



FOUNDATIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH: Opportunities for Meaningful Service

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ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all about: God's eternal love for us through his Son, Jesus Christ! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing, or sitting will be indicated in this folder or projected on the wall in front of you.

- Restrooms are available just outside the chapel doors down the hallway to the left.
- If you have young children with you today, great! We encourage families to worship together. We do have a nursery area available just outside the chapel near the bathrooms, should you feel the need to step out of worship with your child for a moment.

CURRENT WORSHIP SERIES: Genesis—Foundations of the Christian Faith

We're spending six weeks in a series based on Genesis 1-3. These first chapters of the Bible reveal so many central truths of the Christian faith, all while remaining relevant to the relationships we have in this world. We'll see who God is, who we were created to be, and what we have become. We'll find our purpose in this world and who we are in Christ. Together, as we worship our Lord, we go back to the beginning, back to Genesis, back to the Foundations of the Christian Faith.

Today's Focus: Opportunities for Meaningful Service



OUR GUEST PREACHER

We welcome Jeremiah Wallander as guest preacher today. He is both a son of our congregation and a student in his second year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS). WLS is our church body's school for training future pastors and is supported by our weekly offerings. We give thanks to God for continuing to prepare pastors and teachers for Christ's church!

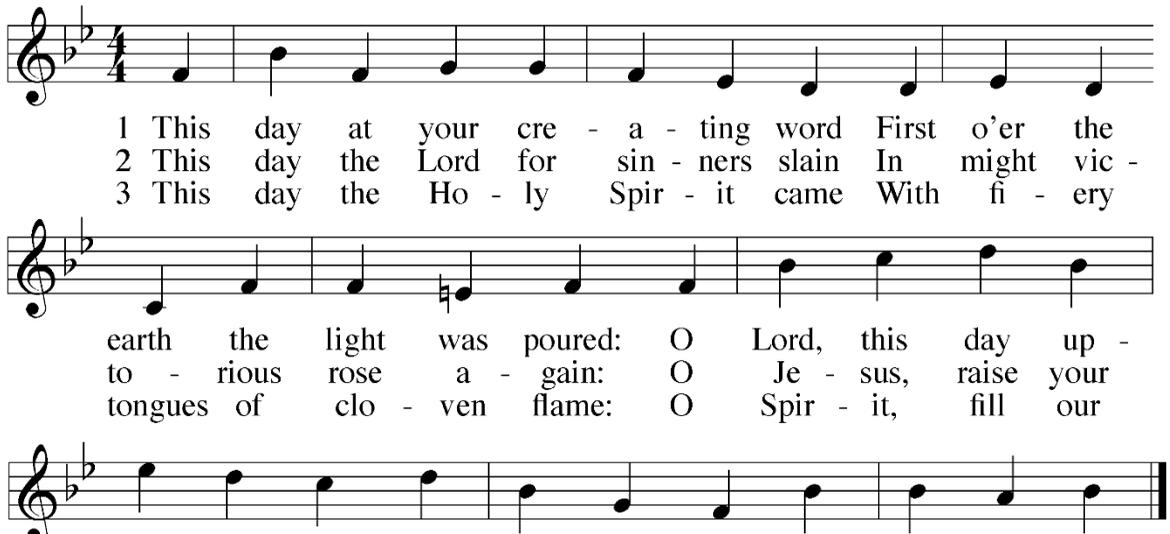
OUR HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE

Communing together signifies a oneness in faith, life and worship. So we ask you to judge us; discover what we believe and determine if you wish to be one with us. If you are interested in taking communion in the future and are not a member of Eternal Love or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, please speak to one of our pastors.

OPENING HYMN

This Day at Your Creating Word*

Christian Worship #229, st. 1-3



1 This day at your cre - a - ting word First o'er the
2 This day the Lord for sin - ners slain In might vic -
3 This day the Ho - ly Spir - it came With fi - ery

earth the light was poured: O Lord, this day up -
to - rious rose a - gain: O Je - sus, raise your
tongues of clo - ven flame: O Spir - it, fill our

on us shine, And fill our souls with light di - vine.
peo - ple, too, From death of sin to life in you.
hearts this day With grace to hear and grace to pray.

