

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.*

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *[Refrain]*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *[Refrain]*

Come and Go With Me

Come and go with me to my Father's house,
to my Father's house,
to my Father's house.
Come and go with me to my Father's house;
There is joy, joy, joy!

Peace and love abide in my Father's house,
in my Father's house,
in my Father's house.
Peace and love abide in my Father's house;
There is joy, joy, joy!

Peace and happiness in my Father's house,
in my Father's house,
in my Father's house.
Peace and happiness in my Father's house;
There is joy, joy, joy!

No more dyin' there, in my Father's house,
in my Father's house,
in my Father's house.
Peace and love abide in my Father's house;
There is joy, joy, joy!

Sweet communion up there, in my Father's house,
in my Father's house,
in my Father's house.
Sweet communion up there in my Father's house;
There is joy, joy, joy!

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace — to his peo-ple on earth. Lord
God, heav'n-ly King, al - might-y — God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT: Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Children's Message

Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned, he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence: Alleluia

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Luke 12:32-40

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Officiant: Let us stand and reaffirm our faith by reciting the words of the Nicene Creed

**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.

Prayers of the People

Prayer requests and thanksgivings

We have been taught to pray by the Lord. So, with one voice we ask for us all, saying: O Lord hear our prayer.

To face the promise of life with the courage you give, we pray to you,

O Lord, hear our prayer.

To face the evil of life with the goodness you give, we pray to you,

O Lord, hear our prayer.

To face the death of life with the love you give, we pray to you,

O Lord, hear our prayer.

To face the degradation of peoples because of their race, religion, sexual identity or nationality by walking alongside them with the solidarity of Christ you give, we pray to you,

O Lord, hear our prayer.

To face anyone we would otherwise call 'enemy' with the militant love you give, we pray to you,

O Lord, hear our prayer.

To care for the earth and its creatures with the mandate of loving dominion you give, we pray to you,

O Lord, hear our prayer.

To face all war with loathing, as you do, we pray to you, we pray to you,

O Lord, hear our prayer.

To face all peace with longing, as you do, we pray to you,

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessions and thanksgivings offered

Officiant: It is your way with life that we want, O Lord and you offer it always as our true freedom and birthright. Help us to claim this gift. Make our lives a testimony to those who seek you and those who have lost hope. We ask this in your son's name, **Amen.**

Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also, with you.

(Please be seated)

Birthday Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as s/he begins another year. Grant that s/he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of her/ his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

O God, be with N. and N., as they celebrate another year together. Deepen their love for each other, grant them joy, and make their life together a blessing to all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Offertory Hymn: Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

Somebody's knockin' at your door;
Somebody's knockin' at your door;
O sinner, why don't you answer?
Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Knocks like Jesus,
Somebody's knockin' at your door;
Knocks like Jesus,
Somebody's knockin' at your door;
O sinner, ...

Can't you hear Him?
Somebody's knockin' at your door;
Can't you hear Him?
Somebody's knockin' at your door;
O sinner, ...

Jesus calls you,
Somebody's knockin' at your door;
Jesus calls you,
Somebody's knockin' at your door;
O sinner, ...

Please stand as you are able

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Officiant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow-er and might. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Blest is the
one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Officiant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Officiant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Officiant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Sung Our Father: Miller

Our God, in Heaven, holy is your name,

Your reign come, your will done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread and help us forgive as we have been forgiven.

In the time of trial lead us into light,

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

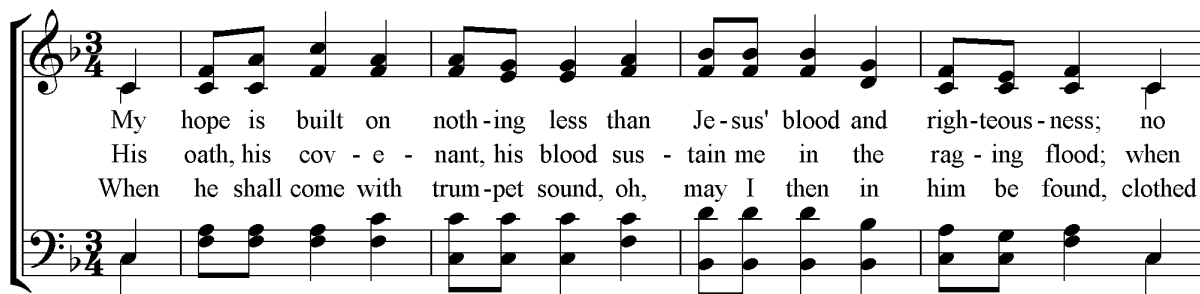
Our God, in Heaven, holy is your name, holy is your name.

