

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: From the Word which God has sown, a harvest will be gathered in.
- C: **How silently the growth occurs, how possible to go unseen.**
- P: “My Word shall not return to me empty,” says the Lord. “It shall accomplish the thing for which I sent it.”
- C: **If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P: So let the seed be sown.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P: Lord of the living harvest:
- C: **we confess that we have sinned. In our thinking, speaking, doing- proper fruit has not been borne. Your final harvest fills our hearts with fear.**
- P: “My Word shall not return to me empty,” says the Lord.
- C: **For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins, remove our guilt, inspire our hearts -- that we may be faithful...fruitful...worthy of the effort you expend.**
- P: “My Word shall accomplish the thing for which I sent it,” says the Lord. Like a grain of wheat buried in the earth, Jesus Christ was been given into death for you.
- C: **And he has borne abundant fruit!**
- P: In him there is forgiveness, life, and resurrection from the dead. By him we are redeemed and set at liberty.
- C: **How great the harvest God provides! Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

- Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you
- People: **And also with you**

THE HYMN: - “Wonderful Merciful Savior”

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your ears are open always
to the prayers of your servants.
Open our hearts and minds to you,
that we may live in harmony with your will
and receive the gifts of your Spirit;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

THE SERMON: “God’s Most Troubling Promise”

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 – “We Praise You O God”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

24. GIVE THANKS

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks
Because He's given Jesus Christ
His Son. (*Repeat*)**

**And now let the weak say,
'I am strong',
Let the poor say,
'I am rich'
Because of what the Lord has done for us!'**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks
Because He's given Jesus Christ
His Son.
Give thanks,
Give thanks.**

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If You But Trust in God to Guide You

1 If you but trust in God to guide you And place your
 2 What gain is there in fu - tile weep - ing, In help - less
 3 In pa - tient trust a - wait his lei - sure In cheer - ful
 4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, Of - fer your

con - fi - dence in him, You'll find him al - ways there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in his care and
 hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er your Fa - ther's
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly, And trust his word; though un - de -

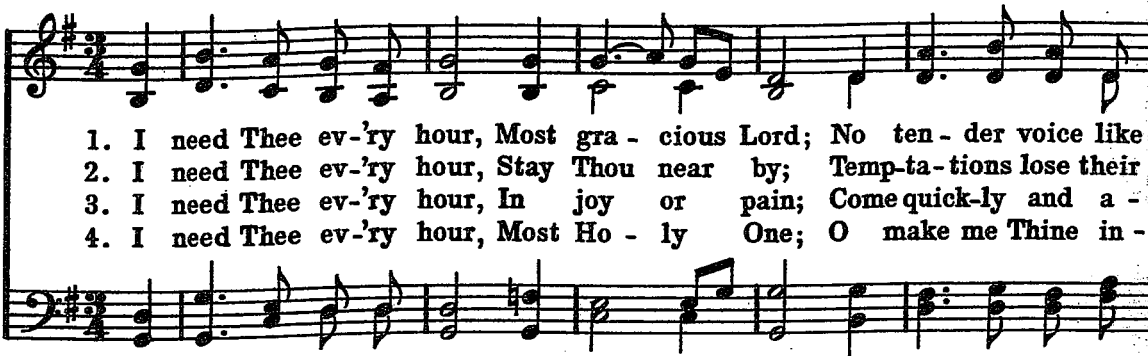
side you, To give you hope and strength with - in. For those who
 keep - ing, In sor - row will he love you less? For he who
 plea - sure And all - dis - cern - ing love have sent; Doubt not your
 serv - ing, You'll find his prom - ise true to be. God nev - er

trust God's change-less love Build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross Will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 in - most wants are known To him who chose you for his own.
 will for - sake in need The soul that trusts in him in - deed.

I Need Thee Every Hour

ANNIE S. HAWKS, 1835-1918
Chorus — Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

ROBERT LOWRY, 1826-1899

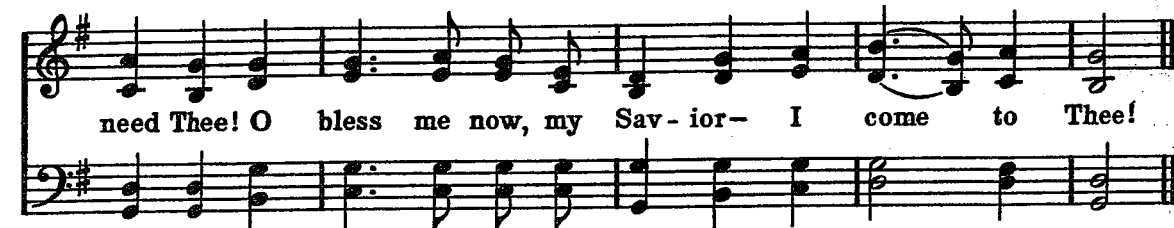


1. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, Most gra - cious Lord; No ten - der voice like
2. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, Stay Thou near by; Temp-ta-tions lose their
3. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, In joy or pain; Come quick-ly and a -
4. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, Most Ho - ly One; O make me Thine in -

CHORUS



Thine Can peace af - ford.
pow'r When Thou art nigh. I need Thee, O I need Thee, Ev-'ry hour I
bide, Or life is vain.
deed, Thou bless - ed Son!



need Thee! O bless me now, my Sav - ior - I come to Thee!

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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We Praise You, O God

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

We bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 And with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!