

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: For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit to a yoke of slavery; do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence.

C: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Do not be deceived; God is not mocked.

(Silence for meditation and self – examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned.

P: The works of the flesh are obvious:

C: immoral ways, filthy thoughts, shameful deeds, idolatry and sorcery, enmity and strife, jealousy and anger, drunkenness and carousing. For such as these we ask forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ.

P: According to the will of God our Father, Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to set us free. In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

C: We have been crucified with Christ. Now we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.

P: The Lord has put away your sin.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you

THE HYMN – “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the strength of those who hope in you:

Be present and hear our prayers;

and, because in the weakness of our mortal nature

we can do nothing good without you,

give us the help of your grace,

so that in keeping your commandments

we may please you in will and deed;

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – “Awesome God”

THE SERMON: “But God Can!”

THE APOSTLES CREED (not spoken on Saturday evening)

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, 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 – “Forever”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, From the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diancance stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872.
 Tune: Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867.

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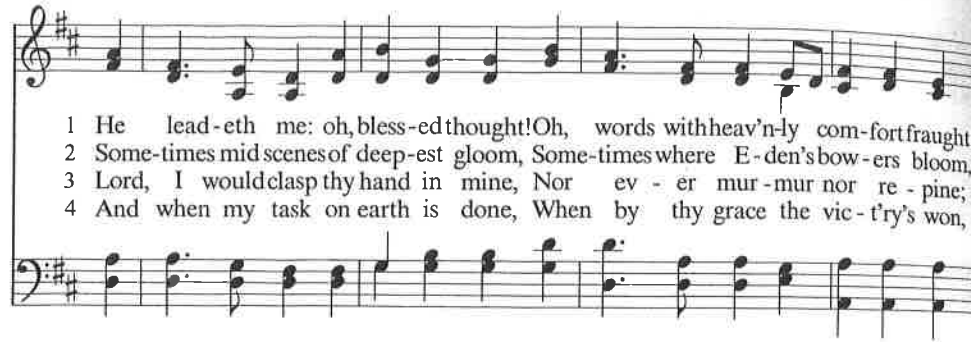
AWESOME GOD

1. When he rolled up his sleeves, he wasn't "put-tin on the ritz"
Our God is an awesome God!
There is lighting in his footsteps and thunder in his fist.
Our God is an awesome God!
And the Lord he wasn't jokin' when he kicked 'em out of Eden;
It wasn't for no reason that he shed his blood.
His return is very soon, so you better be believin' that
Our God is an awesome God!

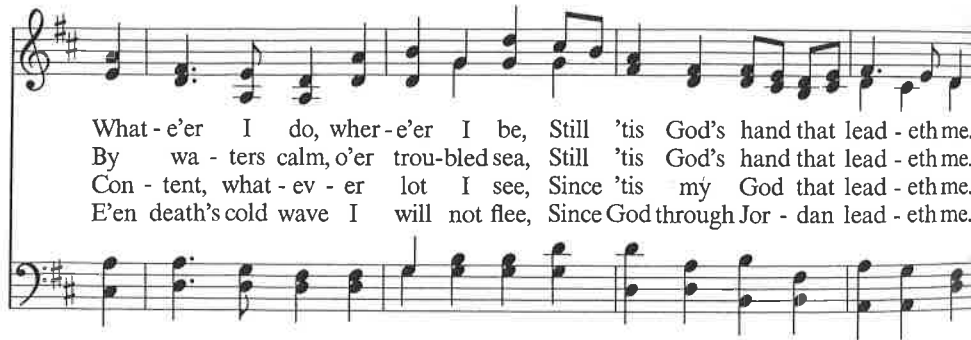
**Our God is an awesome God;
He reigns from heaven above with
Wisdom pow'r and love,
our God is an awesome God!
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He reigns from heaven above with
Wisdom pow'r and love,
our God is an awesome God!**

2. And when the sky was starless in the void of the night.
Our God is an awesome God!
He spoke into the darkness and created all the light.
Our God is an awesome God!
Judgment and wrath he poured out on Sodom;
Mercy and grace he gave us at the cross.
I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten that
Our God is an awesome God!

