

CELEBRATING 60 YRS OF SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE

10TH Sunday after Pentecost July 28, 2024, 9 AM

AS WE GATHER: OUT OF THE DESTRUCTION . . . HOPE

Sometimes the brightness of the day we are experiencing can affect how we perceive the space in which we are worshiping. A bright, sunny day can lift our spirits; a dark, cloudy day can have the opposite effect. Throughout the pages of Scriptures, God is associated with brightness and light. His setting of the rainbow in the heavens, recorded in the book of Genesis, is a symbol of God's promises to His faithful people. Images mentioned in our hymns also attest to the powerful brightness of God, as in "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" (*LSB* 874), written by Ambrose of Milan in the fourth century. Whether a day has sunny skies or dull clouds or even rainbows, the very presence of God among us brings an eternal brightness to our time of worship.

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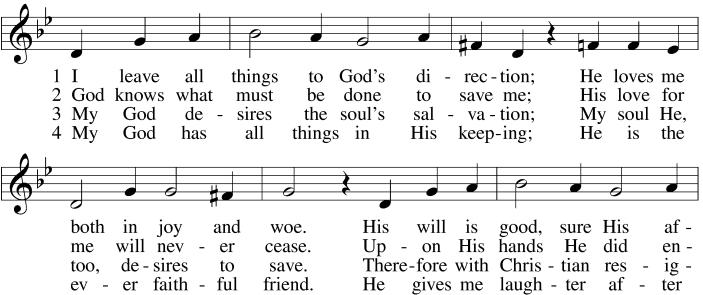
THE OPENING PSALM

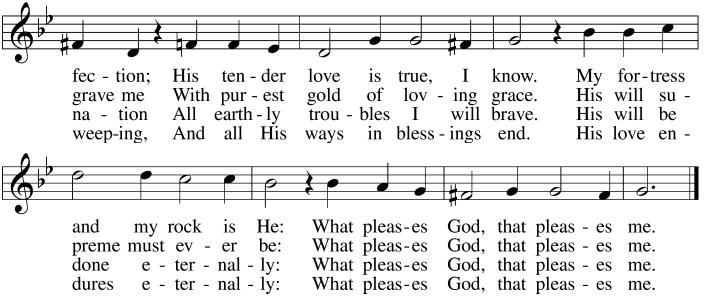
Psalm 136:1-9, 26

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. ²Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever; ⁴to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever; ⁵to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever; ⁵to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever; ⁵to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever; ⁵the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever; ⁵the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever:

²⁶Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

719 I LEAVE ALL THINGS TO GOD'S DIRECTION





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INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 143:1a, 2, 8, 10; 145:8-9

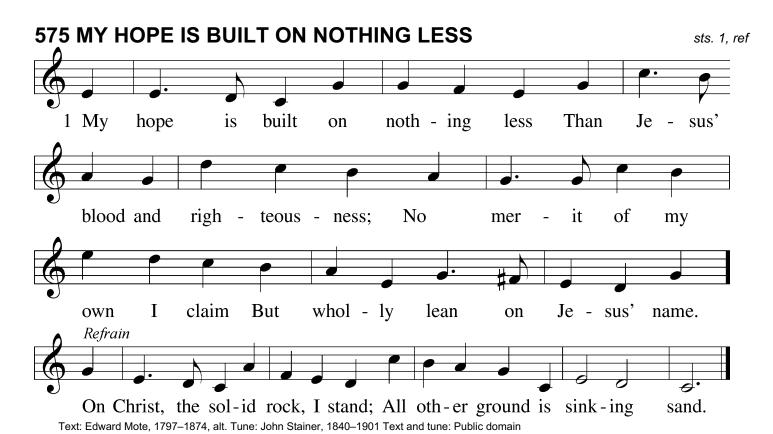
- P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
- **■** Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You.
- P Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.
- Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!
- P The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarize it well.
- Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

- P Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
- O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.
- P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
- C Amen.
- P As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant 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.
- C Amen.

