



**Arlington Hills Lutheran Church**

**Sunday, October 16, 2022**



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## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

### Introduction

*Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.*

**Prelude**

**"Day by Day"**

**arr. Oscar Ahnfelt**

### Welcome and Announcements

## GATHERING

### Greeting

**Heb. 4:12**

P: Alleluia. The word of God is living and active, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**All: Alleluia.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**All: Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,

**All: We confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

*Please stand if you are able*

**Gathering Hymn**                      **“O Word of God Incarnate”**                      **ELW# 514**  
Verses 1, 2 & 3 – found on pages 18-19

### **Apostolic Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

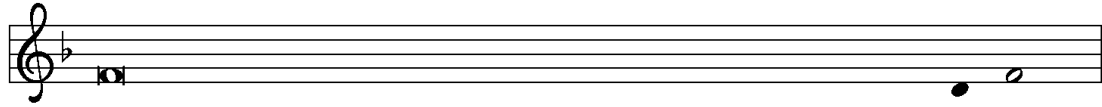
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P:

All:



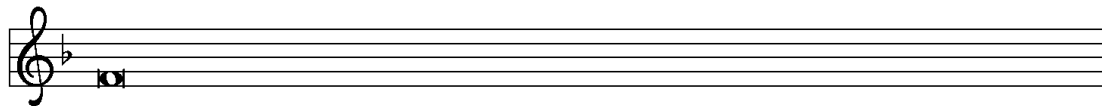
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



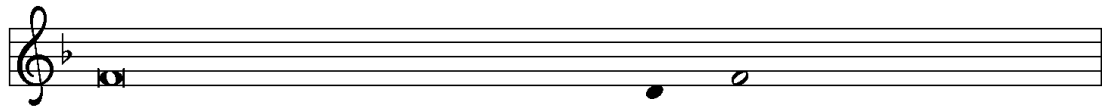
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



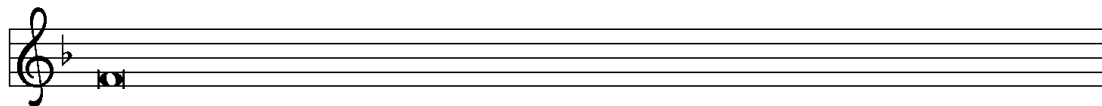
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



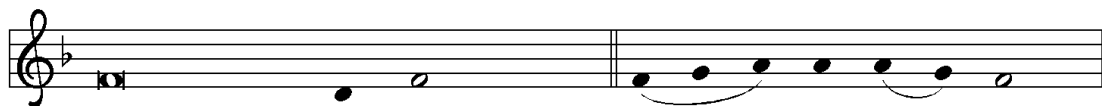
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



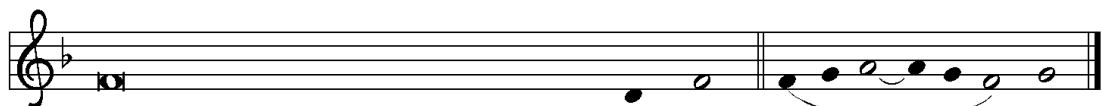
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## This is the Feast

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



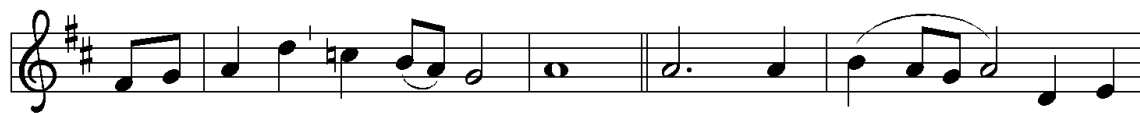
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

**P:** O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## WORD

### First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

*Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

### Psalm: Psalm 121 (read responsively by whole verse)

*My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. (Ps. 121:2)*

AM: <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

All: <sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heav-<sup>l</sup>en and earth.**

AM: <sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

All: <sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

AM: <sup>5</sup>the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

All: <sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

AM: <sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.



