

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 night 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 – "I Love to Tell the Story"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
you sent your only Son as the Word of life
for our eyes to see and our ears to hear.
Help us to believe with joy
what the Scriptures proclaim,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – "We've a Story To Tell"

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: 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 – “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

I Love to Tell the Story

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A. CATHERINE HANKEY, 1834-1911

WILLIAM G. FISCHER, 1835-1912

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove, Of
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry- More won - der - ful it seems Than
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry- 'Tis pleas - ant to re - peat What
 4. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best Seem

Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love; I love to
 all the gold - en fan - cies Of all our gold - en dreams; I love to
 seems, each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly sweet; I love to
 hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest; And when in

tell the sto - ry Be - cause I know 'tis true, It sat - is - fies my
 tell the sto - ry- It did so much for me, And that is just the
 tell the sto - ry For some have nev - er heard The mes - sage of sal -
 scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old

REFRAIN

long - ings As noth - ing else can do.
 rea - son I tell it now to thee. I love to tell the sto - ry! 'Twill
 va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.
 sto - ry That I have loved so long.

be my theme in glo - ry- To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

We've a Story to Tell

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H. ERNEST NICHOL, 1862-1928

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1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions That shall turn their
 2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions That shall lift their
 3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions - That the Lord who
 4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions Who the path of

hearts to the right, A sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, A
 hearts to the Lord, A song that shall con - quer e - vil And
 reign - eth a - bove Hath sent us His Son to save us And
 sor - row hath trod, That all of the world's great peo - ples Might

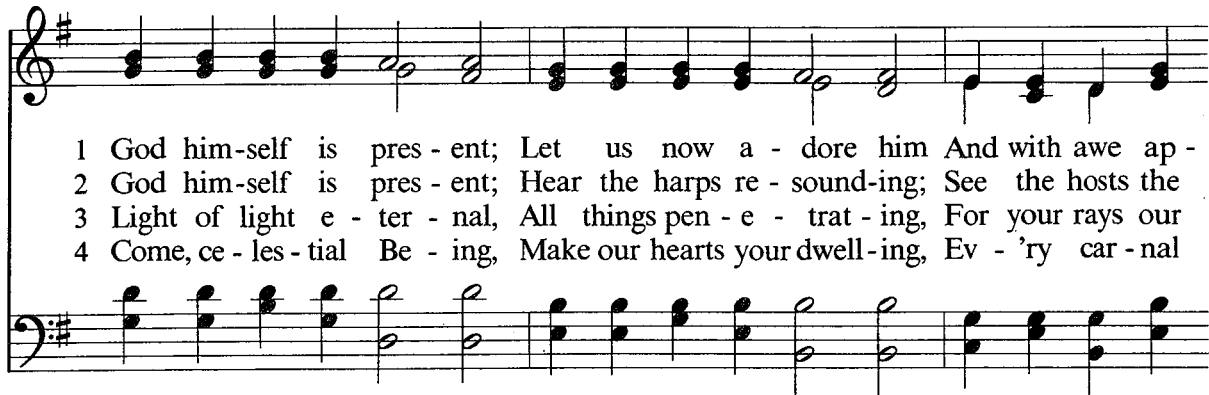
sto - ry of peace and light, A sto - ry of peace and light.
 shat - ter the spear and sword, And shat - ter the spear and sword.
 show us that God is love, And show us that God is love.
 come to the truth of God, Might come to the truth of God.

CHORUS

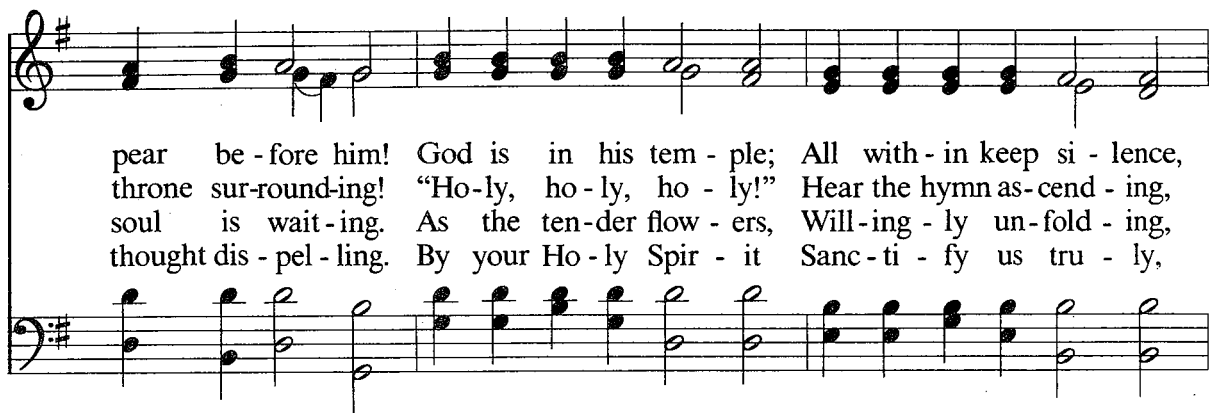
For the dark - ness shall turn to dawn - ing, And the dawn - ing to noon - day bright,
 And Christ's great king - dom shall come to earth, The king - dom of love and light.

