

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

### 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: Return to me with all your heart, says the Lord, with  
fasting, with weeping, and with mourning, with  
broken and contrite hearts.

C: **For the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and  
abounding in steadfast love.**

P: Christ suffered for our sins, once for all, the righteous for  
the unrighteous, in order to bring us to God.

*(Silence for meditation and self-examination.)*

P: O God, in your kindness, have pity.

C: **O God, in your mercy, wash away our sins. Wash us clean  
of sin and guilt, the sins that we cannot forget and  
those we cannot remember. For we have disobeyed  
you and done wrong; we deserve your punishment.  
For the sake of Jesus Christ, turn your eyes from our  
iniquity, and cover our guilt, that we may know  
again the joy of your salvation.**

P: Jesus Christ never sinned. But God treated him as a sinner,  
so that Christ could make us acceptable to God.

C: **All we, like sheep, have gone astray; and the Lord has laid  
on him the iniquity of us all.**

P: If God is for us, who can be against us?

C: Amen

### THE APOSTOLIC GREETING AND PEACE: \*

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time;

C: **now is the day of salvation.**

P: The grace, mercy and peace of God be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

### THE ENTRANCE HYMN\* - "Here I Am to Worship"

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our Father,  
your Son once welcomed an outcast woman  
because of her faith.  
Give us faith like hers,  
that we also may trust only in your love for us  
and may accept one another as we have been accepted by you;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### THE READING OF THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

#### THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL \*

(The Gospel response is "Thanks be to God.")

#### THE HYMN OF THE DAY – "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed"

#### THE SERMON – "Checking E-mails"

#### THE NICENE CREED

P: Let us say what we believe.

C: **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 for 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: Lord, in your mercy,

**Cong.:** Hear our prayer

#### **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER\***


P: Let us pray: Merciful God,

**C: receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and  
the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the  
cross, we may know the joy of the Resurrection; through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **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 CLOSING HYMN: "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"**

#### **THE DISMISSAL\***

P: Marked with the Cross of Christ,

Let us go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **HERE I AM TO WORSHIP**

- 1. Light of the World,  
You stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
hope of a life spent with You.**

**So, here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
And You're altogether lovely,  
altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.**

- 2. King of all days,  
oh so highly exalted,  
glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the Earth You created,  
all for love's sake became poor.**

**So, here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
And You're altogether lovely,  
altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.  
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## Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

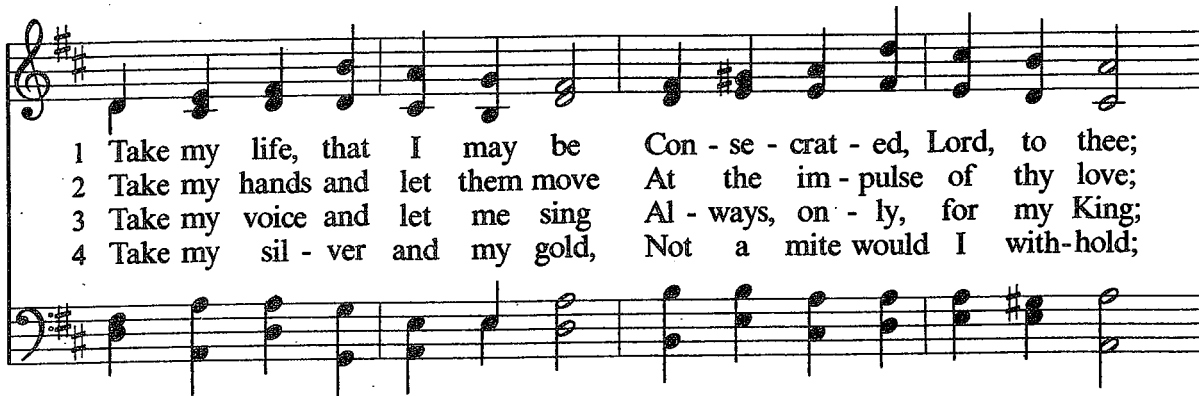
1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And did my sov - 'reign die?  
 2 Was it for sins that I had done He groaned up - on the tree?  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And shut its glo - ries in  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While his dear cross ap - pears,

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head For sin - ners such as I?  
 A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
 When God, the might - y mak - er, died For his own crea - tures' sin.  
 Dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, And melt my eyes to tears.

