

# 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 – “The Star-Spangled Banner” verse 1

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of nations,  
guide our people by your Spirit  
to go forward in justice and freedom.  
Give us what outward prosperity may be your will,  
but above all things give us faith in you,  
that our nation may bring glory to your name  
and blessings to all people;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

## THE SERMON: “A Celebration of God and Country”

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,      People: **Hear our prayer.**

## 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 – “Before you, Lord, We Bow”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen**

## Hymns used during service:

### “The Star-Spangled Banner” Red 528 verse 1

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thru the night that our flag was still there.  
O say, does that Star - Spangled Banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

### “My Country, 'Tis of Thee” Red 529

1. My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing: Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride, From ev'ry mountain side Let freedom ring!	2. My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love: I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills; My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.
3. Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song: Let mortal tongues awake, Let all that breathe partake; Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.	4. Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

### “America the Beautiful” Red 532, verses 1 & 4

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.	4. O beautiful for patriot dream That see, beyond the years, Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.
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### “Faith of our Fathers” Green 300, verse 1

Faith of our fathers, living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear that glorious word.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.

### **Battle Hymn of the Republic" Green 332 all verses**

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:  
His truth is marching on.  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
His is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgement seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
While God is marching on.

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.

### **"God of Our Fathers" Red 532, verse 1 & 2**

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor thru the skies,  
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,  
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,  
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

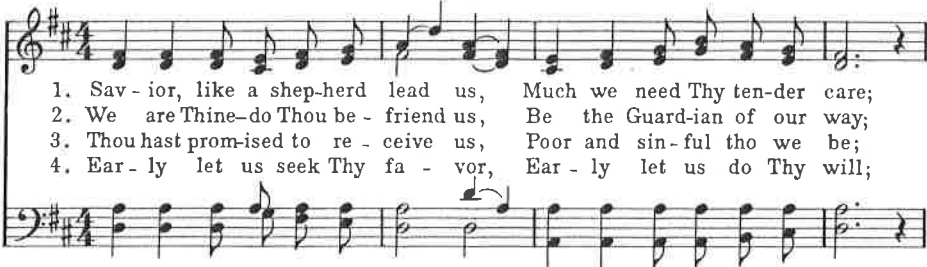
## Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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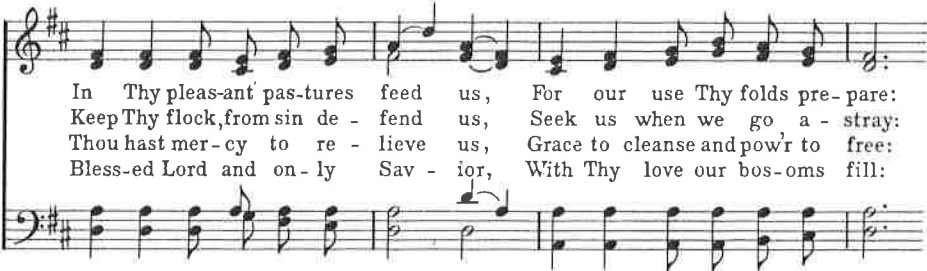
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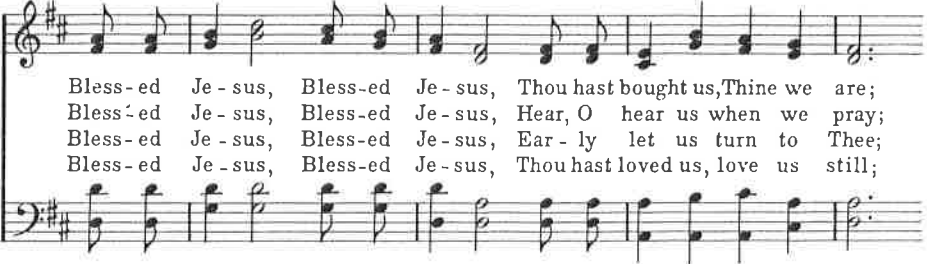
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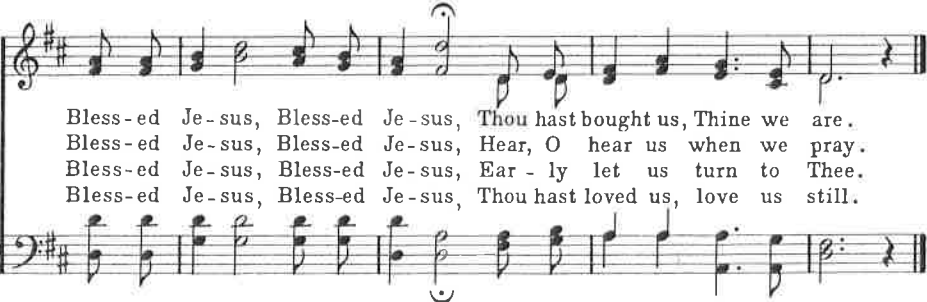
1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten-der care;  
 2. We are Thine-do Thou be - friend us, Be the Guard-ian of our way;  
 3. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin-ful tho we be;  
 4. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor, Ear - ly let us do Thy will;



