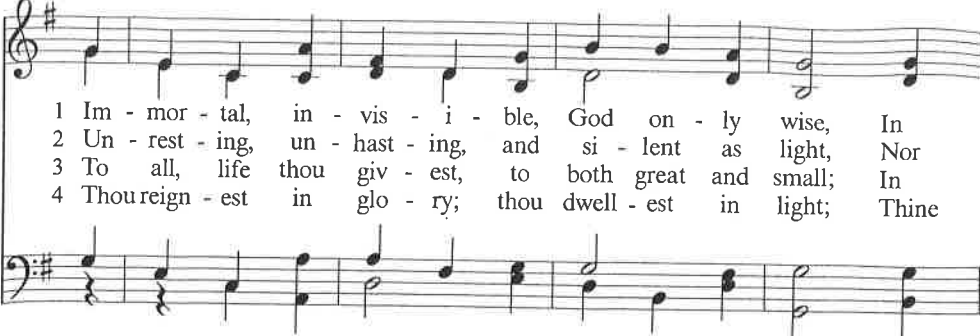
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.  
**People: Amen.**

#### THE RECESSIONAL HYMN – “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

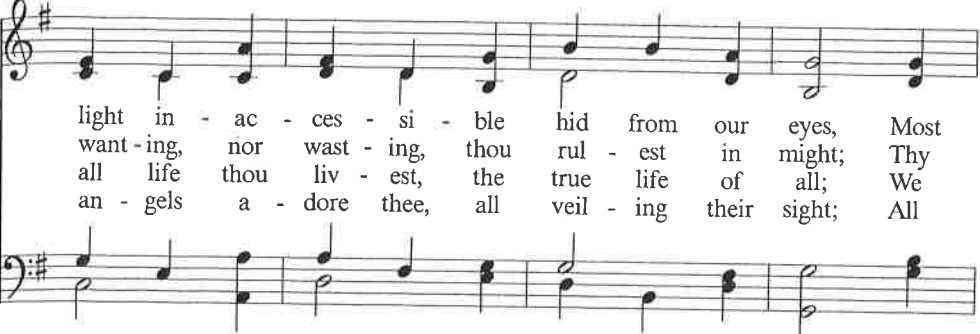
Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God. Amen**

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

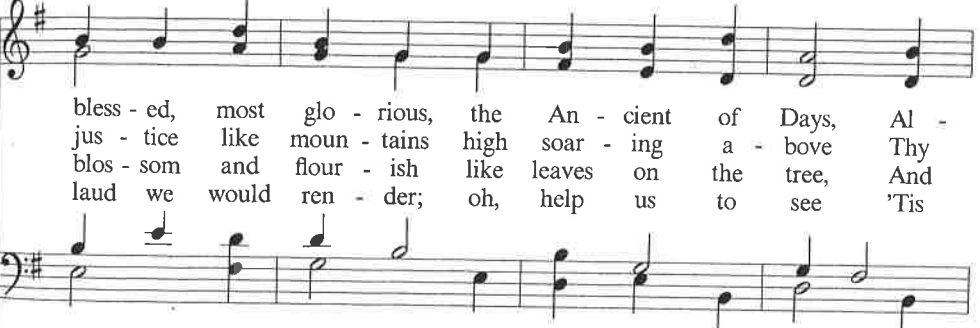
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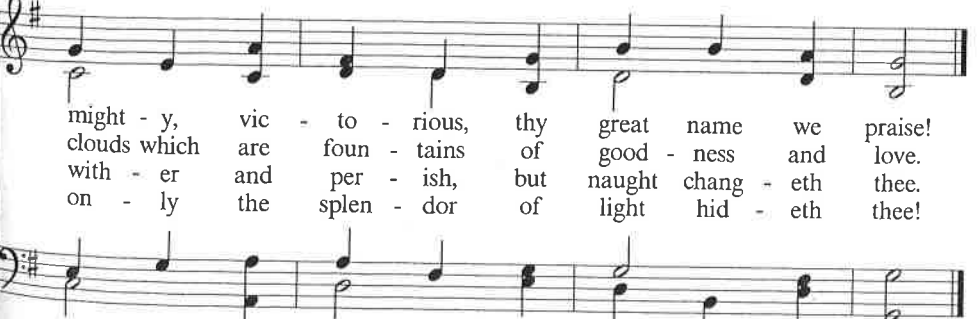
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, In  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, Nor  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small; In  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light; Thine



