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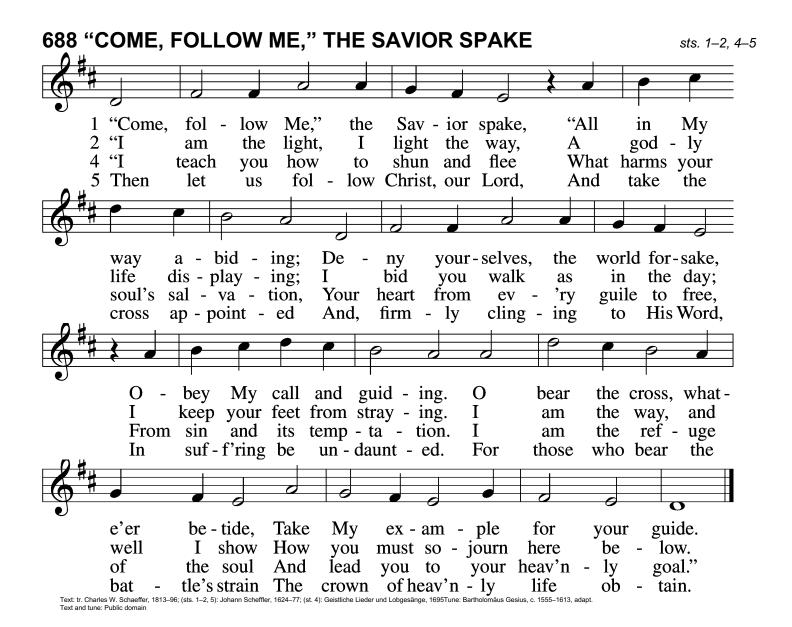
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AS WE GATHER - COUNTING THE COST

Jesus is blunt about the cost of discipleship. He does not sugarcoat the life He calls us to in the baptismal waters but neither does He diminish His promises, gifts, and blessings that accompany this life of faith. Today He calls us to count the cost, knowing that the way of the Christian is constantly tested and tried by our affection for the things of this life, our vulnerability to the enemies of the faith, and the weakness of our own sinful flesh. Part of that cost is not just in what you desire but also in what you are willing to surrender for the sake of Christ and His kingdom.

+ PREPARATION +



INVOCATION

PIn the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CAmen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

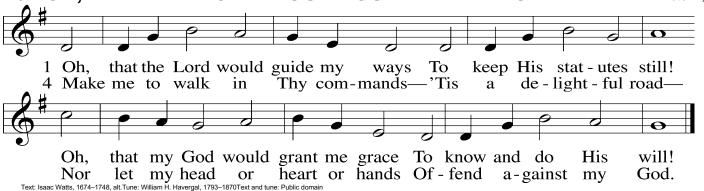
Matthew 17:20b

- PFor truly I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move,
- Cand nothing will be impossible for you.
- PMost holy and merciful Father,
- we confess to You, and to one another, and to the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
- PWe have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.
- CHave mercy and forgive us, Lord.
- PWe have taken for granted Your grace and mercy and lived as though You did not matter and we mattered most of all.
- **C**Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.
- PWe confess to You, O Lord, that we have done the evil Your Word prohibits and have not done the good You command.
- CHave mercy and forgive us, Lord.
- PWe confess that we have hidden our sin from You and from one another and have not confessed honestly before You or to those whom we have hurt.
- We are truly sorry for the sins we have committed in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done that is wrong and by our failure to do what is right. Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.
- PAlmighty 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- CAmen.
- PHe who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.
- **C**And also with you.