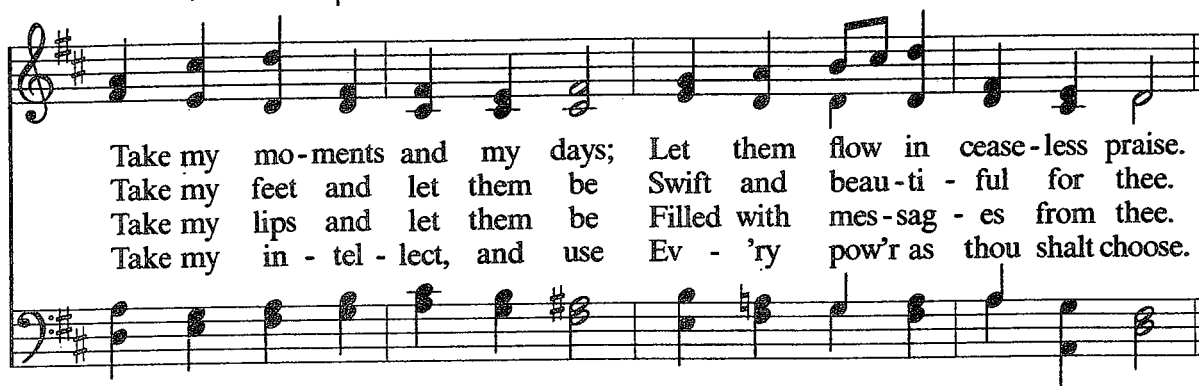
5 But tears of grief cannot repay  
 The debt of love I owe;  
 Here, Lord, I give myself away:  
 It's all that I can do.

# Take My Life, that I May Be

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1 Take my life, that I may be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.

