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Sharing the Peace of Christ

Glory to God #458

Opening Hymn

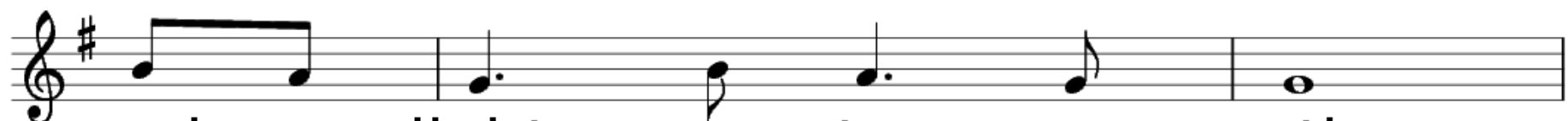
**“Thy Word Is a Lamp
unto My Feet”**

(2x)


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Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet



and a light un - to my path.



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When I feel a-fraid, and I think I've lost my way,




still you're there right be - side me.



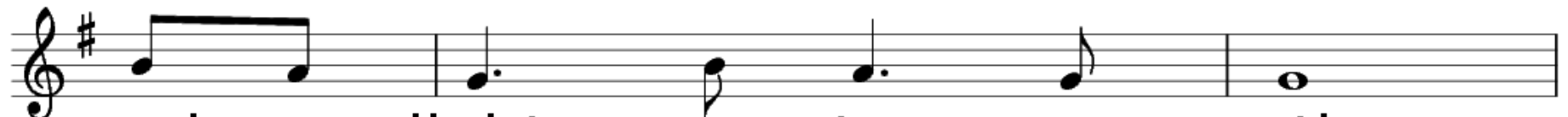
Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.




Please be near me to the end.




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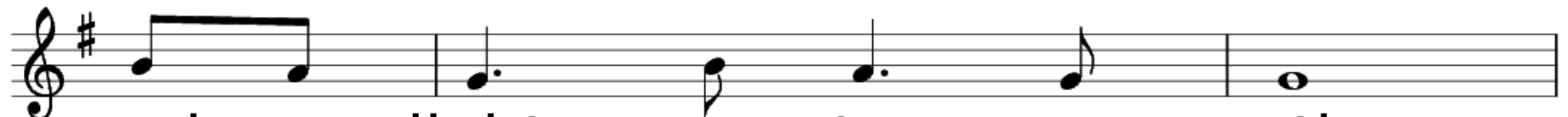
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: As long as you live, praise the
Lord.

**People: We sing praises to our God all
our lives long.**

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

People: All seeing God, too often we close our eyes to what is going on in the world. We ignore those who go hungry, those who need shelter, those who have been abused, those who need emotional support.

**Forgive our inaction, which is so
unlike the compassion and
involvement of your Son, our Savior,
Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Please continue in silent
confession....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the good news!

Happy is the person whose hopes are in
God.

People: God loves us and restores us.

He is straightening us out.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

A Time for Children

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.

At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Zedekiah had said, “Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.”

Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.”

Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver.

I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy;

and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard.

In their presence I charged Baruch,
saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the
God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this
sealed deed of purchase and this open
deed, and put them in an earthenware jar,
in order that they may last for a long time.

For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Luke 16:19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.'

But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.

Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'

Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'

He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Losing Focus”

Glory to God #39

Middle Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness,
O God my Fa - ther;
there is no shad - - ow
of turn - ing with thee.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness". It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D major). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a "1." indicating the first verse. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (half), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter). The second staff notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (half), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter). The third staff notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (half), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter). The fourth staff notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C#5 (half), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter).

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Thou chang - est not;



thy com - pas - sions they fail not.



As thou hast been



thou for - ev - er wilt be.



Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing,



new mer - cies I see.



All I have need - - ed



thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.

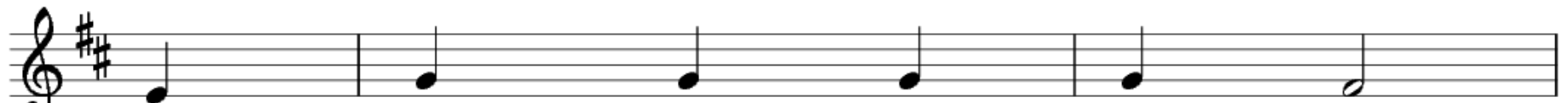


Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!



2. Sum - mer and win - ter,

Musical staff 1: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of four quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, and C5.