+ WORD +

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SALUTATION

LThe Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

PSALM

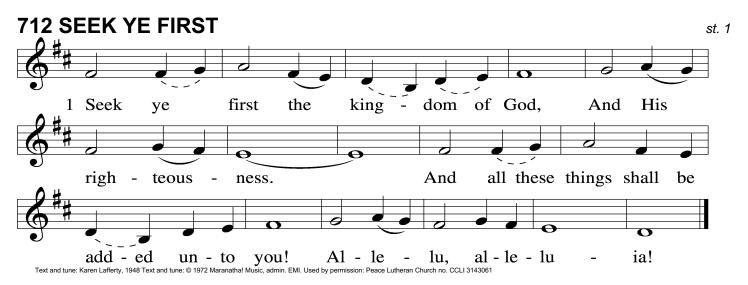
Psalm 1; antiphon: v. 6

¹Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

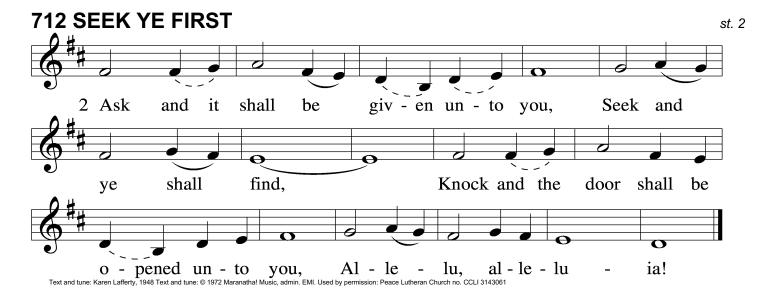
PRAYER OF THE DAY

LO merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

IThis is the Word of the Lord.

CThanks be to God.

EPISTLE Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.

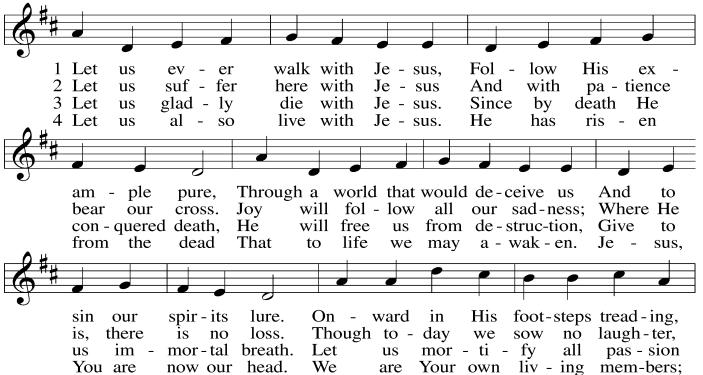
⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you; I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus, ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

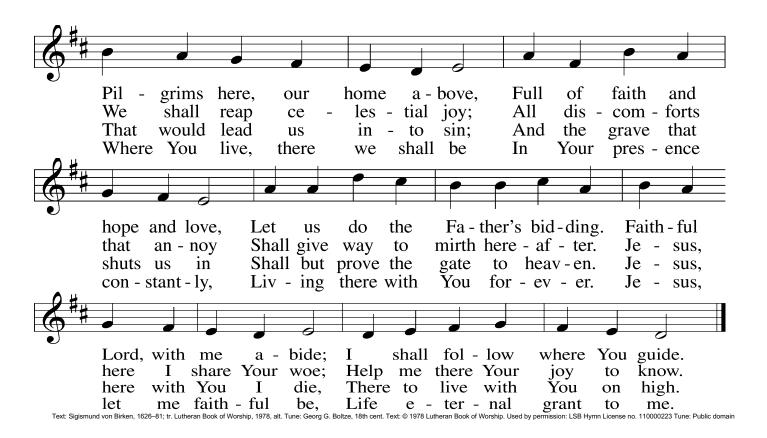
¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it; to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

IThis is the Word of the Lord.

CThanks be to God.







HOLY GOSPEL Luke 14:25–35

PThe Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

PThis is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

GI 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 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

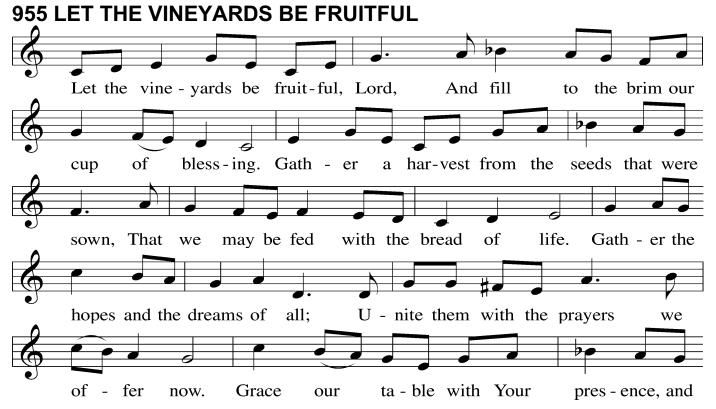
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING AND VIDEO

(At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place in the offering plate. Also at this time, on the back of the attendance slip, please refresh your thoughts or read what we believe, as you prepare to come to receive the Lord's Body & Blood or as you come forward to receive a blessing.)

