

# 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: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

C: **If we say that we have fellowship with God while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true.**

P: But if we walk in the light as God himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

C: **and the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

*(Silence for meditation and self-examinations)*

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; we call for light to cover our deeds. The darkness of death awaits.**

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 shined in your hearts, to give you the light of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

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 – "Be Thou My Vision"

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,  
you know that we cannot withstand the dangers  
which surround us.

Strengthen us in body and spirit so that,  
with your help,  
we may be able to overcome the weakness  
that our sin has brought upon us;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

## THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

## THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

## THE OFFICE HYMN – "The Summons"

## THE SERMON

## 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: 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 – “In Christ There Is No East or West”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

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

# Be Thou My Vision

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Irish hymn, c. 8th century  
Trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931  
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935

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Irish melody  
Arr. by Norman Johnson, 1928-

1. Be Thou my Vi-sion, O Lord of my heart- Nought be all  
2. Be Thou my Wis-dom, and Thou my true Word- I ev-er  
3. Rich-es I heed not, nor man's emp-ty praise- Thou mine in-  
4. High King of heav-en, my vic-to-ry won, May I reach

else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best thought, by  
with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Fa-ther,  
her-it-ance, now and al-ways; Thou and Thou on-ly,  
heav-en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what-

day or by night- Wak-ing or sleep-ing, Thy pres-ence my light.  
I Thy true son- Thou in me dwell-ing, and I with Thee one.  
first in my heart- High King of heav-en, my Treas-ure Thou art.  
ev-er be-fall, Still be my Vi-sion, O Rul-er of all.

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# The Summons

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Text John L. Bell b 1949

Music Scottish Traditional KELVINGROVE 13 13 7 7 13

## SEEK YE FIRST

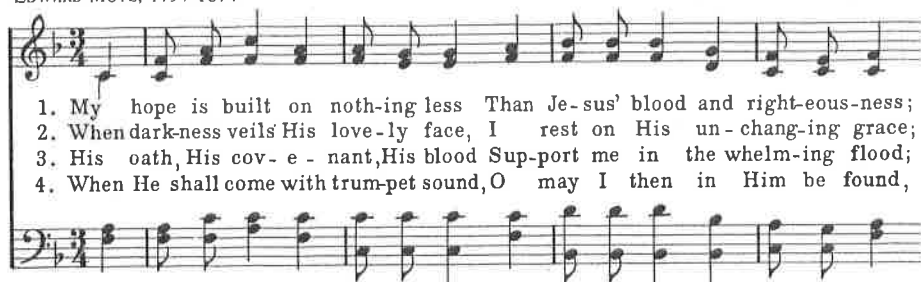
1. **Seek Ye first  
the Kingdom of God  
and His righteousness,  
and all these things  
shall be added unto you,  
allelu, alleluia.**
2. **Man shall not live  
by bread alone,  
but by ev'ry word  
that proceeds  
from the mouth of God,  
allelu, alleluia.**
3. **Ask and it shall  
be given unto you.  
Seek, and Ye shall find.  
Knock, and the door  
Shall be opened unto you,  
allelu, alleluia.**

# The Solid Rock

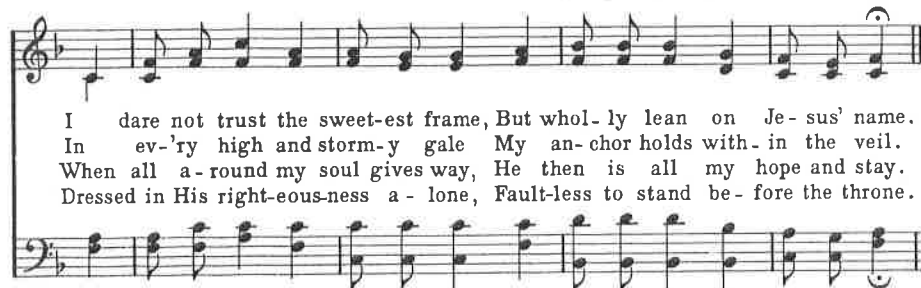
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EDWARD MOTE, 1797-1874

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY, 1816-1868



1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je-sus' blood and right-eous-ness;  
2. When dark-ness veils His love-ly face, I rest on His un-chang-ing grace;  
3. His oath, His cov-e - nant, His blood Sup-port me in the whelm-ing flood;  
4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in Him be found,

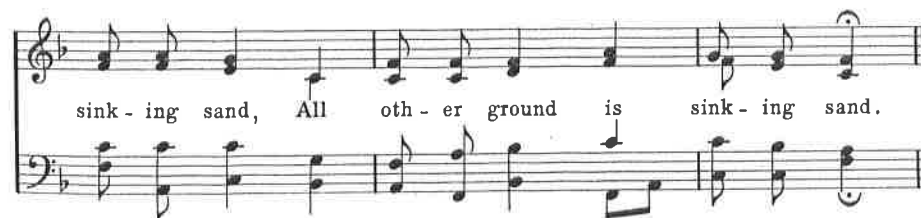


I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.  
In ev-'ry high and storm-y gale My an-chor holds with-in the veil.  
When all a-round my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
Dressed in His right-eous-ness a-lone, Fault-less to stand be-fore the throne.

REFRAIN



On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand - All oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

# In Christ There Is No East or West

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C G7 C F7 Bb F C F Am Dm7 G7 C  
 1 In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north,  
 2 In him shall true hearts ev-'ry-where Their high com-mu-nion find;  
 3 Join hands then, broth-ers of the faith, What-e'er your race may be.  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, In him meet south and north;

Am C Am C G9 C G7 C F C G7 C  
 But one great fel-low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.  
 His ser-vice is the gold-en cord Close-bind-ing all man-kind.  
 Who serves my Fa-ther as a son Is sure-ly kin to me.  
 All Christ-ly souls are one in him Through-out the whole wide earth.

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