God Himself Is Present

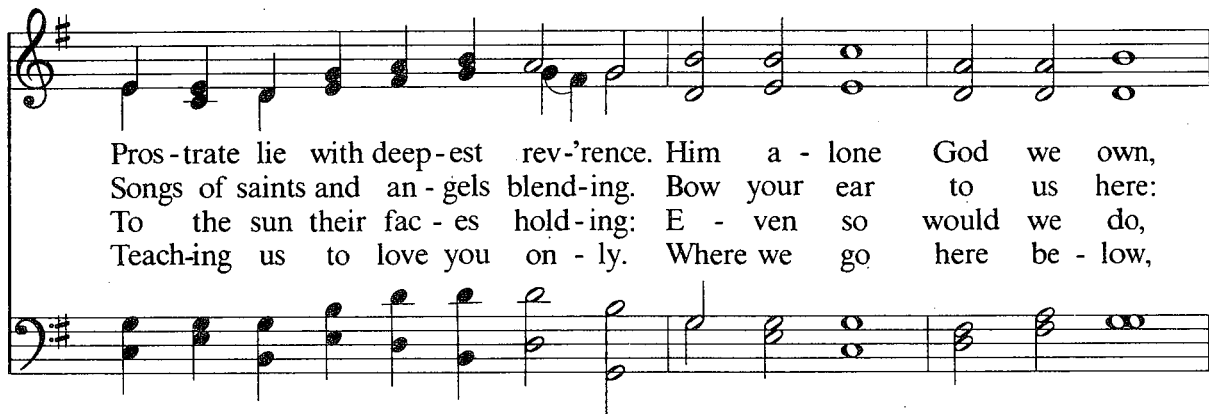
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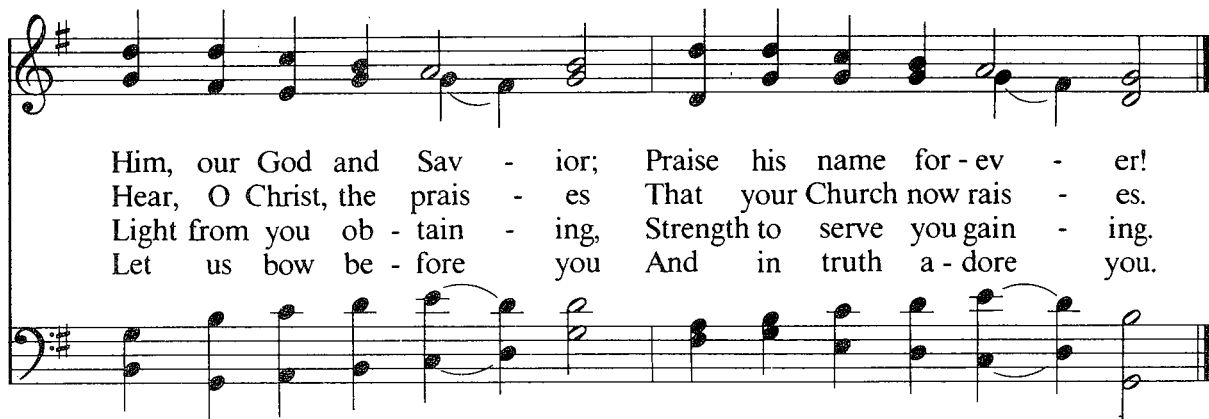
1 God him-self is pres - ent; Let us now a - dore him And with awe ap -
 2 God him-self is pres - ent; Hear the harps re - sound-ing; See the hosts the
 3 Light of light e - ter - nal, All things pen - e - trat - ing, For your rays our
 4 Come, ce - les - tial Be - ing, Make our hearts your dwell-ing, Ev - 'ry car - nal



pear be - fore him! God is in his tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence,
 throne sur-round-ing! "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing,
 soul is wait - ing. As the ten - der flow - ers, Will - ing - ly un - fold - ing,
 thought dis - pel - ling. By your Ho - ly Spir - it Sanc - ti - fy us tru - ly,



Pros - trate lie with deep - est rev - 'rence. Him a - lone God we own,
 Songs of saints and an - gels blend - ing. Bow your ear to us here:
 To the sun their fac - es hold - ing: E - ven so would we do,
 Teach - ing us to love you on - ly. Where we go here be - low,



Him, our God and Sav - ior; Praise his name for - ev - er!
 Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That your Church now rais - es.
 Light from you ob - tain - ing, Strength to serve you gain - ing.
 Let us bow be - fore you And in truth a - dore you.

Take My Life and Let It Be

HENDON

FRANCES R. HAVERGAL, 1836-1879

H. A. CÉSAR MALAN, 1787-1864



1. Take my life and let it be Con-se-crated, Lord, to Thee; Take my hands and
2. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau-ti - ful for Thee; Take my voice and
3. Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes-sag-es for Thee; Take my sil - ver
4. Take my love-my God, I pour At Thy feet its treasurestore; Take my-self- and



let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love, At the im-pulse of Thy love.
 let me sing Al-ways, on-ly, for my King, Al-ways, on-ly, for my King.
 and my gold- Not a mite would I with-hold, Not a mite would I with-hold.
 I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.



LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING (SHINE, JESUS, SHINE)

- 1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, Shine on me.**

Chorus

**Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

- 2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me.**

- 3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story,
Shine on me, shine on me. (Chorus)**

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