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HYMN

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

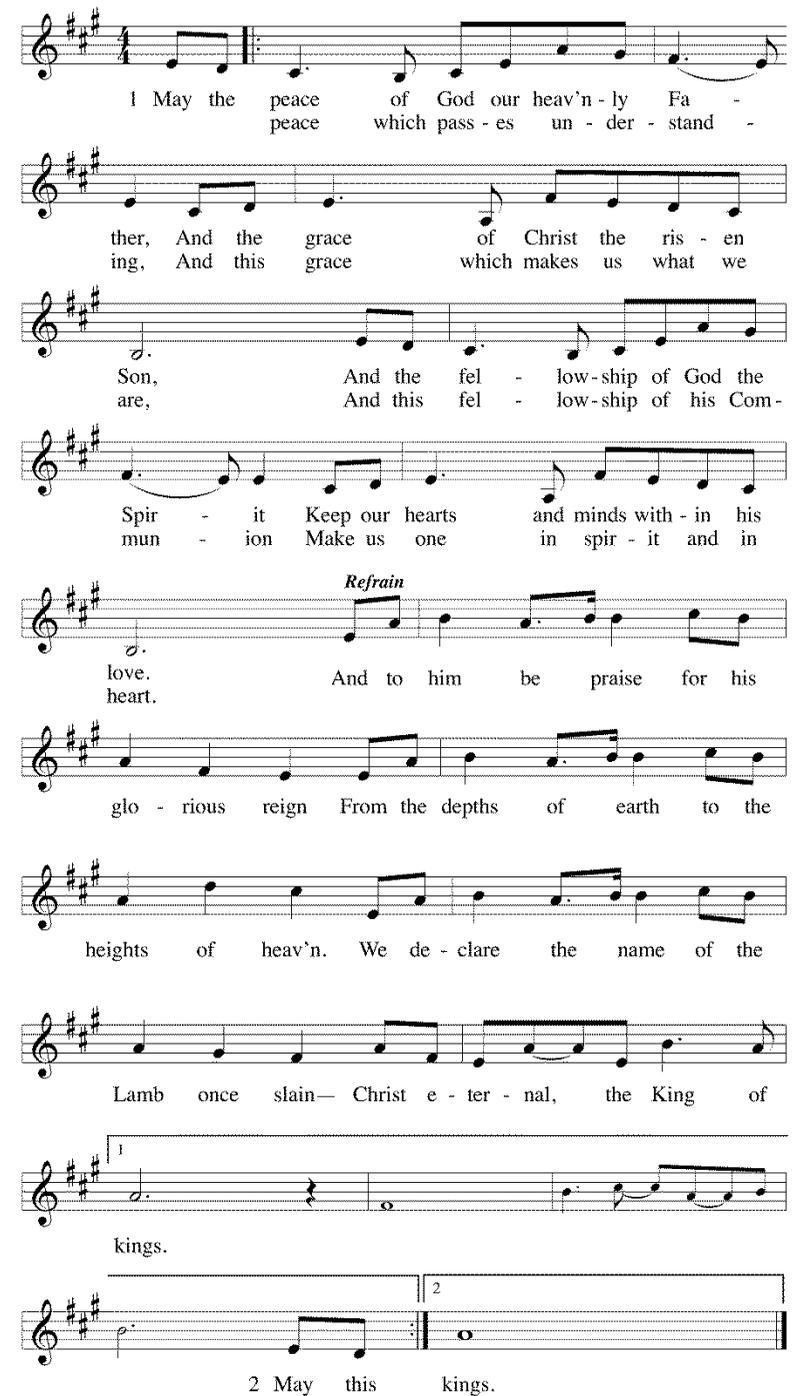
From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
Eternal is your glorious Word.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OPENING DIALOGUE

from Psalm 1

- M: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked
C: **or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,**
- M: but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
C: **and who meditates on his law day and night.**
- M: That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season
C: **and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.**
- M: Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.
C: **Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.**
- M: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
C: **but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**



I May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -
peace which pass - es un - der - stand -
ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en
ing, And this grace which makes us what we
Son, And the fel - low-ship of God the
are, And this fel - low-ship of his Com -
Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with - in his
mun - ion Make us one in spir - it and in
love. heart. And to him be praise for his
glo - rious reign From the depths of earth to the
heights of heav'n. We de - clare the name of the
Lamb once slain— Christ e - ter - nal, the King of
kings.
2 May this kings.

