

# Confession and Absolution

## 785 We Praise You, O God



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.  
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,  
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.

We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the T Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive  
ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144*

Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever; \*  
give me understanding that | I may live.  
Righteous are you, | O LORD, \*  
and right are your | just decrees.  
You have appointed your testimonies in |  
righteousness \*  
and in all | faithfulness.  
My zeal con- | sumes me, \*  
because my foes for- | get your words.  
Your promise is | well tried, \*  
and your servant | loves it.  
Your righteousness is righteous for- | ever, \*  
and your | law is true.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever; \*  
give me understanding that | I may live.

## Kyrie

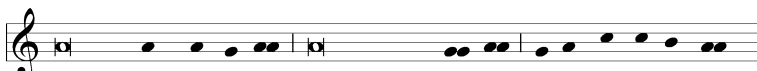
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.




**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.




**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

 **A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,


and for the uni - ty of all      let us pray to the Lord.

  
Lord, have mer - cy.

  
[A] For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.



 **A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



## This Is the Feast

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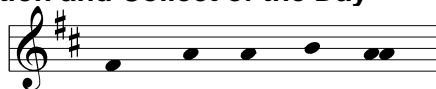
**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and  
hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

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## Old Testament Reading

*Amos 8:4-7*

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy  
and bring the poor of the land to an end,

<sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over,  
that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath,

that we may offer wheat for sale,

that we may make the ephah small and the  
shekel great

and deal deceitfully with false balances,

<sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals  
and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Timothy 2:1–15*

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup>I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; <sup>9</sup>likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, <sup>10</sup>but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. <sup>11</sup>Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise

authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup>and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup>Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

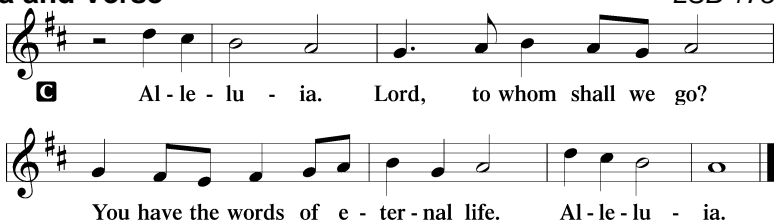
A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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## Alleluia and Verse

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## Holy Gospel

*Luke 16:1–15*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the  
sixteenth chapter.



<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said



to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

<sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him.

<sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

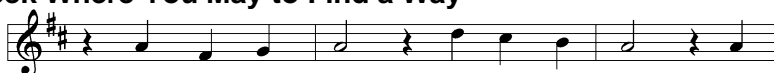
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



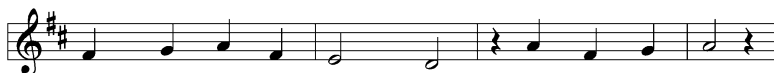
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

## 557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way



1 Seek where you may	To find a way	That
2 Seek whom you may	To be your stay,	None
3 Seek Him a - lone	Who did a - tone,	Who
4 My heart's de - light,	My crown most bright,	O



leads to your sal - va - tion.	My heart is stilled,
can re - deem his broth - er.	All help - ers failed;
did your souls de - liv - er.	O seek Him first,
Christ, my joy for - ev - er.	Not wealth nor pride



On Christ I build,	He is the one foun - da - tion.
This man pre - vailed,	The God - man and none oth - er,
All you who thirst	For grace that fails you nev - er.
Nor for - tune's tide	Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



His Word is sure,	His works en - dure;	He o - ver - throws
Our Ser - vant - King	Of whom we sing.	We're jus - ti - fied
In ev - 'ry need	Seek Him in - deed;	To ev - 'ry heart
You are my Lord;	Your pre - cious Word	Shall guide my way



All e - vil foes;	Through Him I more than con - quer.
Be - cause He died,	The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.
He will im - part	His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
And help me stay	For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.

## **Sermon**

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### **Nicene Creed**

**C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and  
invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all  
worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the  
Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit  
of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of the  
Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to  
judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and  
the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian  
and apostolic Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the  
remission of sins,**

**and I look for the resurrection of the  
dead**

**and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

#### **Prayer of the Church**

P The apostle Paul instructs us: "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." Rejoicing in Christ's salvation offered to all, let us call upon God our Father for ourselves and for all people.