In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:  
 Keep Thy flock, from sin de - fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray:  
 Thou hast mer-cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse and pow'r to free:  
 Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bos-oms fill:



Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed Je - sus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;



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## Now Thank We All Our God

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MARTIN RINKART, 1586-1649

Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

JOHANN CRÜGER, 1598-1662

Arr. by Eldon Burkwall, 1928-



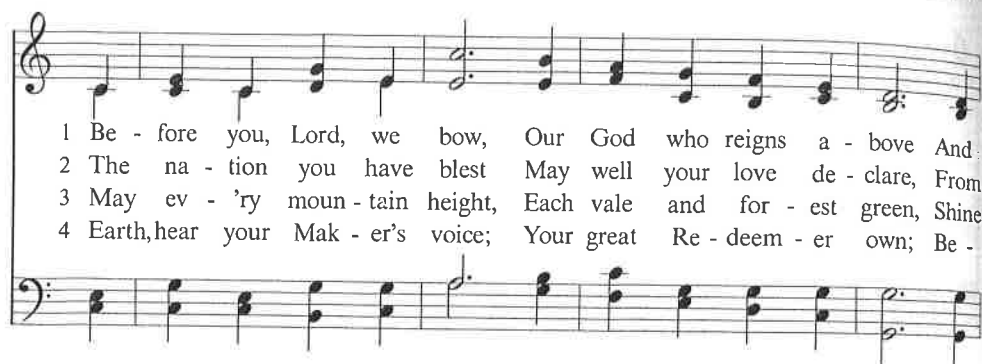
1. Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
 2. O may this bounteous God Thru all our life be near us,  
 3. All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,

Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;  
 With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;  
 The Son and Him who reigns With Them in highest heaven—

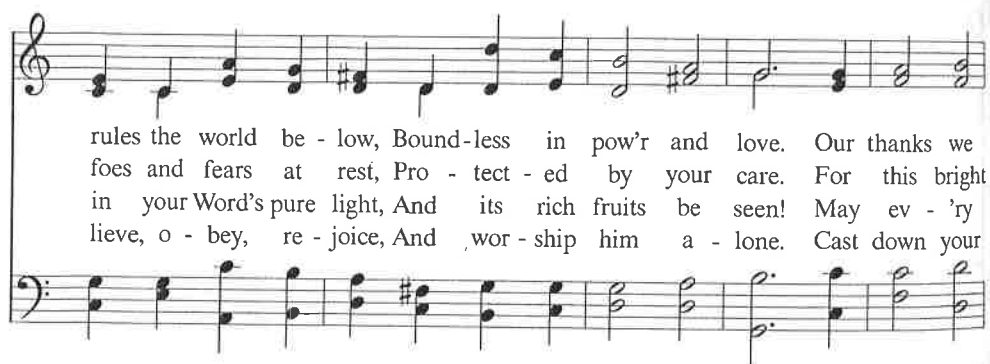
Who from our mothers' arms Hath blessed us on our way  
 And keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed,  
 The one eternal God Whom earth and heaven adore—

With countless gifts of love, And still is ours to-day.  
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next.  
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

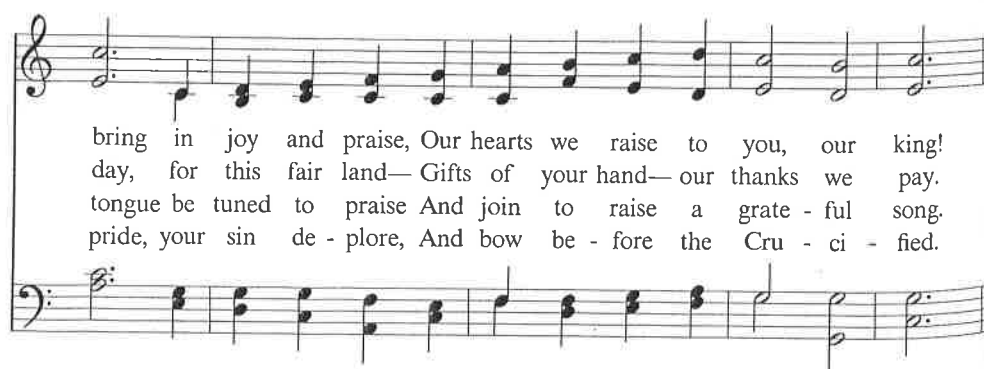
## Before You, Lord, We Bow



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove And  
 2 The na - tion you have blest May well your love de - clare, From  
 3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green, Shine  
 4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own; Be -



rules the world be - low, Bound - less in pow'r and love. Our thanks we  
 foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by your care. For this bright  
 in your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry  
 lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship him a - lone. Cast down your



bring in joy and praise, Our hearts we raise to you, our king!  
 day, for this fair land— Gifts of your hand— our thanks we pay.  
 tongue be tuned to praise And join to raise a grate - ful song.  
 pride, your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.

- 5 And when in pow'r he comes,  
 Oh, may our native land  
 From all its rending tombs  
 Send forth a glorious band,  
 A countless throng, with joy to sing  
 To heav'n's high king salvation's song!