

'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

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- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past And hope of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified And our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death, We see Thy kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P O God, our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

C Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.

P We confess that we have not always brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.

C Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.

P We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both that which we know and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.

C Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.

P Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

C Amen.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Celebration of the Day

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

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1 Love in Christ is strong and living, Binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving. May His will in us be done.

2 Love is patient and forbearing, Clothed in Christ's humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring, Reaching out in charity.

3 Love in Christ abides forever, Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven, Shall endure until life's end.

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P Let us pray.

Lord of love, bless our remembering of the saints of ages past, including Your servant Valentine. Help us proclaim Your love in our day in word and deed as we look forward to the great reunion with all of the saints in Your heavenly kingdom. We pray in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:1–12

Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:12–13; 4:1–6

Alleluia Verse

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C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

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- 1 Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, Heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent, Turning from the summit's rise
Downward toward the shadowed valley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
- 2 Glimpsed and gone the revelation, They shall gain and keep its truth,
Not by building on the mountain Any shrine or sacred booth,
But by following the Savior Through the valley to the cross
And by testing faith's resilience Through betrayal, pain, and loss.
- 3 Lord, transfigure our perception With the purest light that shines,
And recast our life's intentions To the shape of Your designs,
Till we seek no other glory Than what lies past Calv'ry's hill
And our living and our dying And our rising by Your will.

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Sermon

Catechism

The First Article

- P** In the First Article, ... We speak the words of this article of the Apostles' Creed followed by the explanation.
- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P** What does this mean?
- C** **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Farewell to Alleluia

Ecclesiastes 3:1–4, 7

- P** For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die;
- C** a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- P** a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- C** a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
- P** a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- C** a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.
- P** As part of our observance of a holy Lent as it begins this week, we now say farewell to Alleluia until the time of our rejoicing anew at the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day.
- C** Alleluia! Amen.

Benediction

- 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 ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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- 1 Alleluia, song of gladness, Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem Ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding Thus they sing eternally.
- 2 Alleluia, thou resoundest, True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother, All thy children sing with thee,
But by Babylon's sad waters Mourning exiles now are we.
- 3 Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions Make us for a while forgo;
For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.
- 4 Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, blessèd Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee forever singing Alleluia joyfully.

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