Kind Father, Your Son declared to us that

we cannot serve You and also be devoted to money. Free all Your baptized children from obsession with the goods of this world, that they may set their hearts on the joys of the kingdom and the inheritance that never fades. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C    hear our prayer.**

**P**    Almighty God, You entrust to Your people the abundant wealth of Christ's salvation in Your Word and Sacraments. Bless pastors, that they might be faithful stewards of these mysteries, and grant that all Your people would make proper use of Your Means of Grace and rejoice in Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C    hear our prayer.**

**P**    Maker of heaven and earth, You have created man and woman for different offices and with different gifts, that they might complement one another and glorify You. Grant that, in our homes and congregations, Your people might rejoice in the callings You have given them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C    hear our prayer.**

**P**    God, our Savior, uphold Joseph, our president; \_\_\_\_\_, our governor; and all whom You have placed in high positions with wisdom and mercy, that we may lead peaceable and quiet lives, godly

and dignified in every way. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, be with the sick and those who suffer, those troubled in mind, those grieving in their sorrows, and the dying in their last hours [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Grant them the comfort of Your presence, relief according to Your will and peace in their hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, Your Son gave Himself as a ransom for all and now gives Himself to us, that we might have life and salvation. Give us unity in faith and hearts eager for mercy as we receive His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, You desire all to be saved. Remember Your foes who forget Your Word and call them to repentance and faith, that they also would rejoice in Your righteousness and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks to You, O Lord, for You have forgiven our debt of sin for the sake of Jesus. Preserve us in His grace and life

until that day when You gather us to be  
among the saints in glory around Your  
throne; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

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## Offering / Special Music

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### Offertory

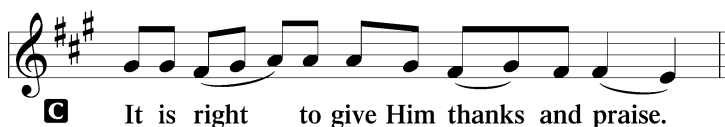
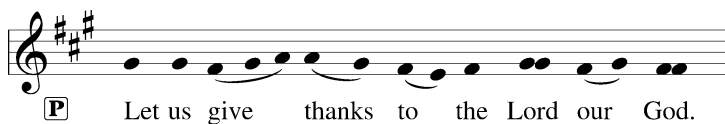
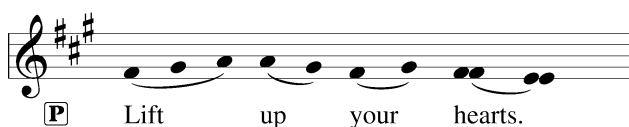
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**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa-lem.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

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P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud



and magnify Your glorious name, evermore  
praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 178

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff starts with a common time signature 'C' in a square box. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the fifth staff.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own

testament. Gather us together, we pray,  
from the ends of the earth to celebrate with  
all the faithful the marriage feast of the  
Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.  
Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and  
preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all  
glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C    Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 179*

**P    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.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

**P    Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when  
He was betrayed, took bread, and when He  
had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to  
the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is**

My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.

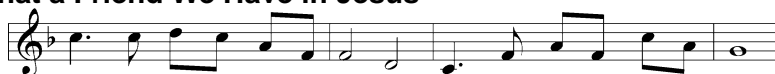
### Agnus Dei

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**G** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

## 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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## 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y, in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see

In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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## 730 What Is the World to Me



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure  
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y  
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers  
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,

When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.  
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,

You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;  
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,  
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:  
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.


You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!  
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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*Stand*

## Thank the Lord

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☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what



### Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that  
 You have refreshed us through this  
 salutary gift, and we implore You that of  
 Your mercy You would strengthen us  
 through the same in faith toward You and  
 in fervent love toward one another; through  
 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives  
 and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and T  
 give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

sts. 1–4



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.  
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My  
 I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.  
 heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.  
 Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.  
 Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.  
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.  
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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