

# 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: “Turn to me and be saved,” says the Lord; “for I am God, and there is no other.”

C: **If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: We have been called for service. How faithfully have we served?

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Saving Lord,

C: **We confess to you our sins of thought, word, and deed, our woeful inadequacy. We have promised to serve you faithfully, but we have broken that promise. We are unworthy servants. Without your help, we perish. Therefore we implore your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son. Forgive us our sin and empower us for faithful witness. Turn us, that we may be saved.**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ has compassion; he sees us harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. For the sake of his suffering and death, your sins are forgiven. You are saved.

C: **Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.**

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

THE HYMN: - “On Eagles Wings”

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, our maker and redeemer,  
you have made us a new company of priests  
to bear witness to the Gospel.  
Enable us to be faithful to our calling  
to make known your promises to all the world;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

## THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

## THE OFFICE HYMN – “In Christ Alone”

## THE SERMON: “God’s Church – God’s Mission”

## THE APOSTLES 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 – “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

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

**93. YOU WHO DWELL IN THE SHELTER OF  
THE LORD (On Eagle's Wings)**

- 1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life.  
say to the Lord "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust"**

*Refrain*

**"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand."**

- 2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear,  
under God's wings your refuge  
with faithfulness your shield.**

*Refrain*

- 3. For to the angels God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

*Refrain*

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## 45. IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone - my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when striving cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone - who took on flesh  
Fullness of God and helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on the cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

# How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, And take me

all the\*worlds thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the \*roll - ing  
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion And there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, How great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to

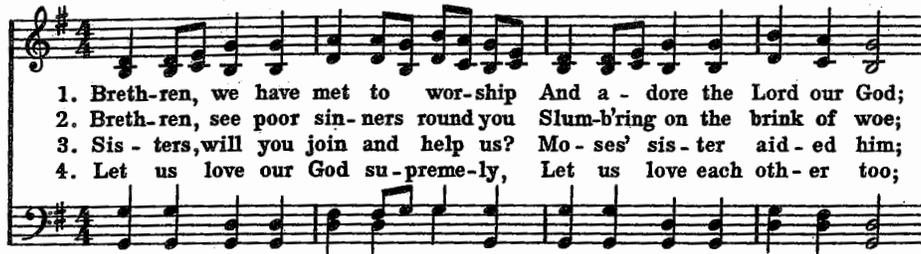
thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

## Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

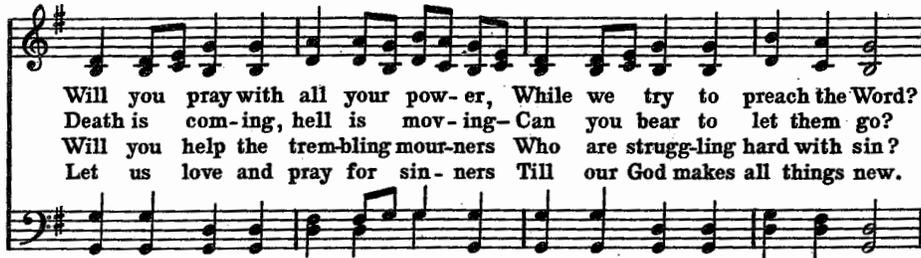
HOLY MANNA

Attr. to William Moore, 19th century  
in *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

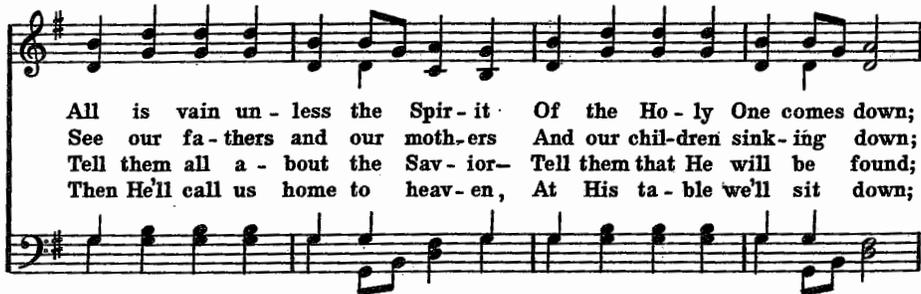
GEORGE ATKINS, 19th century



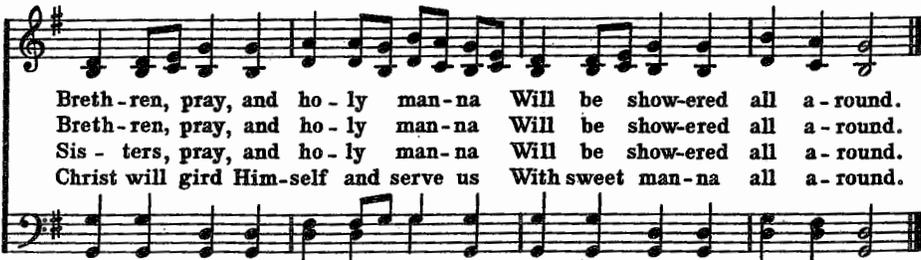
1. Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship And a - dore the Lord our God;  
2. Breth-ren, see poor sin-ners round you Slum-b'ring on the brink of woe;  
3. Sis - ters, will you join and help us? Mo - ses' sis - ter aid - ed him;  
4. Let us love our God su - preme - ly, Let us love each oth - er too;



Will you pray with all your pow-er, While we try to preach the Word?  
Death is com-ing, hell is mov-ing - Can you bear to let them go?  
Will you help the trem-bling mour-ners Who are strugg-ling hard with sin?  
Let us love and pray for sin-ners Till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it Of the Ho - ly One comes down;  
See our fa - thers and our moth-ers And our chil-dren sink - ing down;  
Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior - Tell them that He will be found;  
Then He'll call us home to heav - en, At His ta - ble we'll sit down;



Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na Will be show-ered all a - round.  
Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na Will be show-ered all a - round.  
Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na Will be show-ered all a - round.  
Christ will gird Him-self and serve us With sweet man - na all a - round.

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - 'ry trou - bled  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us all thy life re -  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less let us

down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful  
 breast; Let us all in thee in - her - it; Let us find thy  
 ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more thy  
 be; Let us see thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re -

mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; Vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 Serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise thee  
 Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!