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



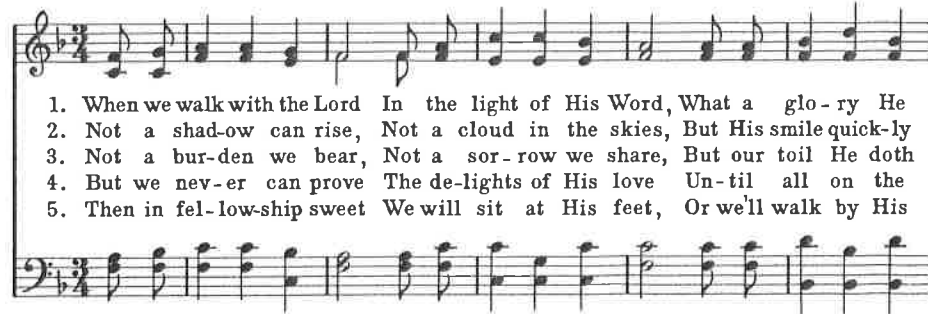
might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## Trust and Obey

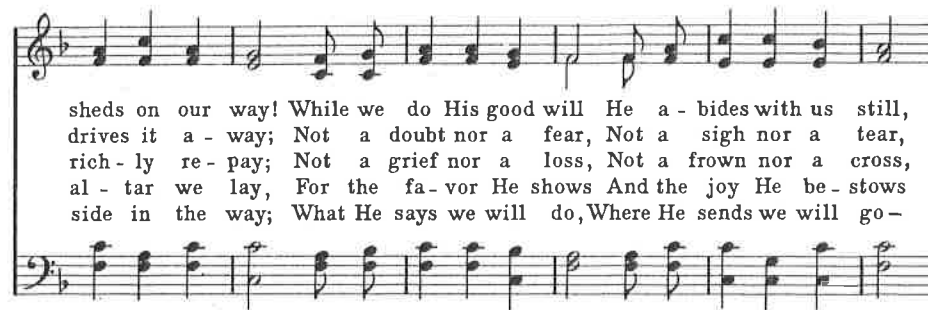
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JOHN H. SAMMIS, 1846-1919

DANIEL B. TOWNER, 1850-1919

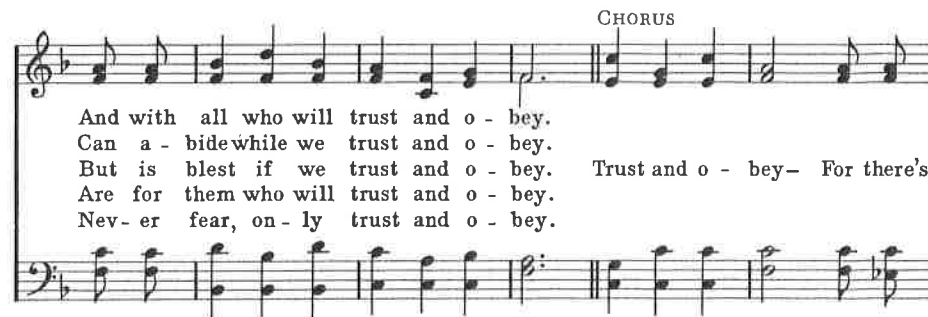


1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word, What a glo-ry He  
 2. Not a shad-ow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quick-ly  
 3. Not a bur-den we bear, Not a sor-row we share, But our toil He doth  
 4. But we nev-er can prove The de-lights of His love Un-til all on the  
 5. Then in fel-low-ship sweet We will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His



sheds on our way! While we do His good will He a-bides with us still,  
 drives it a-way; Not a doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a tear,  
 rich-ly re-pay; Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross,  
 al-tar we lay, For the fa-vor He shows And the joy He be-stows  
 side in the way; What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go-

CHORUS



And with all who will trust and o-bey.  
 Can a-bidewhile we trust and o-bey.  
 But is blest if we trust and o-bey. Trust and o-bey- For there's  
 Are for them who will trust and o-bey.  
 Nev-er fear, on-ly trust and o-bey.



no oth-er way To be hap-py in Je-sus But to trust and o-bey.

## 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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LOUISA M. R. STEAD, c. 1850-1917

WILLIAM J. KIRKPATRICK, 1838-1921

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His word,  
 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans - ing blood,  
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease,  
 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;

Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."  
 Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!  
 Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest and joy and peace.  
 And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.

## CHORUS

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

## **IN CHRIST ALONE**

**In Christ alone - my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when striving cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone - who took on flesh  
Fullness of God and helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on the cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground, His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!**

## 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!



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