Tune: MAY THE PEACE OF GOD (10 9 10 9 and Refrain)
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M: What do you say to those who don't know what will happen to them when they die?
What comfort can you give to them that would help them face death and all the troubles of this earthly life?

C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CLOSING DIALOGUE

from Psalm 136

M: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. (Psalm 136:1)

C: **to him who alone does great wonders, His love endures forever.** (Psalm 136:4)

M: who by his understanding made the heavens, His love endures forever. (Psalm 136:5)

C: **who spread out the earth upon the waters, His love endures forever.** (Psalm 136:6)

M: who made the great lights—His love endures forever. (Psalm 136:7)

C: **to him who led his people through the desert, His love endures forever.** (Psalm 136:16)

M: to the One who remembered us in our low estate His love endures forever. (Psalm 136:23)

C: **and freed us from our enemies, His love endures forever.** (Psalm 136:24)

M: and who gives food to every creature. His love endures forever. (Psalm 136:25)

C: **Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever.** (Psalm 136:26)

THE BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God is good and merciful. He loves all people and wants all to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. But all too often we have sought to please ourselves rather than do the things that are pleasing to God. So today, we join together, asking the Lord to forgive us. We seek to begin anew, having our sins cleansed, and looking forward with hope to the future. We pray together:

C: **Lord God, our Creator and Redeemer, you alone are worthy of all glory. You deserve our heartfelt praise and our joyful service. Yet we have often been reluctant servants. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of the blood our Lord Jesus shed on the cross. By the power of your Holy Spirit change and renew us from within, that we may serve you with joy every day of our lives. Amen.**

WORD OF FORGIVENESS

M: My fellow believers in Jesus, it is my joyous privilege to share God's truth with you. *"When you were dead in your sins...God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins...he took it away, nailing it to the cross."* (Col. 2:13-14)

Jesus paid the price for our sins by dying on the cross. He proved the payment was complete by rising from the dead. By His power, and His power alone, your sins are forgiven. As a servant of the risen Christ and by his supreme authority, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
 I dare to make no other claim,
 But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
 On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
 All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
 I rest on his unchanging grace;
 In ev'ry high and stormy gale
 My anchor holds within the veil.
 On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
 All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant and blood
 Support me in the raging flood;
 When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
 He then is all my hope and stay.
 On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
 All other ground is sinking sand.

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. ² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. ⁶ Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD : The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the

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Sing a New Song to the Lord

Sing a new song to the Lord,
 He to whom wonders belong!
 Rejoice in his triumph and tell of his pow'r!
 Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!

Now to the ends of the earth,
 See, his salvation is shown,
 And still he remembers his mercy and truth,
 Unchanging in love to his own.

Sing a new song and rejoice!
 Publish his praises abroad!
 Let voices in chorus, with trumpet and horn,
 Resound for the joy of the Lord!

Join with the hills and the sea
 Thunders of praise to prolong!
 In judgment and justice he comes to the earth.
 Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

M: When the difficulties of life seem overwhelming, many people turn to their own strength to get them through. What do you believe about God, and why would you turn to him?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

M: Many people in this world say that God is not willing to help us when we are in need of comfort or in need of his help. Most don't see him as their only way to heaven. What do you believe about God and what he's done for you?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

that hearts may be turned from the darkness of spiritual ignorance, falsehood, and despair to the light of knowledge, truth, and life.

C: Be with our missionaries in our own and distant lands. Protect them, encourage them, and crown their labors with success.

M: Let your Word shine in our homes, that parents and children may dwell together in love and serve one another in kindness and humility.

C: Watch over the sick, the sorrowing, the anxious and the weary. Preserve those who are in danger of body or soul.

M: By the grace of Jesus supply us with the Spirit's power,

C: That we may ever be comforted by your truth and sustained by your love.

M: Hear us Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

M: For these and all the other things you know we need, we confidently ask in the name of him who gave himself for us that we might live for him, Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

M: O Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

HYMN

Speak, O Lord

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built
And you fill the earth with your glory.**

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Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

HYMN

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully,
wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly
falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade you.**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" ⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

HYMN: CW 234 (verses 4-5)

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper
your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends you.**

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all
that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now
with praises before him!
Let the Amen Sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, light of the world and saving strength of your people, we thank you for the gift of your Word.

C: **Implant it in the hearts of your people, so that, set free from the power of Satan and the fear of death, we may live to serve and honor you.**

M: Pour out your Spirit on us, that we may grow richly in divine knowledge and spiritual understanding. Bless the proclamation of your Word everywhere, so