

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* - "O God, Our Help In Ages Past"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal Lord,
your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life,
death, and resurrection of your Son.
Help us to hear your Word and obey it,
so that we become instruments of your redeeming love;
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 – "O Christ the Same"

THE SERMON – "Waiting in Traffic: Liturgical Time and an Unhurried God"

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: "Standing on the Promises"

THE DISMISSAL*

P: Marked with the Cross of Christ,

Let us go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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From Psalm 90

ISAAC WATTS, 1674-1748

Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad-ow of Thy throne Still may we dwell se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Bears all its sons a - way;
 5. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home!
 Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 They fly, for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the ope - ning day.
 Be Thou our guide while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal home.

58. O CHRIST THE SAME

- 1. O Christ the same, through all our story's pages-
Our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
Eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
Unchanging still amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
Who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
We bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.**

- 2. O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
Our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide;
Still as of old upon your body bearing
The marks of love in triumph glorified:
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven-
O Prince of life, in all your saving power;
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given:
We bring our thanks for this the present hour.**

- 3. O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
Our lives and loves, our days and years remain;
Our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
Our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
For all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
We bring our thanks for all that is to be.**

46. IN HIS TIME

**In His time, in His time,
He makes all things beautiful in His time.
Lord, please show me ev'ry day,
As You're teaching me Your way,
that You do just what You say, In Your time.**

**In Your, time, in Your time,
You make all things beautiful in Your time.
Lord, my life to You I bring,
May each song I have to sing
be to You a lovely thing, in Your time.**

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God, Whose Almighty Word

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1 God, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and
 2 Lord, who once came to bring, On your re -
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, Glo - ri - ous

dark - ness heard And took their flight:
 deem - ing wing, Heal - ing and sight,
 ho - ly dove, Speed forth your flight;
 Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, love, might!

Hear us, we hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day
 Health to the sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:
 Move on the wa - ter's face Bear - ing the lamp of grace,
 Bound-less as o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,

Sheds not its glo - rious ray,
 Oh, now to hu - man-kind Let there be light!
 And in earth's dark - est place
 Through the earth, far and wide,

Standing on the Promises

R. KELSO CARTER, 1849-1928

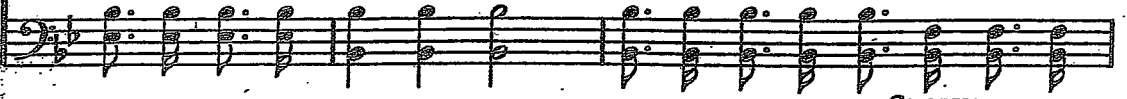
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1. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of Christ my King, Thru e-ter-nal
 2. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es that can-not fail, When the howl-ing
 3. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e-
 4. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es I can-not fall, Lis-tn'ng ev-'ry



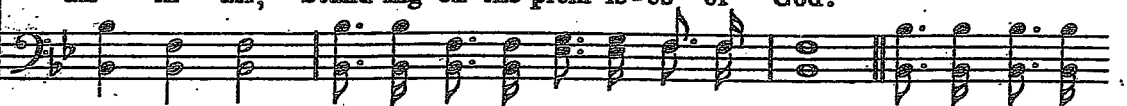
a-ges let His prais-es ring; Glo-ry in the high-est I will
 storms of doubt and fear as-sail, By the liv-ing word of God I
 ter-nal-ly by love's strong cord, O-ver-com-ing dai-ly with the
 mo-ment to the Spir-it's call, Rest-ing in my Sav-ior as my



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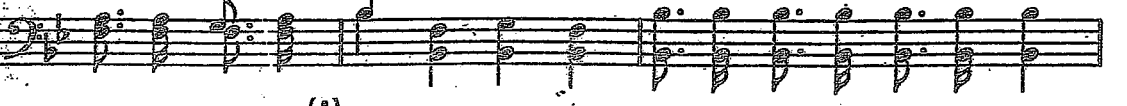
shout and sing, Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.
 shall pre-vail, Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God. Stand - -
 Spir-it's sword, Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God. Stand-ing on the
 all in all, Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.



ing, stand - - ing, Stand-ing on the
 prom-is-es, stand-ing on the prom-is-es,



prom-is-es of God my Sav-ior; Stand - - ing,
 Stand-ing on the prom-is-es,



stand - - ing, I'm stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.
 stand-ing on the prom-is-es,