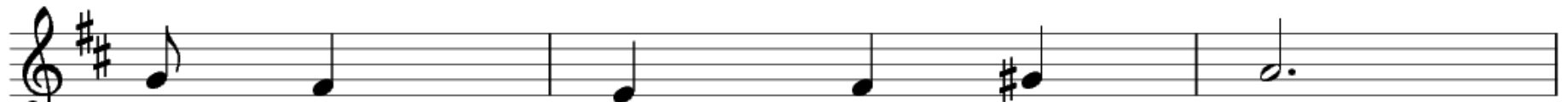
and spring - time and har - vest,

Musical staff 2: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of five quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, and B4.



sun, moon, and stars

Musical staff 3: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of four quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, and C5.

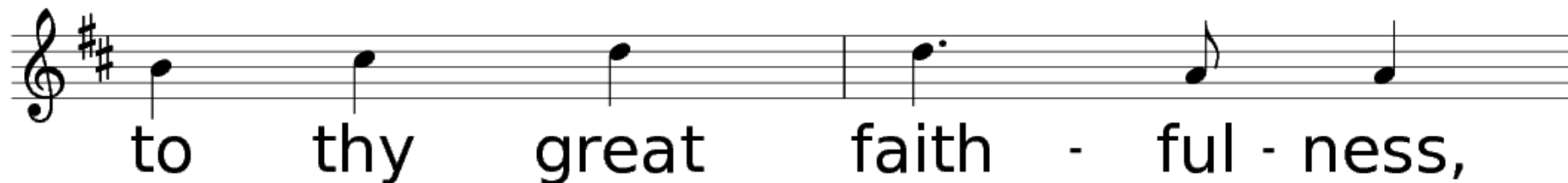


in their cours - es a - bove

Musical staff 4: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of five quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, and D#5.

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Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing,



new mer - cies I see.



All I have need - - ed



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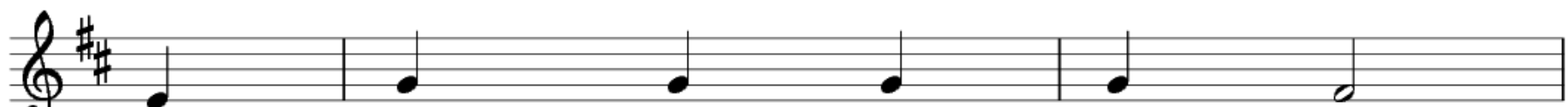


Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!



3. Par - don for sin and

The first musical staff is in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. It contains five notes: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a dotted quarter note on C5, and an eighth note on B4.



a peace that en - dur - eth,

The second musical staff continues the melody with five notes: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on C5, and a quarter note on B4.



thine own dear pres - ence

The third musical staff continues the melody with five notes: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a dotted quarter note on C5, and an eighth note on B4.



to cheer and to guide,

The fourth musical staff continues the melody with five notes: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on C5 with a sharp sign, and a dotted quarter note on C5.



strength for to - - day



and bright hope for to - mor - row:



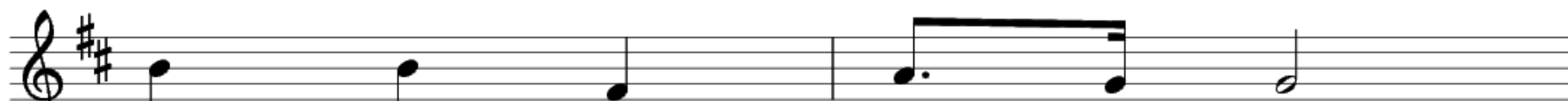
bless - ings all mine,



with ten thou - sand be - side!



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Morn - ing by morn - ing,



new mer - cies I see.



All I have need - - ed



thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

Affirmation of Faith

(Apostles' Creed)

**I 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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on

the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge

the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Giving Thanks to God
with Our Tithes and
Offerings**

Offertory Song

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom
all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures
here below;**

**Praise God above,
ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son
and Holy Ghost.**

Amen.

(repeat Amen 6 times)

Prayer of Dedication

People: Eternal God, graciously receive our humble gifts. Transform our offerings into acts of love to one another and to the whole world; in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Glory to God #306

Closing Hymn

**“Blest Be the Tie
That Binds”**

*TEXT: John Fawcett, 1782
MUSIC (DENNIS, SM): Johann Nägeli; arr. Lowell Mason, 1845*



1. Blest be the tie that binds



our hearts in Chris - tian love.



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds



is like to that a - bove.

3. We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows
the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '3.' indicating a third ending. The music features various note values including quarter notes, eighth notes, and half notes, with some notes beamed together and slurs indicating phrasing. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

5. From sor - row, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign
through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Charge and Blessing