STAND

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen! I am a baptized child of God.

* *Stanza 1* leads us to pray seeing the parallel between God the Father's Sunday creation of light (Genesis 1:1-5) and his illuminating us with his Word.

Stanza 2 leads us to pray seeing the parallel between God the Son's Sunday resurrection (Matthew 28:1; Revelation 1:10) and the resurrection to new life he gives us by faith.

Stanza 3 leads us to pray seeing the parallel between the Spirit's Pentecost Sunday empowerment (Acts 2:4-5; Joel 2:29,29) and his powerful working to fill us with his grace through the gospel, baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

OPENING RESPONSES ON GOD'S GIFT OF WORK *selections from Genesis, Ecclesiastes, and Colossians*

M: In today's selection from Genesis 2 we will read that at creation the LORD God took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden to work it and to take care of it. There is nothing better for a man than to eat and to drink and to find joy in his work.

C: This is from God's hand. For who can eat or enjoy himself apart from him?

M: When anyone eats, drinks, and experiences the good things that his hard work leads to

C: —this is God's gift.

M: It is beautiful to eat, to drink, and to look for good in all a person's hard work which he has done under the sun,

C: during the few days of his life that God has given him, for that is his reward.

M: Likewise, for everyone to whom God has given wealth and riches, if God has also given him ability to eat from it, to enjoy his reward, and to rejoice in the results of his hard work

C: —this is a gift of God, for the man seldom reflects on the days of his life, since God keeps him busy with the joy in his heart.

M: Whatever you do, keep working at it with all your heart, as for the Lord.

C: Keep serving the Lord Christ!

HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

Christian Worship Supplement #769, st. 2

♪ **Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

BE SEATED

CONFESSION OF SINS

specifically the idolatry of work

M: Our God seeks faithful work from us [2 *Thess. 3:11*]. Yet too often our work's goal shifts from sustenance and service of others into selfishness. At times we crave the fulfillment of accomplishments done in our name rather than to receive the rest that is found in God's name. We grow tired, lazy, or dismissive, and our work spoils. We evaluate our work according to God's holy standard, the Ten Commandments.†

C: When we compare the thoughts of our hearts, the words of our lips, and the work of our hands to the Ten Commandments, Lord, we confess that we have failed to meet your holy standard of work. We are broken sinners and law-breakers.

M: We deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. We ask you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Jesus gives you eternal life. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Forgiven, then, we ask, "What should we do to carry out the works of God?"

C: Jesus says, "This is the work of God: that you believe in the one he sent." (John 6:29)

M: With believing hearts, let us praise God for his forgiveness:

† Here, then, we have the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20; Deuteronomy 5), a summary of divine teaching on what we are to do to make our whole life pleasing to God. They are the true fountain from which all good works must spring, the true channel through which all good works must flow. Apart from these Ten Commandments no action or life can be good or pleasing to God, no matter how great or precious it may be in the eyes of the world. ...[N]o one is able to keep even one of the Ten Commandments as it ought to be kept.

—The Large Catechism, paragraph 311, 316

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Gloria[‡]

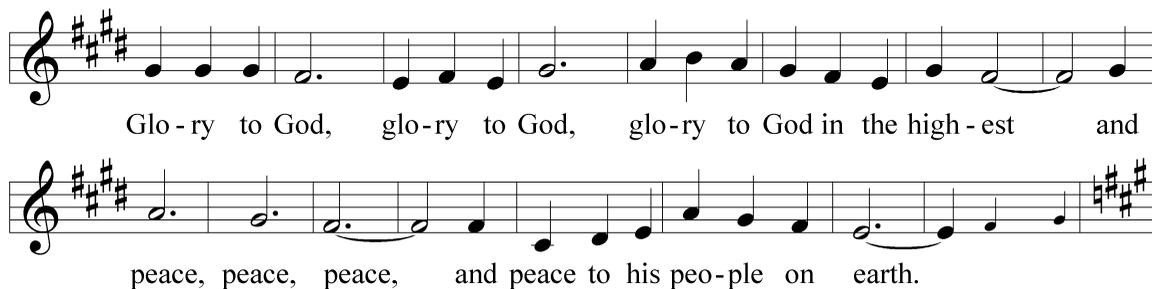
M: (*sings refrain*)