**All:** <sup>8</sup>The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5**

*The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are able*

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke the 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

*Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.*

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P: The gospel of our Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

**"Wrestling With God"**

**Intern Becky Sliva**

*Please stand if you are able*

**Hymn of the Day**

**“Day by Day”**

**ELW# 790**

Verses 1, 2 and 3 found on pages 20-21

**Apostle’s Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Prayers of Intercession**

**AM:** *Each prayer will end with:* God of grace,

**All:** **hear our prayer.**

*Please stand for the sharing of the peace*

**Sharing of the Peace**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All:** **And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

# MEAL

Offering Music

## “It’s Me, O Lord” Sunday Morning Choir

African American Spiritual

*Please stand if you are able*

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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## Offering Prayer

P: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

All: Amen.

## Invitation to Communion

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

## Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Please be seated*

## Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed . . .

. . . For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## Communion

### Table Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**All: Amen**

### Prayer after Communion

P: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*Please stand if you are able*

## SENDING

**Sending Hymn**

**“Rise Up, O Saints of God”**

**ELW# 669**

Verses 1, 2, 3 and 5 - found on pages 22-23

### Blessing

**P:** God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**All: Amen.**

### Postlude

**“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”**

**arr. Ronald A. Nelson**

### Dismissal

**P:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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### Leading Worship Today

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Mitch Kinsinger and Intern Becky Sliva

**Music:** Barbara Rossow

**Assisting Ministers:** Roxanne Larsen and Diane Allmendinger

**Ushers:** Florence and Dennis Rasmusson and David Almquist

**Hospitality:** Chris Anderson and Janine Almquist

**Livestream Producer:** Silvester Vicic

**Song Leader:** Janine Almquist

## **Announcements:**

**We are using Liturgical Setting Three from the ELW.** With all of the liturgical settings we have the option of using the traditional Lord's Prayer and the newer version. We have chosen to use the newer version. As we read this version together, we are given the opportunity to think about the changes in the words from one version to the other... "art in heaven"...or "in heaven"; "thy kingdom come" or "your kingdom come"; "our trespasses" or "our sins." How blest we are that no matter which version we say, the Lord's Prayer give us so much meaning.

**You may notice a change in the Sunday Bulletin** we are including larger print of the words only for each hymn next to the harmony version of the hymns. Hope this is helpful.

**Meet the Pastor and Intern** Now that it's official, Mitch is our Senior Pastor and Becky Sliva is our intern we are hosting a "meet and greet" time for you to stop by and say hello, ask questions, or just visit. Stop by the Reception Room on either Wednesday, October 19 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. or Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Coffee and cookies will be available.

### **Please pray this week for AHLC Members and friends:**

Dean Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Wayne Blossey, Margaret Cleary, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Peggy Engh, Dona Haberman, Esther Hallgren, Adeline Hansen, John Hollman, , Richard Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Tyler King, Jan Kowitz, Velta Krauze, John Lind, Linda Nyberg , Tom Nyman, Deb Perry, Priscilla Reeve, Betty Richter, Jackie Staples, Ken Wagner, Gary Winter, and MaryAnn Wistrom.

### **Sunday, October 30,**

Join us on Reformation Sunday at the 9:30 service as we enjoy the music of Agape Quintet. If you'd like, wear red that day.

### **Sunday, November 6, All Saints Day**

### **Sunday, November 13, The Bach Event – Grace Lutheran Church**

### **Sunday, November 20, Christ the King Sunday**

### **Sunday, November 27, First Sunday of Advent**



### **Happy October Birthdays!**

Dean Anderson	October 2
Rebecca Ebert	October 2
David Lauver	October 3
Silvester Vicic	October 3
Ione Elkins	October 4
Robert Groth	October 4
Martha Alkins	October 4
Orv Osmundson	October 5
Lynn Boogren	October 7
Kristin Vogelpohl	October 10

Betty Swanson	October 15
Barb Schmidt	October 15
Jim Persoon	October 16
Ryan Henk	October 17
Don Gritzmaker	October 18
Joann Groth	October 25
Richard Anderson	October 25
Michelle Hanggi	October 25
Bev Stickler	October 30