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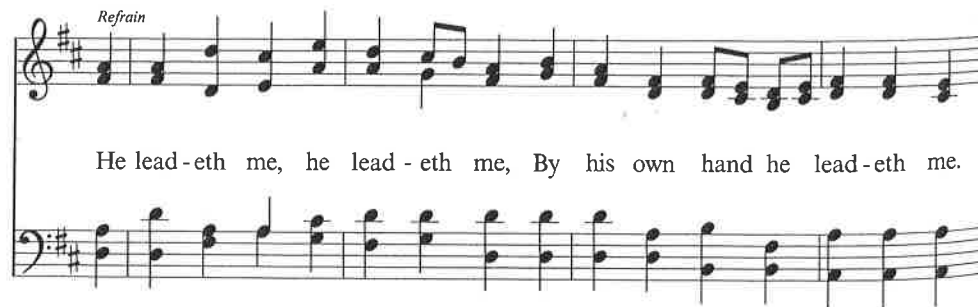


1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
 2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, Some-times where E-den's bow-ers bloom,
 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, Nor ev-er mur-mur nor re-pine;
 4 And when my task on earth is done, When by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,

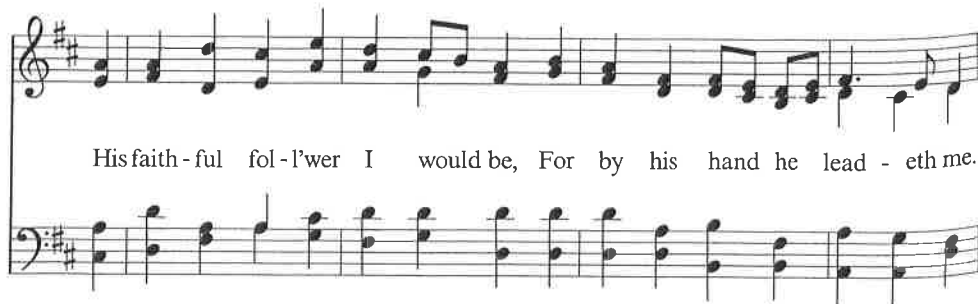


What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
 By wa-ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, Still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
 Con-tent, what-ev-er lot I see, Since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.
 E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jor-dan lead-eth me.

Refrain



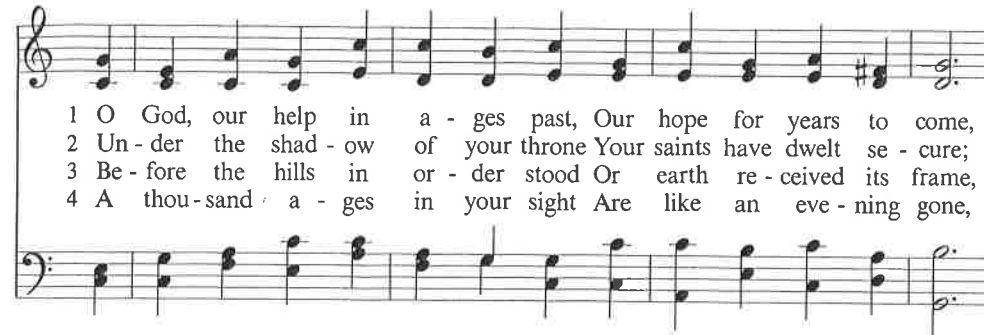
He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, By his own hand he lead-eth me.



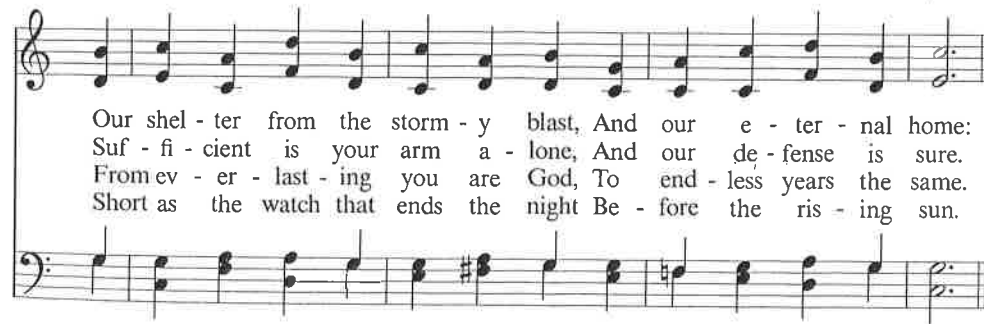
His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, For by his hand he lead-eth me.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing you are God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

FOREVER

1. Give thanks to the Lord our God and King;
His love endures forever.
For He is good: He is above all things,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise.
Sing praise.

2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise.
Sing praise.
Sing praise.
Sing praise.
Forever God is faithful.
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, forever.
forever.

3. From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise.
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Sing praise.
Forever God is faithful.
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, forever.
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