

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: "As I live," says the Lord God, "I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live."

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

P: Our Lord invites us to "come and eat." How well do we heed that invitation? How well do we share?

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess to you our sinfulness, and our helplessness to escape from it. We ignore the invitation of your grace, and labor in futility to earn what we can never merit, what only you provide. We are wicked; we are doomed to die. We beg your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son. Forgive our sins, and turn us from our ways.**

P: Our Lord has compassion on us, and meets our every need. Jesus Christ was given to die for us; for his sake our sins are forgiven, and we shall live! Our God has turned to us in love.

C: **Thanks be to God! Amen**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

THE HYMN: - "Forever"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious Father,
your blessed Son came down from heaven
to be the true bread which gives life to the world.
Give us this bread,
that he may live in us and we in him,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – "A Might Fortress"

THE SERMON: "More Than Conquerors"

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: Let us pray to the Lord.


People: Lord, have mercy.

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 – “Soldiers of Christ Arise”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

23. FOREVER

- 1. Give thanks to the Lord our God and King;
His love endures forever.
For He is good: He is above all things,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise.
Sing praise.**

- 2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise.
Sing praise.
Sing praise.
Sing praise.
Forever God is faithful.
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, forever.
forever.**

- 3. From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise.
Sing praise.
Sing praise.
Sing praise.
Forever God is faithful.
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, forever.
Forever.**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat - ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who

to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom
 vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They
 fear it; For God him - self fights by our side With

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

Has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 In bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 Goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way,

He arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 They can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Take My Life and Let It Be

HENDON

FRANCES R. HAVERGAL, 1836-1879

H. A. CÉSAR MALAN, 1787-1864



1. Take my life and let it be Con-se-crated, Lord, to Thee; Take my hands and
2. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau-ti - ful for Thee; Take my voice and
3. Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes-sag-es for Thee; Take my sil-ver
4. Take my love-my God, I pour At Thy feet its treasurestore; Take my-self- and



let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love, At the im-pulse of Thy love.
 let me sing Al-ways, on-ly, for my King, Al-ways, on-ly, for my King.
 and my gold- Not a mite would I with-hold, Not a mite would I with-hold.
 I will be Ev-er, on-ly, all for Thee, Ev-er, on-ly, all for Thee.



501 He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!

1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
 2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, Some-times where E-den's bow-ers bloom,
 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur-mur nor re - pine;
 4 And when my task on earth is done, When by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,

What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 By wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, Still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 Con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
 E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

Refrain

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me, By his own hand he lead - eth me.

His faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, For by his hand he lead - eth me.

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

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CHARLES WESLEY, 1707-1788

DIADEMATA

GEORGE J. ELVEY, 1816-1893

1. Sol - diers of Christ, a - rise And put your ar - mor on,
2. Stand then in His great might, With all His strength en - dued,
3. Leave no un-guard - ed place, No weak-ness of the soul;

Strong in the strength which God sup-plies Thru His e - ter - nal Son;
And take, to arm you for the fight, The pan - o - ply of God;
Take ev - 'ry vir - tue, ev - 'ry grace, And for - ti - fy the whole.

Strong in the Lord of hosts And in His might - y powr: Who
That hav - ing all things done, And all your con - flicts past, Ye
From strength to strength go on, Wres - tle and fight and pray; Tread

in the strength of Je - sus trusts Is more than con - quer - or.
may o'er - come thru Christ a - lone And stand en - tire at last.
all the pow'rs of dark - ness down And win the well - fought day.

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