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the
high-est and peace, peace, peace, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

M: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

C: (*sings refrain*)



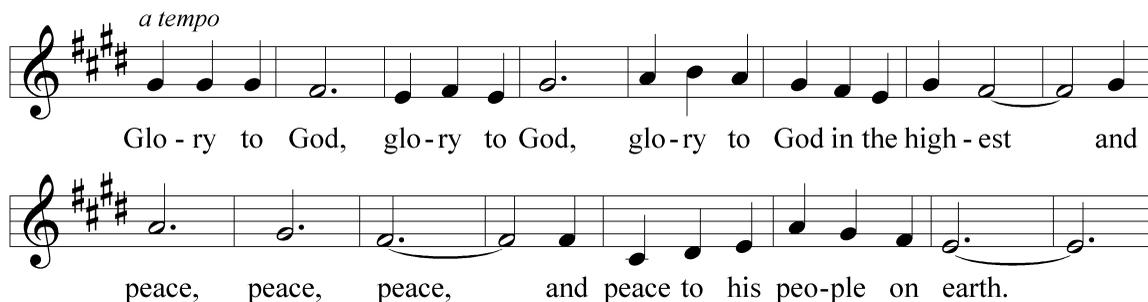
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est and
peace, peace, peace, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

M: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer, receive our prayer.

[‡] The *Gloria* is one of the five major liturgical songs or *canticles*. A triumphal song of praise, it begins by echoing the song of the angels at Jesus' birth: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward mankind" (Luke 2:14). On that night, their praise gave voice to the good news that the Son of God had come in the flesh. Ever since, the Church continues to rejoice in this miracle of our salvation. The focus is on the incarnate Son of God. The Gloria proclaims Jesus to be the one who takes away the sin of the world. (*Understanding Lutheran Worship* (2nd edition) by Kristi Meyer, p. 13. ©2016 St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church)

C: (sings refrain)

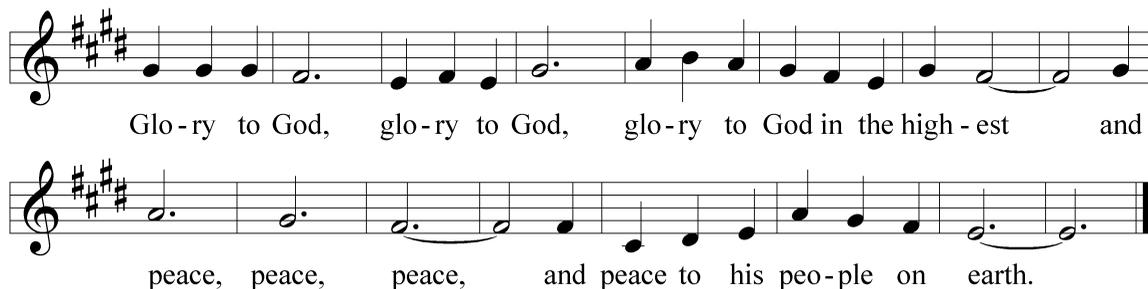
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Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est and
peace, peace, peace, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

M: For You alone are the holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

C: (sings final refrain)



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est and
peace, peace, peace, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, you divide the day from the night. Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet in the way of peace. And having done your will with cheerfulness while it is day, grant that when evening comes, we may rejoice in giving you thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: Amen.

THE WORD

LESSON

Genesis 2:4-15

God created mankind and gave him meaningful opportunities for service.

⁴This is the account about the development of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens:

⁵No bushes that grow in the field were yet on the earth, and no plants of the field had yet sprung up, since the LORD God had not yet caused it to rain on the earth. There was not yet a man to till the soil, ⁶but water came up from the earth and watered the entire surface of the ground.