LWML NOISY MITE OFFERING

(This offering of loose change that is taken, is to support the Mission Grants for LWML. Please see the screen for what is highlighted this month. For more information about these grants, please go to these websites: www.lwml.org and www.midsouthlwml.org)





PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs. That we walk with Christ the heavenly way and follow Him where He has led, that by His obedient life, His life-giving death, and His victorious resurrection we receive the crown of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

CLord, have mercy.

Let That we be wise unto salvation, counting the cost of following Jesus, and by His grace and favor be sustained upon the path of life against all temptations and doubt, let us pray to the Lord:

CLord, have mercy.

In It the nations and their leaders work for peace, that the elected and appointed leaders of our own land act with integrity in the protection of our liberty and in the pursuit of justice, let us pray to the Lord:

CLord, have mercy.

In It That the Lord bless the proclamation of His Word here and in every place and that pastors serve us faithfully in Christ's name, distributing to us the gifts of His grace in the Holy Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord:

CLord, have mercy.

I That all those afflicted in body or mind find healing and relief and those near death and the grieving find comfort, and for all whom we name in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

CLord, have mercy.

■That we learn gratitude for the manifold and rich gifts which God supplies every day and that we learn generosity to share with those in need, let us pray to the Lord:

CLord, have mercy.

Let That we receive in repentance and with faith the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given to us in this Holy Communion and that we manifest the unity of heart and mind in all the doctrines taught us by His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

CLord, have mercy.

In that we be kept holy and blameless until the day of Christ's coming and be received by the mercy of God into the place of everlasting light and life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

CLord, have mercy.

Silence for meditation.

Linto Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

CAmen.

+ SACRAMENT +



PREFACE

PThe Lord be with you. C And also with you.

PLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CIt is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

PIt 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 C ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Ho - ly, Lord. pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth full of Your are glo high san - na the Ho in ry. est. who **Bless** ed is He comes in the name

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

the Lord.

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PBlessed 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.

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Ho - san - na

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.

CAmen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

PAs often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

CAmen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PO Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

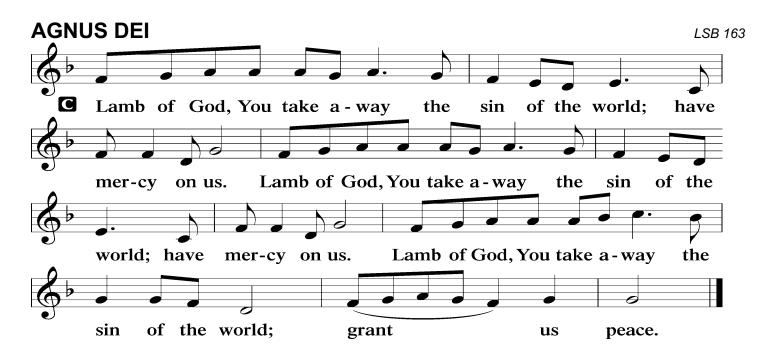
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 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.

PAX DOMINI

PThe peace of the Lord be with you always.

CAmen.



+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

GOOD GOD ALMIGHTY (video)

Crowder

I can't count the times I've called Your name some broken night And You showed up and patched me up like You do every time I get amnesia, I forget that You keep coming around Yeah, ain't no way You'll ever let me down Good God almighty, I hope You'll find me Praising Your name no matter what comes 'Cause I know where I'd be without Your mercy So I keep praising Your name at the top of my lungs

Tell me, is He good? (He's good) Tell me, is He God? (He's God) He is good God Almighty

You say Your love goes on forever, that Your mercy never stops So why would I assume You'd be somebody that You're not Like sun in the morning, I know You're gonna be there every day So what on earth could make me be afraid?

