



December 28, 2025



But if I go, I will send [the Helper] to you.
And when He comes, He will convict the world
concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:
concerning sin,
because they do not believe in me;
concerning righteousness,
because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;
concerning judgment,
because the ruler of this world is judged.

John 16: 7c – 11



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The Lord's Day

December 28, 2025

God's Call to Us to Worship Him

"Be still and know that I Am God"

Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 31-33

***His Call to Us to Worship Him**

Luke 2:14-15

Elder: The Lord is born!

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Elder: The Lord is born!

People: On earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

Elder: The Lord is born!

People: Let us go ... and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.

Elder: The Lord is with you!

People: We have come to worship him!

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Our Procession Into the Presence of God**

Holy, Holy, Holy!

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The Father Reaffirms His Covenant with Us

Scripture Reading

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Responsive Reading: Psalm 91

***Hymn of Confession**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Elder led prayer

Assurance of His Pardon

From Romans 3:21-22 and Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 21

Elder: But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it – the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

People: By faith I have a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

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Intercessory Prayer

Christ is Made Known to Us

Hymn of Prayer

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

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His Word is Opened to Us

the Rev. Paul Foster

Scripture: John 16:1-15

*"The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever."*

Message: The Holy Spirit, Our Paraclete

Prayer for Response and Obedience

**We Depart with His Blessing
And Sending of His Spirit**

Presenting His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory: "In the Bleak Midwinter" – Gretchen Barker

*Doxology

***Hymn of Our Procession Into the World**

Ps.103: O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

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***Charge and Benediction**

(Trinity Hymn Book #331, vs.2)

Grant our hearts in fullest measure wisdom, counsel, purity,
that we ever may be seeking only that which pleaseth thee.

Let thy knowledge spread and grow, working error's overthrow.

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

The Holy Spirit, our Paraclete

John 16:1-15

the Rev. Paul Foster

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B. Jesus will send him v. 7

C. He will convict the world vv. 8-11

D. He will guide you into all truth v. 13

E. He will glorify Jesus v. 14

My Own Thoughts

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bin and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Responsive Reading of Psalm 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

If you make the Most High your dwelling – even the LORD, who is my refuge –

then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread upon the lion and the cobra;

you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;

"I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

"He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

"With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:22

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til my will is one with thine, to do and to en - dure.
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Edwin Hatch, 1878

TRENTHAM S.M.
Robert Jackson, 1888

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How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
 Ps. 32:1

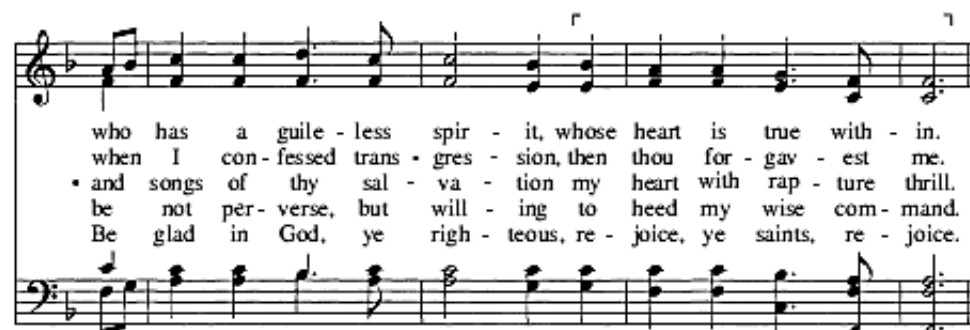
1. How blest is he whose tres - pass has free - ly been for - giv'n,
 2. While I kept guil - ty si - lence my strength was spent with grief,
 3. So let the god - ly seek thee in times when thou art near;
 4. I gra - cious - ly will teach thee the way that thou shalt go,
 5. The sor - rows of the wick - ed in num - ber shall a - bound,



whose sin is whol - ly cov - ered be - fore the sight of heav'n.
 thy hand was heav - y on me, my soul found no re - lief;
 • no whelm - ing floods shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear.
 and with mine eye up - on thee my coun - sel make thee know
 but those that trust Je - ho - vah, his mer - cy shall sur - round.



