

**HYMN** . . . . . "O God, Our Help" 733

- 1) O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home:
- 2) Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.
- 3) Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.
- 4) A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.
- 5) Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6) O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last  
And our eternal home!

**RESPONSES**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**ANTIPHON AND INTROIT** . . . . . **chanted by Pastor**

P: (*Antiphon*) Sing to the Lord with thanks- | giving;\*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

He covers the heavens with clouds;  
he prepares rain | for the earth;\*  
he makes grass grow | on the hills.

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He gives to the | beasts their food,\*  
and to the young ravens | that cry.

His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,\*  
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,  
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who | fear him,\*  
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

**GLORIA PATRI** (*Sung*)

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

(*Pastor Repeats the Antiphon*)

**KYRIE** (*Sung*)

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (*Sung*)

P: Glory be to God on high:

**C: and on earth peace, good-will toward men.**

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father; that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT** (*Sung*)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray. . . one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

1<sup>st</sup> ~ Genesis 15:1-6 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Hebrews 11:1-16

P: (*After each lesson*) This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Let us rise for the Gospel reading.

**C: (Sing) Allelu - ia. Allelu- ia. Allelu- ia.**

P: The Holy Gospel is Luke 12:22-34

**C: (Sing) Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: (Sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**THE NICENE CREED**

**HYMN** . . . . . "*Consider How the Birds*" 736

- 1) Consider how the birds above  
Feed day by day with carefree ease—  
Does God not keep them in His love?  
Are we not worth much more than these?

- 2) The lilies grow, they do not toil;  
How fair is their fragility—  
If God clothes these, which quickly spoil,  
Will He not clothe both you and me?
- 3) Set not your heart on food or drink,  
Nor be weighed down by worldly care;  
About such things the godless think,  
Yet never thank the Lord in prayer.
- 4) Be on your guard against all greed,  
For life is more than what we own.  
Our Father knows our ev'ry need  
Before our needs to us are known.
- 5) Be not afraid to suffer loss  
Of all the things for which you pray,  
For He who faced for you the cross  
Will give you strength to live each day.
- 6) Seek first God's reign, His boundless grace,  
His holy name in all you do:  
Christ first and last in ev'ry place;  
All else will then be given you.

**SERMON**

**OFFERTORY** *(Sung)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with in me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**OFFERING** . . . . . *please fill out Welcome Cards*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Following each petition)* Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

P: *(Chanted)* The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

**C: It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . .

**C: (Sing) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

P: Our Father who art in heaven . . .

**C: (Sing) For Thine is the kingdom – and the power – and the glory forever and ever. A – men.**

P: *(Consecration)* The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** *(Sung)*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. (3x)  
grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

**THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN** . . . . . 666, 750

**THE NUNC DIMITTIS** *(Sung after Distribution) p. 199*

**C: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,**

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & BLESSING**

P: *(Chanted)* O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C: and His mercy endureth forever.**

P: Let us pray . . . one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you . . . . . and give you peace.

**C: Amen, amen. a - men.**

**HYMN** . . . . . *“The God of Abr’ham praise” 798*

1) The God of Abr’ham praise,  
Who reigns enthroned above;

Ancient of everlasting days And God of love.  
Jehovah, great I AM!

By earth and heav’n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest.

3) The God of Abr’ham praise,  
Whose all-sufficient grace

Shall guide me all my pilgrim days In all my ways.  
He deigns to call me friend;

He calls Himself my God.  
And He shall save me to the end  
Through Jesus’ blood.

4) He by Himself has sworn;  
I on His oath depend.

I shall, on eagle wings upborne,  
To heav’n ascend.

I shall behold His face;  
I shall His pow’r adore

And sing the wonders of His grace Forevermore.

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