



Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Piano Sonata in A minor, K.310, II

Katia Dinas

Andante cantabile by W. A. Mozart

*Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Isaiah 58:6*

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: **Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.**

Leader: The righteous will never be moved.

People: **Praise the Lord!**

Lloyd Yost, Lay Liturgist

◆ OPENING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

GTG 65

CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Spirit reveals the truth of our lives, and God waits to forgive, heal, and make new.
Let us cry in confession to the Lord, for God says, "Here I am."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We delight to know your ways, O God of Life, but then we choose to go our own way of self-interest and self-preservation. We have not loosened the bonds of injustice or freed the oppressed. We break your heart when we judge those different from us, when we gossip, when we think everything is about us. Pour out your forgiveness in Christ, O Loving God. Open our eyes and ears to your ways and empower our feet and hands to serve in kindness. Fill our hearts with the presence of Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God shows us the way to God's realm. Gracious, merciful, and righteous is our God who saves!
God rebuilds our lives in Christ and sends the Holy Spirit to fill our emptiness with hope and joy, faith and faithfulness. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!

◆ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GTG 582

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Grace

arr. Mark Hayes

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound; that saved a wretch, a wretch like me; I once was lost,
but now am found; I once was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already safely come; This grace hath
brought me safe thus far, and surely, surely grace will lead me home, I shall go home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, the glorious sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than since the day we first begun, than since the day we first begun.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Matthew 5:13-20

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

SERMON

"Godly Wisdom"

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

RESPONDING

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed, Traditional

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

◆ HYMN OF MEDITATION

O Christ, the Great Foundation

GTG 361

AURELIA

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord,**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
When you came proclaiming creation, God of wonder, . . . we lift our voices in glad shouts of joy:

Holy, Holy, Holy

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

He came proclaiming your salvation, God of Holiness, . . .
. . . we trust in that faith which is mysterious:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Here at the table of grace . . . God in community, Holy in One. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All believers of Jesus Christ, young and old, are invited to receive. Please wait and we will eat and drink together.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, at this table you have blessed us with your presence. Send us forth in your Spirit to be a blessing in the world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory

Lead Me, Lord

Robert W. Thygerson

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

**What can we offer to you, O Lord, as our sacrifice of thanks and praise?
You have shown us what is good. Empower us in the Spirit to do justice,
to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

SENDING

◆ HYMN OF DEDICATION

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

GTG 377

HOUSTON

◆ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

We will glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

◆ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

You Shall Go Out with Joy

GTG 80

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.**

◆ Stand as you are able

GTG-Glory to God Hymnal

PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz, Mike Jones, Dennis Van Deventer, George & Mozelle Mills,
Greg Kaut (George & Moselle's son-in-law, David Duell, Mary Marxer

Homebound or Recovering: Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)

PRAYING THE KINGDOM OF GOD Whenever we pray the Lord's Prayer, we pray that God's kingdom would come and that God's will would be done on earth as it is in heaven. What are we praying for? Jesus offers several parables to describe the kingdom of God. We will consider those parables as models of prayer to form and shape our faith and faithfulness. Each week, usually Wednesday afternoon, a new episode will be uploaded to the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel. If you like the Facebook page and/or subscribe to the YouTube channel you will be notified when the latest video is uploaded. You can view the video offering at your convenience. This midweek devotional series will run through April 19. Join Pastor Ken as we pray the kingdom of God!



