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Introduction

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Be Joyful in Your Giving" Amy Adams-Westin

GATHERING

Greeting 2 Tim. 1:10

P: Our Savior Jesus Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel

All: Alleluia.

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

All: have mercy on us.

We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth.

P: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand, if you like, for the Gathering Hymn

Gathering Hymn

“Great is the Lord”

W&P# 53

Sung twice - Large print words found on page 18

C Dm G/B C
Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his

F/A G F C/E Dm⁷ C C Dm
pow - er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is

G/B C F/A G
faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is

F C/E Dm⁷ C B^b/C F/C B^b/C F C/E Dm⁷ C
love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.

B^b/C F/C B^b/C G/C C B^b/C F/C B^b/C
Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now

D G E Am Dm G^{sus} G
lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the

Am Am⁷/G Dm G^{sus} G C C^{sus} C
Lord! Great is the Lord!

Text and music: Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith
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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Please be seated

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

ELW# 836

All Verses - Large Print words found on page 19



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

WORD

First Reading: Lamentations 3:22-33

Assisting Minister

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, ²⁸to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, ²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), ³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not reject forever. ³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 30

Read responsively by whole verse

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up. (Ps. 30:1)

AM: ¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

All: ²**O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

AM: ³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

All: ⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

AM: ⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

All: ⁶**While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**

AM: ⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.” Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

All: ⁸**I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

AM: ⁹“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

All: ¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper.”**

AM: ¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

All: ¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

ELW page 179

;A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

;A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

;A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

a - le - lu - ya! ;A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The holy gospel according to Mark the 5th Chapter

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

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had;

and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P: The gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Breaking Boundaries

Pastor Mitch Kinsinger

Please stand if like for the Hymn of the Day

All Verses – Large print words found on page 20

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . . near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 when my life is . . . al - most . . . gone,
 and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

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PRECIOUS LORD
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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:* Merciful God,

All: **Receive our prayer.**

Please stand for the Sharing of the Peace

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

MEAL



Please stand if you are able for the Offering Song

Offering Song

Give Thanks

Large print Words found on page – 21



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS. Henry Smith

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P: Let us pray.

All: Merciful God, everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please be seated.

Offering Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

All: Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.**

P: Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

Communion



Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

As pastor comes down to serve communion you may come forward.

Please form a single line to receive the bread from him by holding out your palms to receive the wafer. Once you receive the bread, you may go to the communion assistant on the side closest to where you were seated to receive the wine.

If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you.

Please feel free to say "Amen" after you receive each element if you wish.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Just a Closer Walk with Thee". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;
 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*

Text: North American traditional
 Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

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: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

All: Amen.

SENDING

Please stand if you like, for the Sending Hymn.

Sending Hymn “Go My Children, With My Blessing”

Verses 1, 2, 3, and 4 - Large print words found on page 23



- 1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
- 4 “I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace.”

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919
Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh

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Blessing

P: May God Bless and Keep us. May God's face shine on us and be gracious.
May God look on us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

All: Amen.

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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Leading Worship Today

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Ushers: David Almquist and Elaine & Charles Rohrbach

Hospitality: Kathy and Tom Brackey

Livestream Producer: Silvester Vicic or Jim Persoon

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR AHLC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Dean Anderson, Marjorie Anderson, Sven Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Wayne Blossey, Pamela Boldt, Carol Brockway, Linda Brockway, Carolyn Brusseau, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Wayne Frankenberg, Esther Hallgren, Adeline Hansen, Sarah Jansen, Velta Krauze, John Lind, Marilyn Nelson, Gene Linderkamp, Priscilla Reeve, Betty Richter, Charles Rohrbach, Marnie Rose, Betty Swanson, Ken Wagner, Gary Winter, and MaryAnn Wistrom.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Culver’s Fundraiser and those who came and enjoyed a meal and great fellowship. It was a great night! A special thank you to David Lauver for his coordination of the event.

July Anniversaries

Roger & Diane Allmendinger 07/01

Tom & Kathy Brackey 07/18

July Birthday's

Wiehe, Michael John	07/01	Springer, David	07/24
Krauze, Velta L.	07/02	O'Connor, David	07/25
Hansen, Adeline	07/03	Alkins, Claude	07/27
Edge, Richard	07/07	Hanson, Arianna	07/27
Kowitz, Zackary	07/08	Lind, John	07/29
Hanson, Ronald	07/11		
Anderson, Sharon	07/13		
Hanggi, Judy	07/13		
Seagren, David	07/16		
Brusseau, Carolyn	07/20		
Wiehe, Sarah	07/21		
Pedginski, Richard	07/22		
Wiehe, Laurel	07/22		



Happy 4th July – The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th. If you have an emergency and need to reach someone call Mary at 651-242-0538.



Take a walk-through history In the Fellowship Hall. Many things have been put in the Archive Room over the years that did not necessarily belong there. After sorting through things, we have put those items on tables along the wall in the Fellowship Hall. Items range from plastic containers, framed religious pictures, snapshots of events over the years, folders, binders, and craft materials. Please take whatever you'd like. Check weekly, we could be adding some treasure you can't live without! After July 15, everything will be gone!

Gathering Hymn W&P# 53

Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love,
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true.
By His mercy he proves He is love.
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord, Great is the Lord

Hymn of Praise - Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee ELW# 836
All Verses

1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

Take My Hand, Precious Lord

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home

When my way grows drear
Precious Lord, linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand, lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord
Lead me home

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river, I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord

Offering Hymn
Give Thanks

W&P# 41

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!

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Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1 I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain*

2 Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*

3 When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain*

Text: North American traditional

Go My Children With My Blessing

- 1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.
- 2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
- 3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.
- 4 “I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.”

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Daily Scripture Readings for July 1-July 6

July 1 Nehemiah 8:10	Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'
July 2 Zephaniah 3:17	The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing
July 3 Philippians 4:4	Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
July 4 Acts 2:28	You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.
July 5 Psalm 71:23	My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have rescued.
July 6 1 Peter 1:8-9	Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.