Blest he to whom Je - ho - vah will not im - pute his sin,
 but when I owned my tres - pass, my sin hid not from thee,
 • In thee, O Lord, I hide me, thou sav - est me from ill,
 But be ye not un - rul - y, or slow to un - der - stand;
 Then in the Lord be joy - ful, in song lift up your voice.

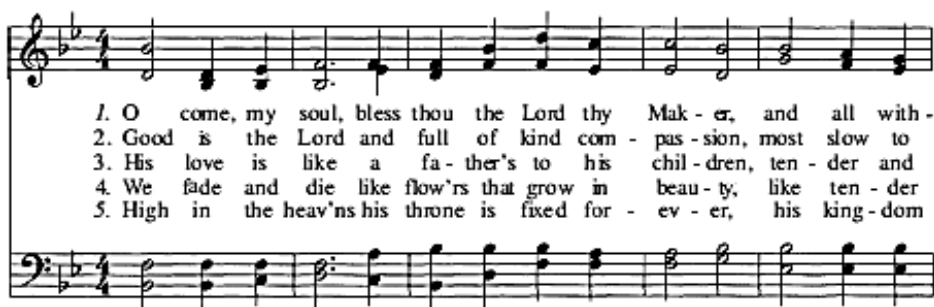


who has a guile - less spir - it, whose heart is true with - in.
 when I con - fessed trans - gres - sion, then thou for - gav - est me.
 • and songs of thy sal - va - tion my heart with rap - ture thrill.
 be not per - verse, but will - ing to heed my wise com - mand.
 Be glad in God, ye righ - teous, re - joice, ye saints, re - joice.

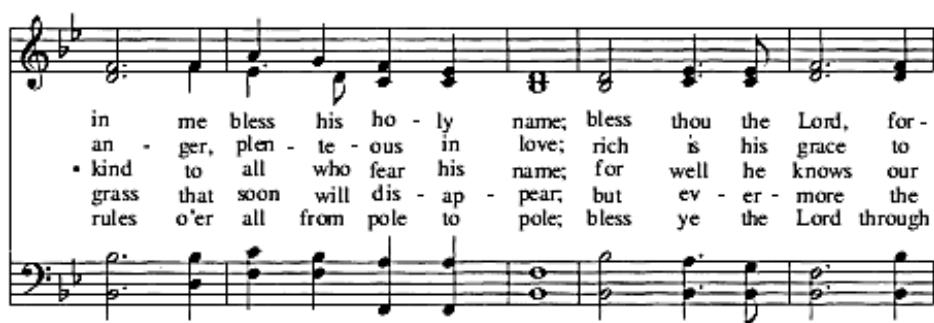
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 Christen Urban, 1834
 Arr. by Edward F. Rimbault, 1867

O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Ps. 103:1


1. O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Mak - er, and all with -
 2. Good is the Lord and full of kind com - pas - sion, most slow to
 3. His love is like a fa - ther's to his chil - dren, ten - der and
 4. We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beau - ty, like ten - der
 5. High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed for - ev - er, his king - dom



in me bless his ho - ly name; bless thou the Lord, for -
 an - ger, plen - te - ous in love; rich is his grace to
 • kind to all who fear his name; for well he knows our
 grass that soon will dis - ap - pear; but ev - er - more the
 rules o'er all from pole to pole; bless ye the Lord through



get not all his mer - cies, his par - d'ning grace and
 all that hum - bly seek him, bound - less and end - less
 • weak - ness and our frail - ty, he knows that we are
 love of God is change - less, still shown to those who
 all his wide do - min - ion, bless his most ho - ly

REFRAIN



sav - ing love pro - claim.
 as the heav'ns a - bove.
 • dust, he knows our frame. Bless him for - ev - er, won - drous in
 look to him in fear.
 name, O thou my soul.

might, bless him, his ser - vants that in his will de - light.

From Psalm 103
The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1961

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James Walch, 1875

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

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The things you have heard me say ... entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. 2 Tim. 2:2

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing ech - oes of your tone;
2. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious things you do im - part;
3. O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my ver - y heart o'er - flow
4. O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you will and when and where;

as you have sought, so let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
and wing my words, that they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
in kin - dling thought and glow - ing word your love to tell, your praise to show.
un - til your bless - ed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Frances R. Havergal, 1872
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Robert Schumann, 1839; arr.