The Breaking of the Bread**Fraction**

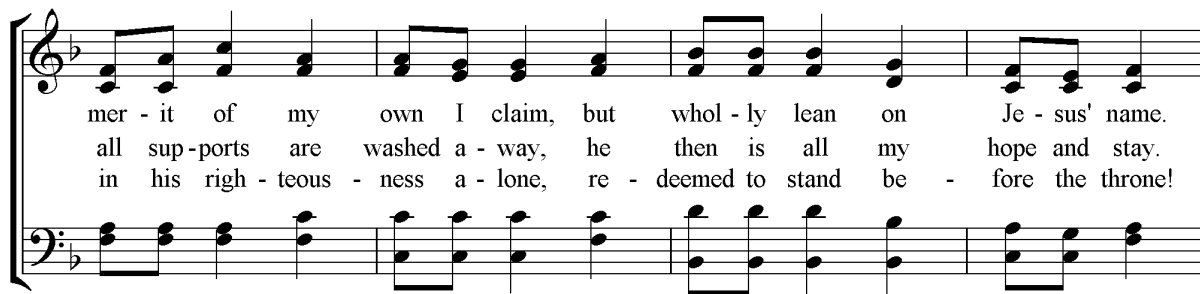
Officiant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

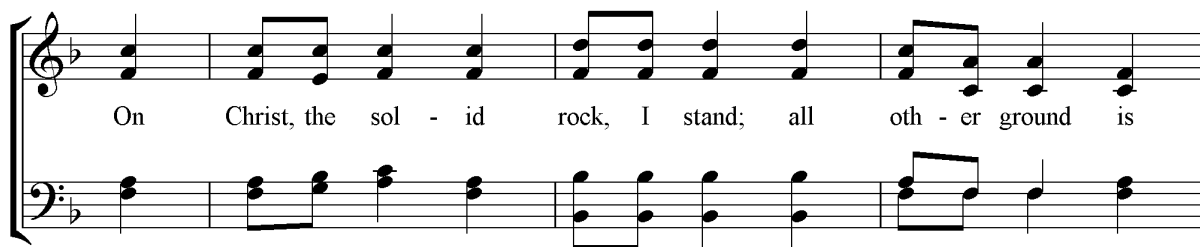
Communion Hymn : On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand



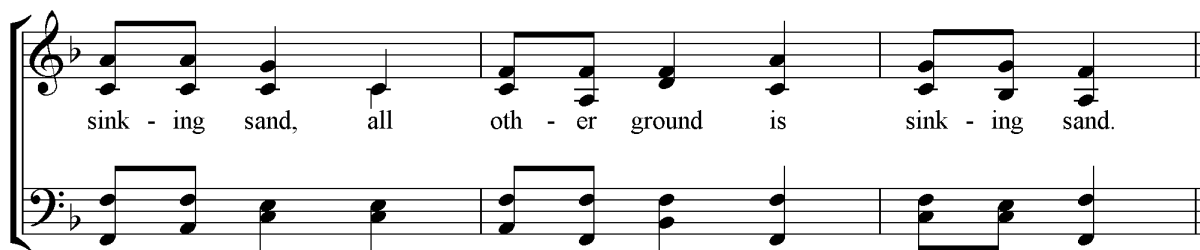
My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no
His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood; when
When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, clothed



mer - it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
all sup - ports are washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Sharing Bread and Wine

Post Communion Prayer

Officiant: Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing:

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,
feeding us with your word,
and encouraging us in our meeting together.
Take us and use us
to love and serve you, and all people,
in the power of your Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Closing Hymn: Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
the time is drawing nigh.

(Repeat)

Children don't get weary,
children don't get weary,
children don't get weary,
'til your work is done.

(Repeat)

Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over,
the time is drawing nigh.

(Repeat)

Children don't get weary,
children don't get weary,
children don't get weary,
'til your work is done.

(Repeat)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
the time is drawing nigh.

(Repeat)

Dismissal

Officiant: Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of
the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**