+ WORD +



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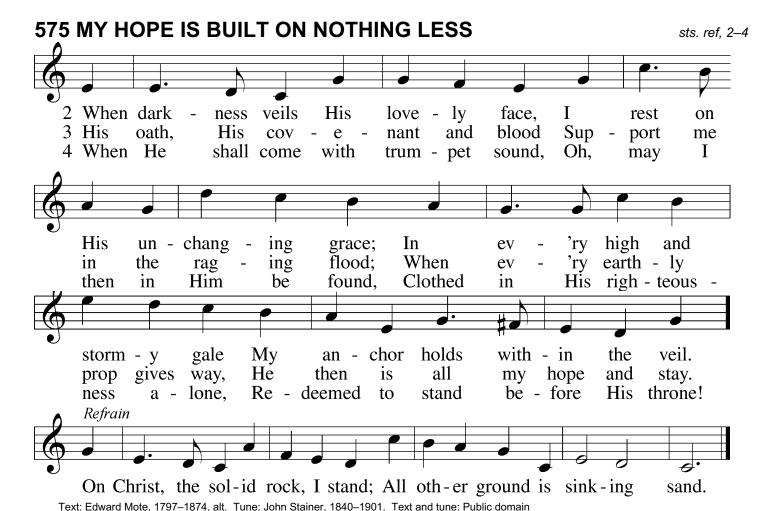
L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen

in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

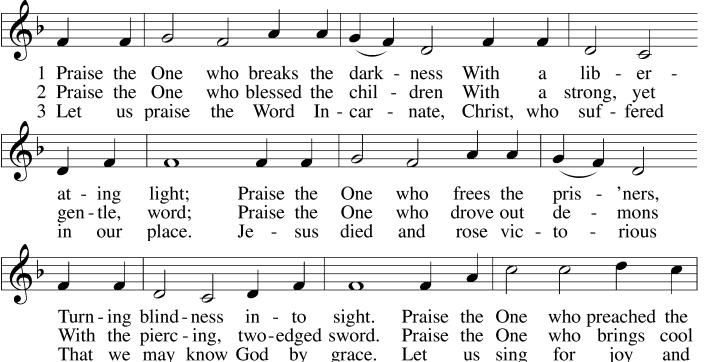
EPISTLE Ephesians 3:14–21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

I This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

849 PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS





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HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:45–56

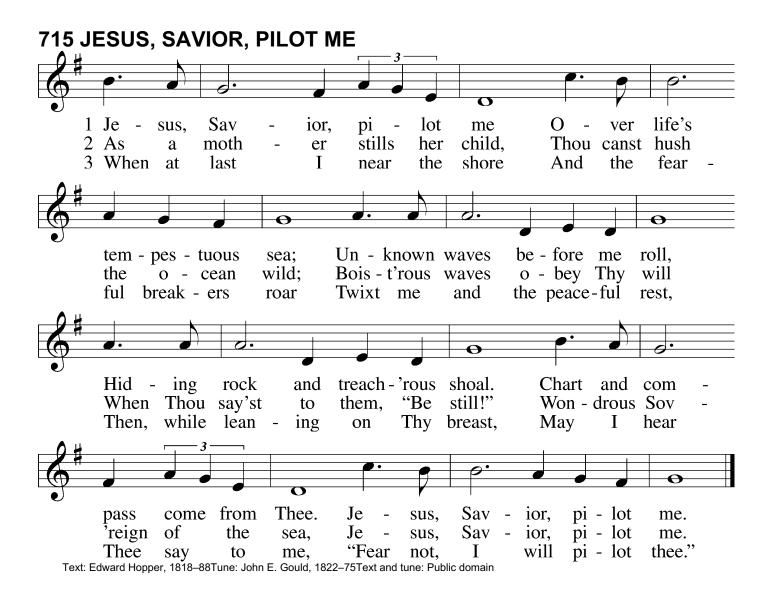
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

- ${f P}$ This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.



SERMON

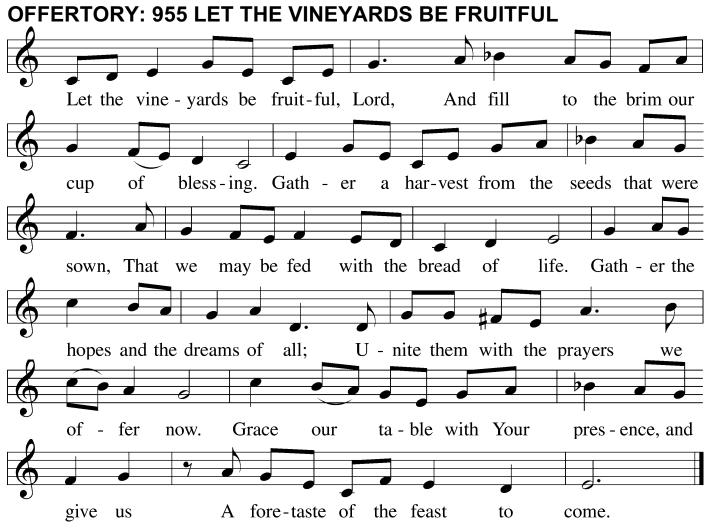
CATECHISM The Second Article

- P We have begun our worship this day in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.
- 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

- P What does this mean?
- I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

OFFERING & 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.)

