

## 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\* - "We Have Come Into This House"

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all mercy,  
by your power to heal and to forgive,  
graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong;  
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 – "The Church's One Foundation"

#### THE SERMON – "Calling a Friend – Congregation in Community"

#### 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: "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"**

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

**P:** Marked with the Cross of Christ,

Let us go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **88. WE HAVE COME INTO THIS HOUSE**

**1. We have come into His house and gathered in His name**

**to worship Him.**

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**to worship Christ the Lord.**

**Worship Him, Christ the Lord.**

**2. So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him.**

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**Worship Him, Christ the Lord.**

**3. Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Him.**

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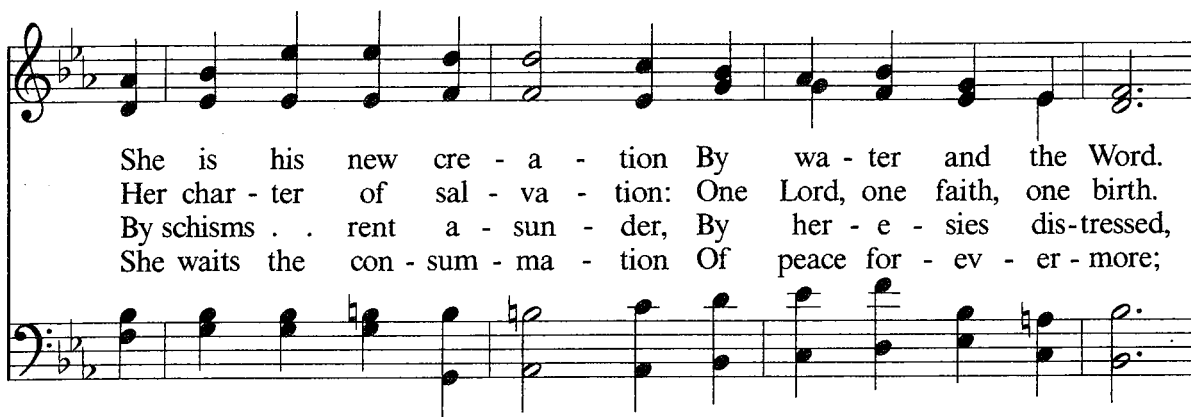
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**Worship Him, Christ the Lord.**