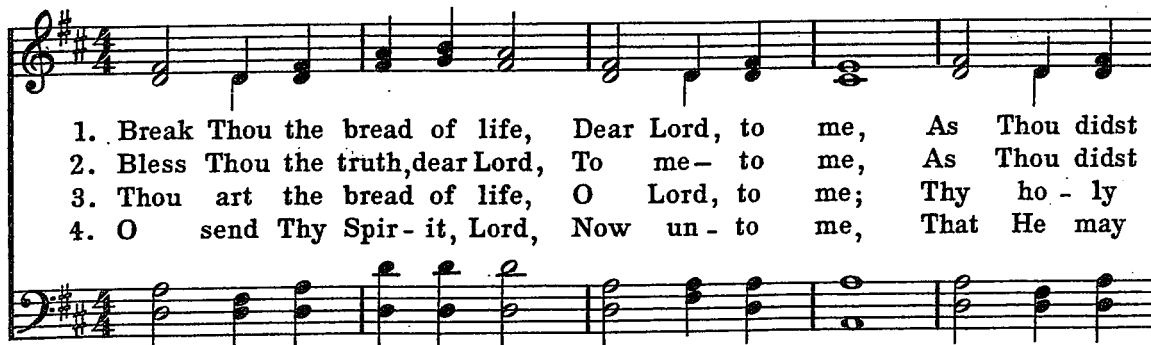
# Break Thou the Bread of Life

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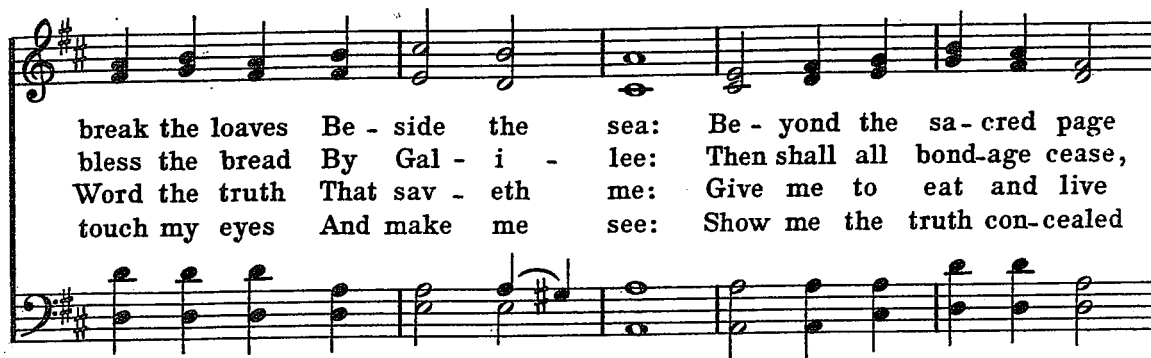
MARY ANN LATHBURY, 1841-1913

BREAD OF LIFE

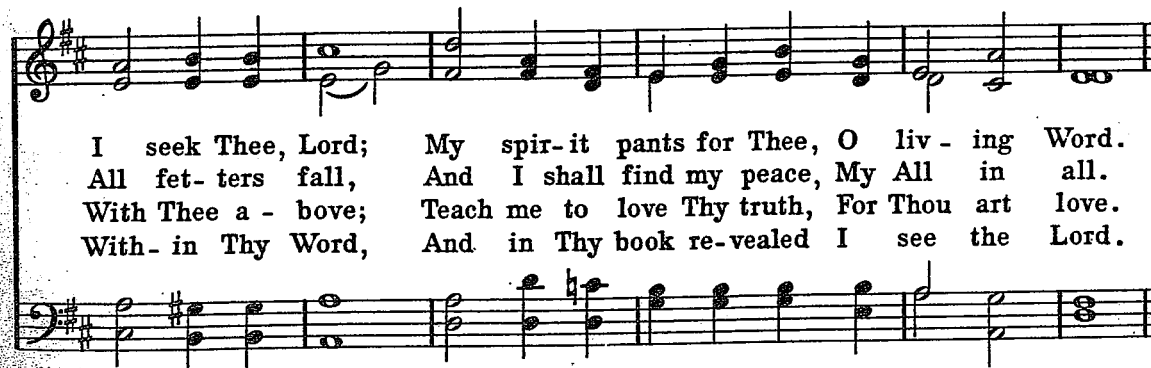
WILLIAM F. SHERWIN, 1826-1888



1. Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, As Thou didst  
2. Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me - to me, As Thou didst  
3. Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me; Thy ho - ly  
4. O send Thy Spir - it, Lord, Now un - to me, That He may



break the loaves Be - side the sea: Be - yond the sa - cred page  
bless the bread By Gal - i - lee: Then shall all bond - age cease,  
Word the truth That sav - eth me: Give me to eat and live  
touch my eyes And make me see: Show me the truth con - cealed



I seek Thee, Lord; My spir - it pants for Thee, O liv - ing Word.  
All fet - ters fall, And I shall find my peace, My All in all.  
With Thee a - bove; Teach me to love Thy truth, For Thou art love.  
With - in Thy Word, And in Thy book re - vealed I see the Lord.

**“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”      Green 221**

**Sent forth by God’s blessing,  
Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.**

**The supper is ended.  
Oh, now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.**

**The seed of his teaching,  
Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**His grace did invite is.  
His love shall unite us  
To work for God’s kingdom and answer his call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving  
To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.**

**Our faith ever sharing,  
In love ever caring,  
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.**

**With your feast you feed us,  
With your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.**

**Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**