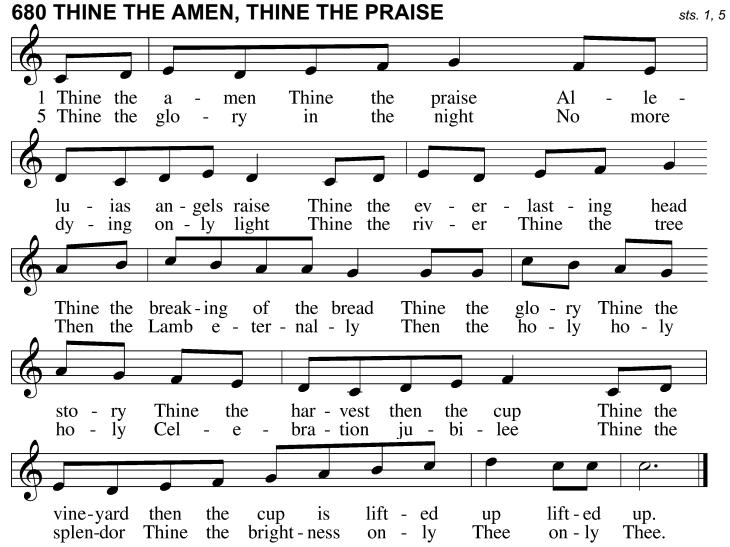


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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- I For the whole family of God in Christ Jesus, that we may be strengthened with power through His Spirit in our inner being; that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith; and that we may be rooted and grounded in love, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- I For the Church, that our Lord, who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, would be glorified in His Church and in Christ Jesus; that He would ground us in love; and that He would give us a faith rooted in Christ's promises and strength to comprehend with all the saints His love that surpasses all knowledge, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- I To the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that He would bless our families even as He blessed Noah, bringing forth new life under His promises, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all marriages, that God would make them strong and fruitful according to His will; and for every home, that God's Word would rule there, uniting it in forgiveness and causing Christ to dwell in every heart through faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For our country, that the Lord of might would spare us and future generations from wickedness; for our leaders, that by God's blessing they would rule according to His good pleasure; and for God's protection over our armed forces, police and all public servants, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all those in need, that they would trust the One sent to heal and make whole, receiving from Him health for body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- I For all who commune, that God would would lead us to His blessed Sacrament with repentance and faith to receive forgiveness and confidence according to Christ's New Testament, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- I Father in heaven, You name every family in heaven and on earth. We give thanks for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. Preserve us in the faith so that Christ might dwell in our hearts richly until that day when we join them around Your throne; for the sake of Jesus

Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

■ And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

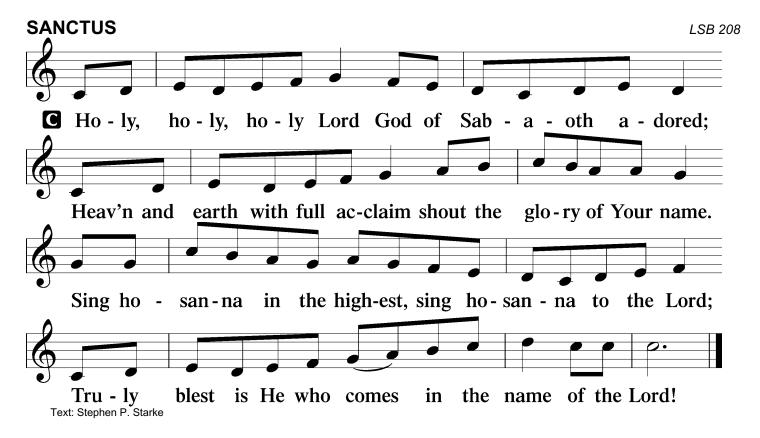
© We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Confident of His compassion on us and rejoicing in the company of the saints on earth and those above, we laud and magnify Your holy name.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your sacred presence among us. Grant that we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **©** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O 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,