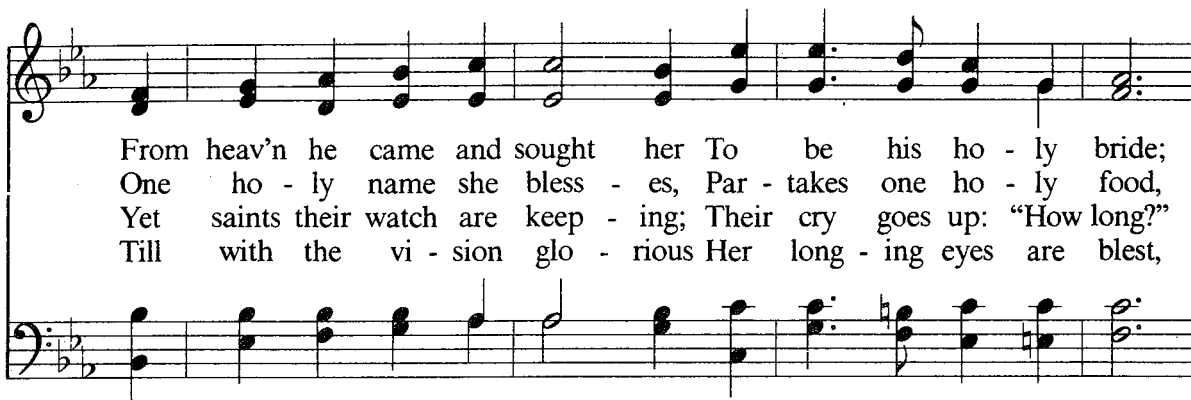
## The Church's One Foundation



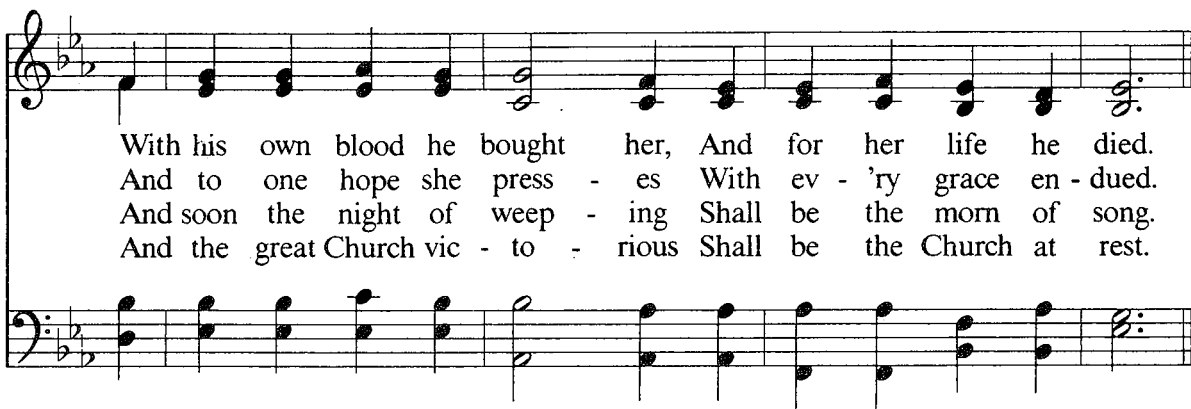
1 The Church's . . one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der This world sees her op-pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war,



She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms . . rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis-tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;



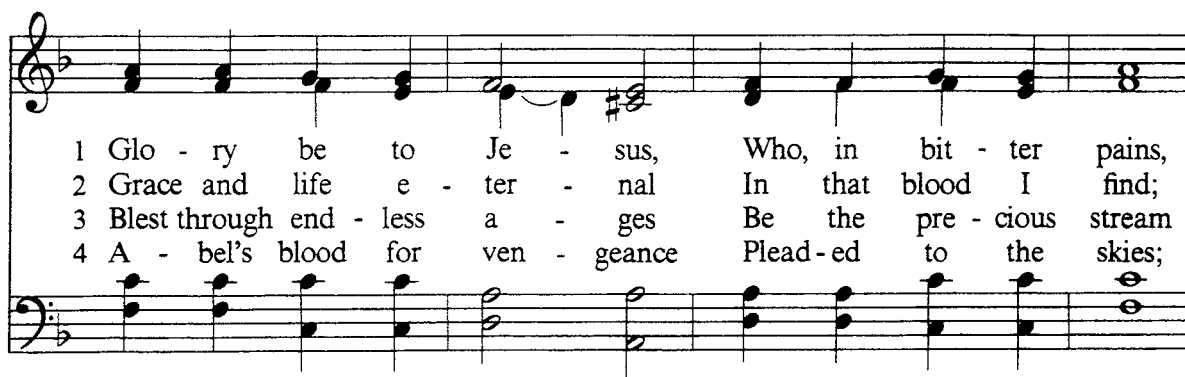
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