Good God almighty, I hope You'll find me Praising Your name no matter what comes 'Cause I know where I'd be without Your mercy So I keep praising Your name at the top of my lungs

Tell me, is He good? (He's good) Tell me, is He God? (He's God) He is good God almighty

Praise Him in the morning, Praise Him in the noontime Praise Him when the sun goes down Love Him in the morning, Love Him in the noontime Love Him when the sun goes down

Good God almighty, I hope You'll find me Praising Your name no matter what comes 'Cause I know where I'd be without Your mercy So I keep praising Your name at the top of my lungs

Tell me, is He good? (He's good), Tell me, is He God? (He's God) He is good God almighty

Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime Jesus when the sun goes down Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime Jesus when the sun goes down

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DEATH WAS ARRESTED (video)

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin, Lost without hope with no place to begin Your love Made a way to let mercy come in When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh, Your grace so free Washes over me You have made me new Now life begins with You It's your endless love Pouring down on us You have made us new Now life begins with You

Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend When death was arrested and my life began

Oh, Your grace so free. Washes over me You have made me new Now life begins with You It's your endless love Pouring down on us You have made us new Now life begins with You

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began

Oh, Your grace so free Washes over me You have made me new Now life begins with You It's your endless love Pouring down on us You have made us new. Now life begins with You

Oh, we're free, free, Forever we're free Come join the song Of all the redeemed Yes, we're free, free, Forever amen When death was arrested and my life began Oh, we're free, free, Forever we're free Come join the song Of all the redeemed Yes, we're free, free, Forever amen When death was arrested and my life began

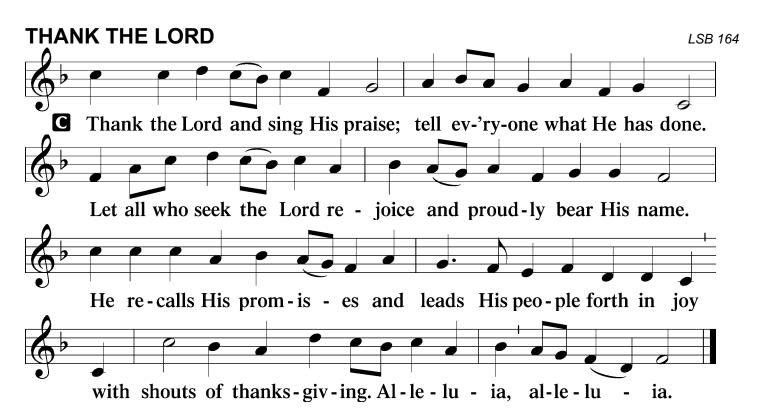
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POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL

PThe body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

CAmen.



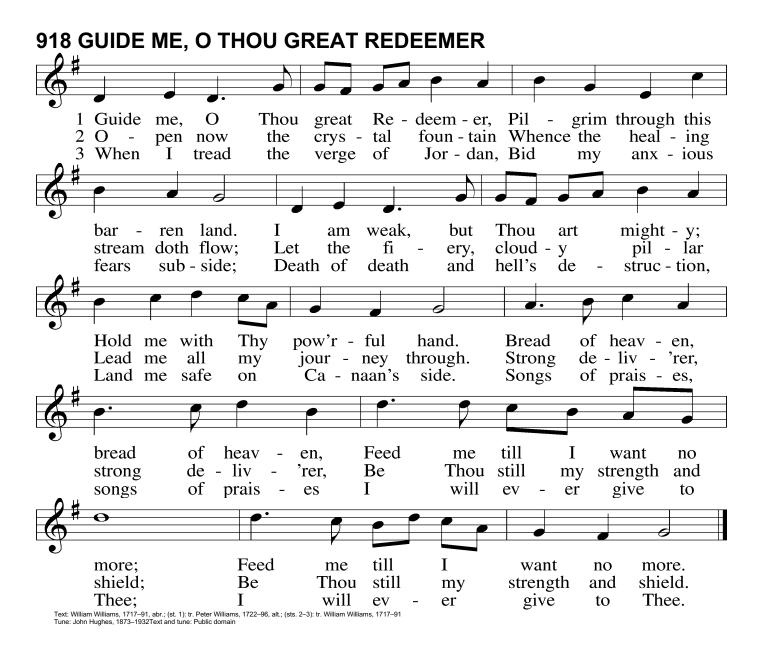
BENEDICTION

PThe 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.

CAmen.



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CLOSING PEACE

LGo in Peace as you serve the Lord.

CThanks be to God.

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