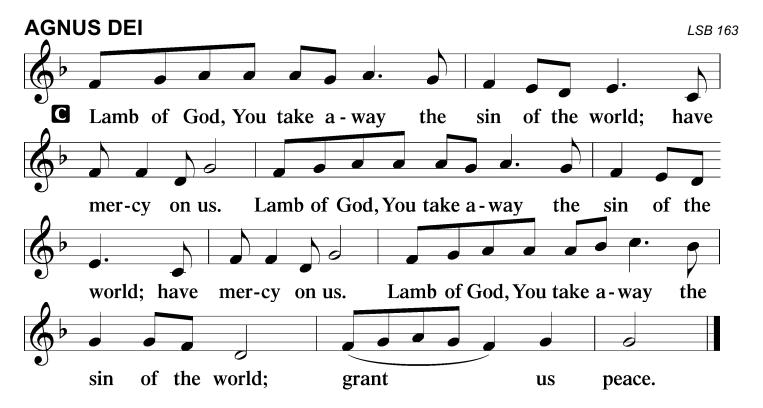
Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** Amen.



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IN JESUS NAME (video)

I speak the name of Jesus over you, In your hurting, in your sorrow I will ask my God to move, I speak the name 'cause it's all that I can do In desperation, I'll seek Heaven And pray this for you

I pray for your healing, That circumstances would change I pray that the fear inside would flee in Jesus name

I pray that a breakthrough would happen today I pray miracles over your life in Jesus name, in Jesus name

I speak the name of all authority, Declaring blessings, every promise He is faithful to keep, I speak the name no grave could ever hold He is greater, He is stronger He's the God of possible

I pray for your healing, That circumstances would change
I pray that the fear inside would flee in Jesus name
I pray that a breakthrough would happen today
I pray miracles over your life in Jesus name, In Jesus name

Come believe it, Come receive it
Oh, the power of His Spirit is now forever yours
Come believe it, Come receive it
In the mighty name of Jesus, all things are possible

I pray for your healing, That circumstances will change I pray that the fear inside will flee in Jesus name I pray that a breakthrough would happen today I pray miracles over your life in Jesus name

I pray for revival, For restoration of faith
I pray that the dead will come alive in Jesus name
In Jesus name. In Jesus name

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YOU SAY (video)

Lauren Daigle

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low Remind me once again just who I am because I need to know Ooh-oh

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing You say I am strong when I think I am weak And you say I am held when I am falling short And when I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours And I believe, Oh, I believe, What You say of me, I believe The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity, Ooh-oh You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing You say I am strong when I think I am weak And you say I am held when I am falling short When I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours And I believe, Oh, I believe, What You say of me, Oh, I believe

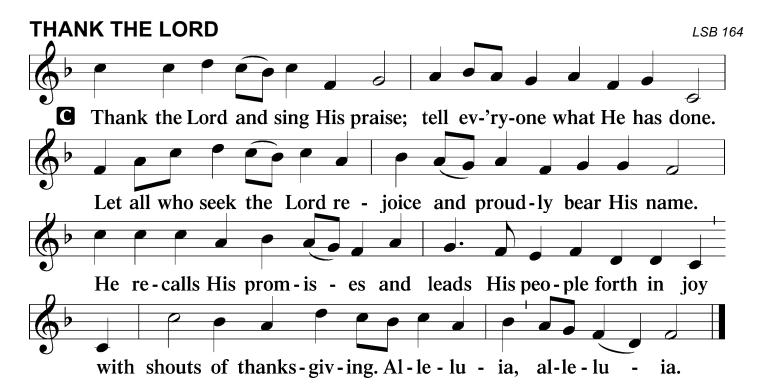
Taking all I have, and now I'm laying it at Your feet You have every failure, God, You'll have every victory, Ooh-oh

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing You say I am strong when I think I am weak You say I am held when I am falling short When I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours And I believe, Oh, I believe, What You say of me, I believe Oh, I believe, Yes, I believe, What You say of me, I believe

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



BENEDICTION

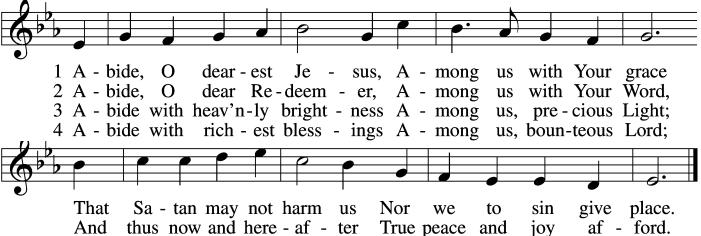
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

919 ABIDE, O DEAREST JESUS



And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford. Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night. Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

- 5 Abide with Your protection, Among us, Lord, our strength, Lest world and Satan fell us, And overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love; Grant steadfastness and help us. To reach our home above.

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CLOSING PEACE

- P Go in Peace as you serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

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