### **Happy Anniversary**

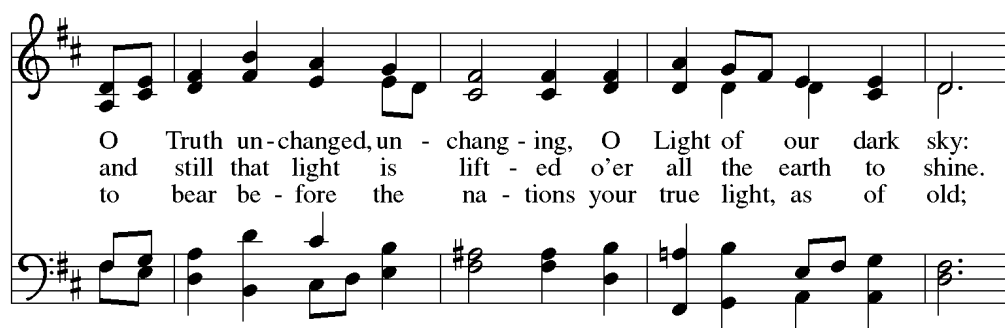
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October 25	48 years

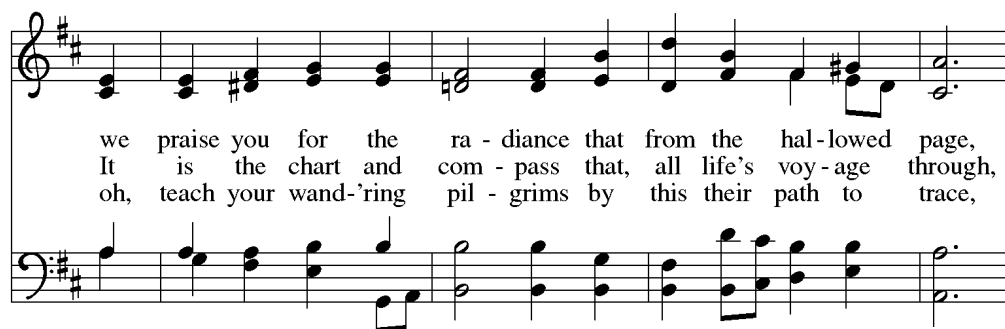
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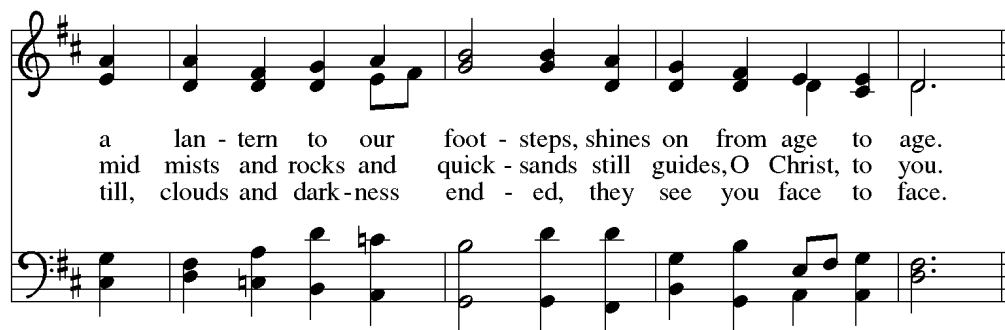
1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;  
 3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,  
 oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.  
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.  
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

## **O Word of God Incarnate**

- 1 O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky:  
we praise you for the radiance  
that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps,  
shines on from age to age.
  
- 2 The church from you, dear Master,  
received the gift divine;  
and still that light is lifted  
o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass  
that, all life's voyage through,  
mid mists and rocks and quicksands  
still guides, O Christ, to you.
  
- 3 Oh, make your church, dear Savior,  
a lamp of burnished gold  
to bear before the nations  
your true light, as of old;  
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims  
by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended,  
they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

# Hymn of the Day Verses 1, 2, and 3

ELW# 790

## Day by Day

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882  
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## Day by Day

- 1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.
  
- 2 Day by day, I know you will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
till in glory I behold your face.
  
- 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
you will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.

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## Rise Up, O Saints of God!

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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## Rise Up, O Saints of God!

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God!  
From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts  
with nobler zeal might burn.
  
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God!  
Despair engulfs earth's frame;  
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,  
the word of hope proclaim.
  
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God!  
The kingdom's task embrace;  
redress sin's cruel consequence;  
give justice larger place.
  
- 5 Commit your hearts to seek  
the paths which Christ has trod;  
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,  
rise up, O saints of God!

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