OPENING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

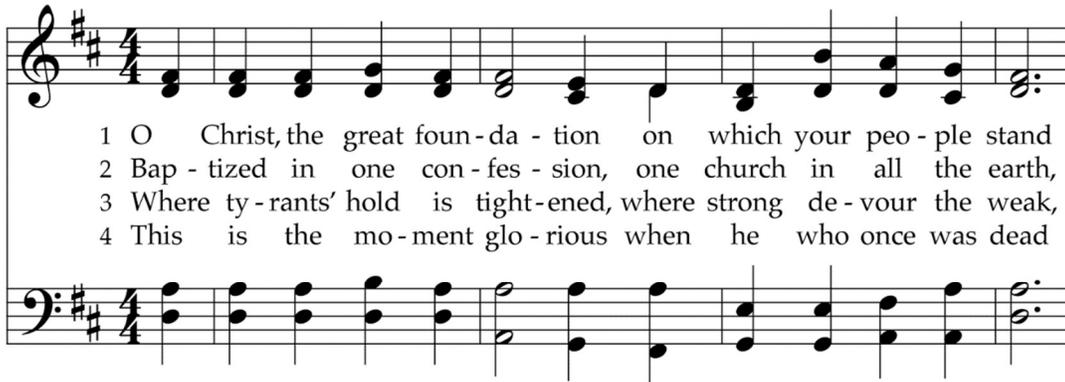
with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

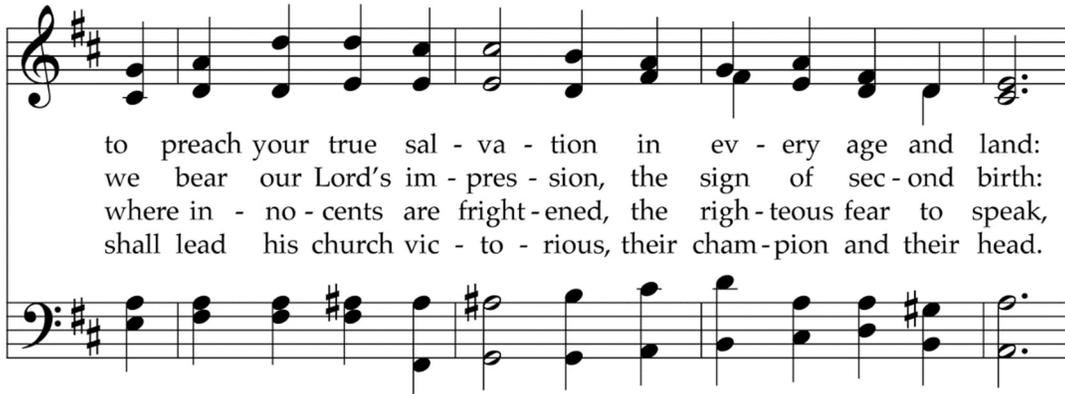
Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

HYMN of MEDITATION

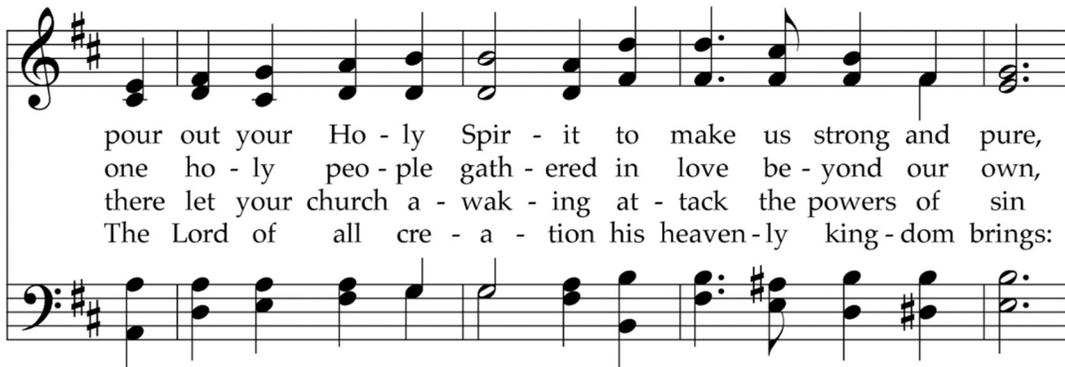
O Christ, the Great Foundation 361



1 O Christ, the great foun - da - tion on which your peo - ple stand
 2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,
 3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, where strong de - vour the weak,
 4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious when he who once was dead



to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:
 we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:
 where in - no - cents are fright - ened, the righ - teous fear to speak,
 shall lead his church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head.



pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,
 one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,
 there let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin
 The Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven - ly king - dom brings:



to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.
 by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.
 and, all their ram - parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.
 the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

HYMN of DEDICATION

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

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