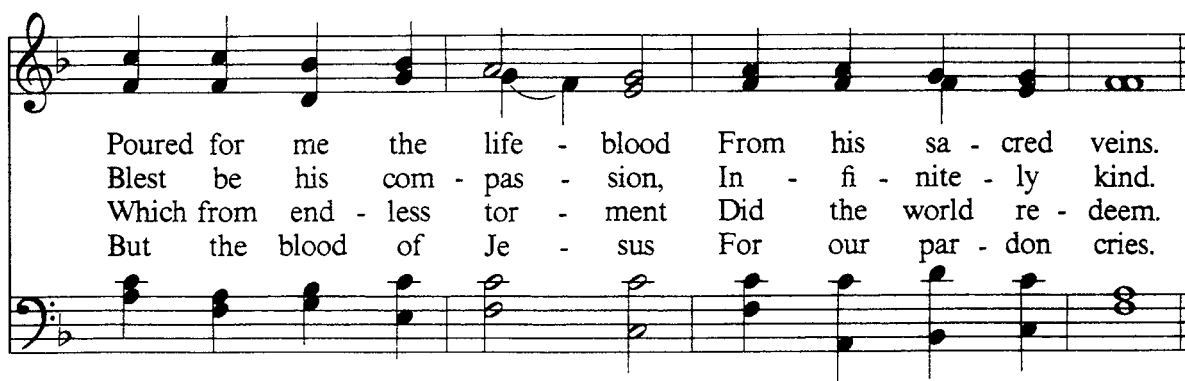
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

# Glory Be to Jesus

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1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who, in bit - ter pains,  
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
 4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From his sa - cred veins.  
 Blest be his com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind.  
 Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem.  
 But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
 Wafts its praise on high,  
 Angel hosts rejoicing  
 Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we then our voices,  
 Swell the mighty flood;  
 Louder still and louder  
 Praise the precious blood.

*Text: Italian, 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878*  
*Tune: Friedrich Filitz, 1804-1876*

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## Blest Be the Tie That Binds

HN FAWCETT, 1740-1817

DENNIS

HANS G. NAEGLI, 1773-1836



1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris-tian love! The
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers; Our
3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear; And
4. When we a - sun - der part It gives us in - ward pain; But



fel - low-ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
 fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
 oft - en for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet a - gain.



## I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord!

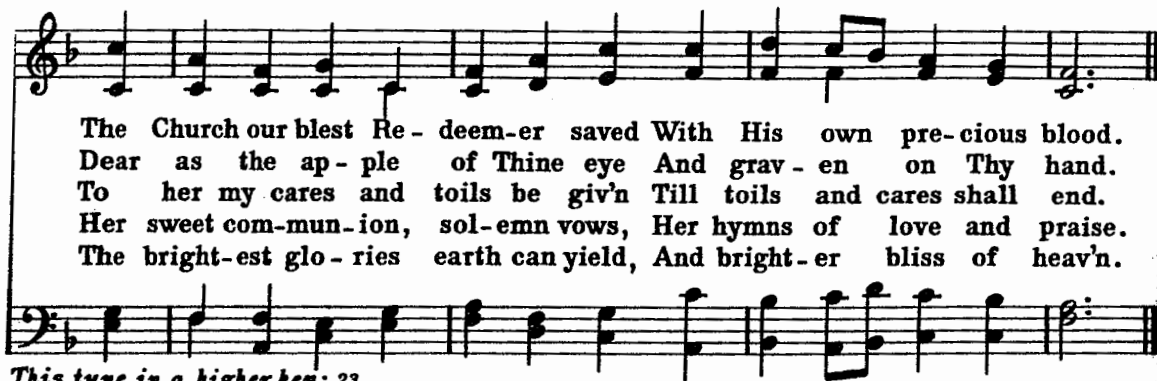
TIMOTHY DWIGHT, 1752-1817

ST. THOMAS

AARON WILLIAMS, 1731-1776



1. I love Thy king - dom, Lord!    The house of Thine a - bode -  
 2. I love Thy Church, O God!    Her walls be - fore Thee stand,  
 3. For her my tears shall fall,    For her my prayers as - cend -  
 4. Be - yond my high - est joy    I prize her heav'n - ly ways -  
 5. Sure as Thy truth shall last,    To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re - deem-er saved With His own pre-cious blood.  
 Dear as the ap - ple of Thine eye And grav - en on Thy hand.  
 To her my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.  
 Her sweet com-mun-ion, sol-emn vows, Her hymns of love and praise.  
 The bright-est glo - ries earth can yield, And bright-er bliss of heav'n.

*This tune in a higher key: 23*