⁷The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸The LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the LORD God made every kind of tree grow—trees that are pleasant to look at and good for food, including the Tree of Life in the middle of the garden and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

¹⁰A river went out from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divided and became the headwaters of four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first river is Pishon. It flows through the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, ¹²and the gold of that land is good. Incense and onyx stone are also found there. ¹³The name of the second river is Gihon. It is the same river that winds through the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river is Tigris. This is the one which flows along the east side of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden to work it and to take care of it.

SECOND LESSON

2 Thessalonians 3:6-16

The apostle Paul helps us think of our own work ethic as a way to give glory to God and to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ.

⁶We instruct you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to avoid every brother who is walking idly and not in accordance with the teaching that you received from us. ⁷In fact, you yourselves know how necessary it is for you to imitate us, because we were not idle among you. ⁸We never ate anyone's bread without paying for it. Instead, with labor and hardship we worked night and day, so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹This was not because we lacked authority, but to provide an example for you to imitate. ¹⁰In fact, when we were with you, this was our command to you: If anyone does not want to work, he should not eat. ¹¹Indeed, we hear that some among you are idle, not busy working, but being busybodies. ¹²In the Lord Jesus Christ, we command and urge these people to work quietly and eat their own bread.

¹³But you, brothers, do not grow weary of doing good. ¹⁴And if anyone does not obey our word in this letter, take note of him so that you do not associate with him, in order that he may be put to shame. ¹⁵Yet do not consider him an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

¹⁶May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with you all.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children may remain seated with their families for the children's message.

HYMN

My God, My Father, Make Me Strong

Christian Worship #468

Please stand for stanza 5



1 My God, my Fa - ther, make me strong, When
 2 Draw from my tim - id eyes the veil To
 3 With con - fi - dent and hum - ble mind In
 4 What seems im - pos - si - ble I dare; Yours
 5 Heav'n's mu - sic chimes the glad days in; Hope



tasks of life seem hard and long, To greet them
 show, where earth - ly for - ces fail, Your pow'r and
 ser - vice free - dom I will find, Pray - ing through
 is the call and yours the care. Your wis - dom
 soars be - yond death, pain, and sin; Faith shouts in



with this tri - umph song: Your will be done.
 love must still pre - vail— Your will be done.
 ev - 'ry toil as - signed: Your will be done.
 shall the way pre - pare— Your will be done.
 tri - umph, Love must win— Your will be done!

BE SEATED

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Christ’s Love Throws Out the Calculators

- **His Love Freely Forgives Us**
- **His Love Empowers Us to Forgive**

OFFERING

The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. However, we do ask that everyone take part in completing the connection card. Whether you are worshiping in person or watching online, please fill it out now or later at www.eternal-love.org/onlineworship.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, we praise you for your love and forgiveness which throws out the calculators.

C: So we too will forgive from the heart and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

M: May forgiveness always flow from the hearts of your people and be reflected in society.

C: For the President of the United States and all those who represent you in government, we pray:

M: With your blessing may they govern compassionately, legislate wisely, judge fairly, and enforce carefully for the preservation of our society and the blessing of your Church in all the world.

C: For our nation and society, we pray:

M: Bring your healing to those with the virus and to others who are sick or suffering. Bring your soothing care to the spiritually sick, that through the wounds of Jesus—by his death and resurrection—sinners might be healed.

C: For the meaningful opportunities for service you place before us, we pray:

M: Help us to keep work in its proper place in our hearts. Where there is laziness, convict us, forgive us, and move us to work faithfully as to you. Where there is workaholism, convict us, forgive us, and teach us contentment in you. Where there is frustration, give us patience and wisdom. Where there is joy, move us to give you glory.

C: For Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, we pray:

M: Fill our professors with the wisdom of the Spirit, that they correctly divide the Word of truth. Give humility, eagerness, and faithfulness to the students, our future pastors, that they grow and become strong, filled with wisdom and God's favor.

