

THE BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather
Nestling bird nor star in Heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given

God, His own doth tend and nourish
In His holy courts they flourish
From all evil things He spares them
In His mighty arms He bears them

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord, His children sever
Unto them His grace He showeth
And their sorrows all He knoweth

Though He giveth or He taketh
God His children ne'er forsaketh
His, the loving purpose solely
To preserve them, pure and holy



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Our Mighty God

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HYMN

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
Eternal is your glorious Word.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OPENING DIALOGUE

from Psalm 73

M: I am always with you, O LORD;
C: **You hold me by my right hand.**

M: You guide me with your counsel,
C: **And afterward you will take me into glory.**

M: Whom have I in heaven but you?
C: **And earth has nothing I desire besides you.**

M: My flesh and my heart may fail,
C: **But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

M: As for me, it is good to be near God.
C: **I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.**

C: **I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

M: What do you say to those who don't know what will happen to them when they die? What comfort can you give to them that would help them face death and all the troubles of this earthly life?

C: **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.**

CLOSING DIALOGUE

from Psalm 136

M: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. (Psalm 136:1)
C: **to him who alone does great wonders, His love endures forever.** (Psalm 136:4)

M: who by his understanding made the heavens, His love endures forever. (Psalm 136:5)
C: **who spread out the earth upon the waters, His love endures forever.** (Psalm 136:6)

M: who made the great lights—His love endures forever. (Psalm 136:7)
C: **to him who led his people through the desert, His love endures forever.** (Psalm 136:16)

M: to the One who remembered us in our low estate His love endures forever. (Psalm 136:23)
C: **and freed us from our enemies, His love endures forever.** (Psalm 136:24)

M: and who gives food to every creature. His love endures forever. (Psalm 136:25)
C: **Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever.** (Psalm 136:26)

HYMN

**1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he lived below.**

**3 Be still, my soul, though dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;
Then you will better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.**

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

M: When the difficulties of life seem overwhelming, many people turn to their own strength to get them through. What do you believe about God, and why would you turn to him?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

M: Many people in this world say that God is not willing to help us when we are in need of comfort or in need of his help. Most don't see him as their only way to heaven. What do you believe about God and what he's done for you?

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: As believers in Christ we are called to repent of our sins and forgive one another. In the book of James we are told, "Confess your sins to each other and pray for one another so that you may be healed." As the body of Christ we unite our hearts in prayer:

C: **O Lord, my God and Father, I come before you as a broken sinner in need of restoration. You know my failings, my fears, my compromises and my doubts. You know my stubborn pride and self-righteousness. You know my most secret sins. I place these and all my sins before you. For the sake of your Son, my Savior Jesus Christ, and trusting in your mercy for his sake, I humbly ask for your forgiveness.**

WORD OF FORGIVENESS

M: My fellow believers in Jesus, it is my joyous privilege to share God's truth with you. *"When you were dead in your sins...God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins...he took it away, nailing it to the cross."* (Col. 2:13-14)

Jesus paid the price for our sins by dying on the cross. He proved the payment was complete by rising from the dead. By His power, and His power alone, your sins are forgiven. As a servant of the risen Christ and by his supreme authority, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

God Loves Me Dearly

1 God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation;
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.

[Refrain] Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.

2 I was in bondage,
sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working
to make me free. [Refrain]

3 He sent forth Jesus,
my dear Redeemer;
He sent forth Jesus
and set me free. [Refrain]

4 Jesus, my Savior,
Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior,
Paid all I owed. [Refrain]

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:9-18

VBS CHOIR

My God Is So Great

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

HYMN:

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace -- how sweet the sound-- That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

SERMON

Exodus 14:10-14;21-27

HYMN

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll—
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Refrain

3 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;
Even so, it is well with my soul.
Refrain

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: O 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.