C: For those who commune today, we pray:

M: Fill us with the assurance of faith which clings to the promises you make in giving us Jesus' body and blood together with the bread and wine. Fill our hearts with forgiveness, spiritual strength, and a committed love and unity as your people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

STAND

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

Eternal Love Lutheran Church practices close communion. We ask that only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member of Eternal Love or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and are interested in communing in the future, please speak to one of our pastors.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

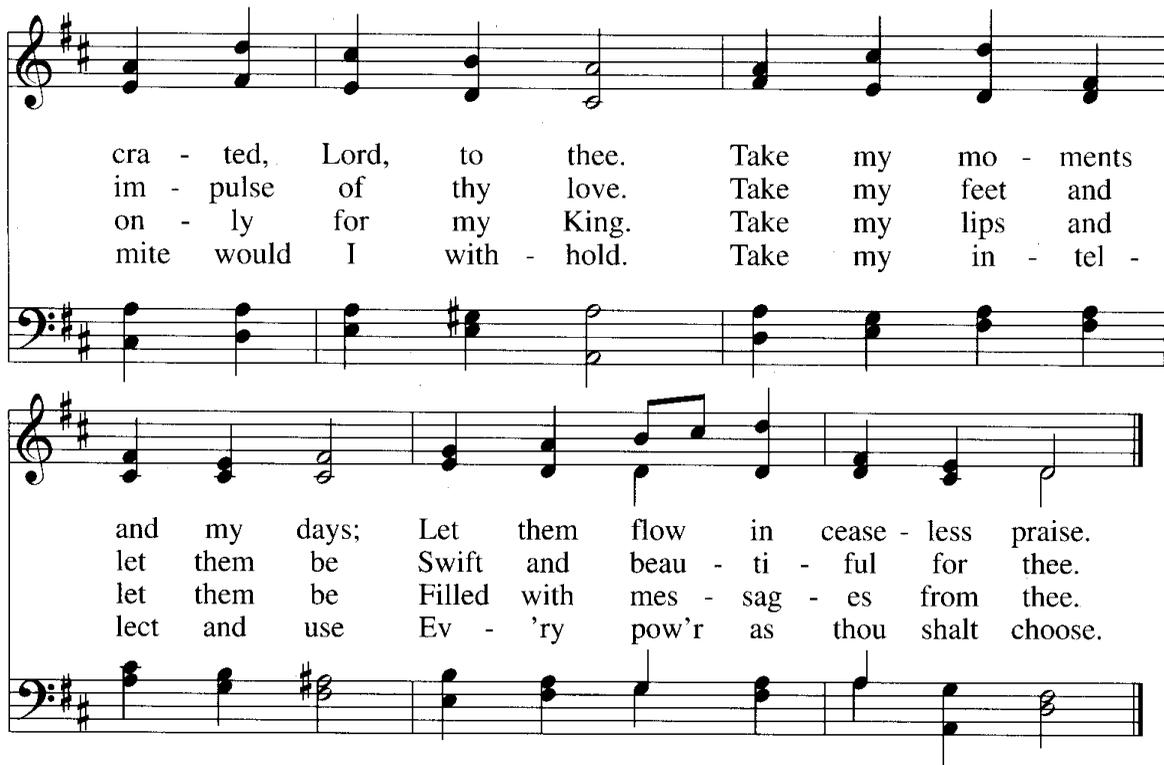
Take My Life and Let It Be^s

Christian Worship #469

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are as follows:

1	Take	my	life	and	let	it	be	Con - se -
2	Take	my	hands	and	let	them	move	At the
3	Take	my	voice	and	let	me	sing	Al - ways,
4	Take	my	sil - ver	and	my	gold;	Not a	

^s Of this hymn's origin, author Frances Ridley Havergal (d. 1879) wrote: "It was nearly midnight. I was too happy to sleep, and passed most of the night in praise...and these little couplets formed themselves and chimed in my heart one after another till they finished with "ever, only, all for Thee."



cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments
 im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and
 on - ly for my King. Take my lips and
 mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -

and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart — it is thine own;
 It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 At thy feet its treasure store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for thee.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to this communion. We humbly thank you for your mercy, that you have fed us here with your body and blood and filled and embraced us with your goodness. O Lord, be near us! We commit ourselves into your hands and put our trust in you. Let us abide with you forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: 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.

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