O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL

1 O bless the Lord, my soul!
   Let all within me join
   And aid my tongue to bless His name
   Whose favors are divine.

2 O bless the Lord, my soul,
   Nor let His mercies lie
   Forgotten in unthankfulness
   And without praises die!

3 ’Tis He forgives thy sins;
   ’Tis He relieves thy pain;
   ’Tis He that heals thy sicknesses
   And makes thee young again.

4 He crowns thy life with love
   When ransomed from the grave;
   He that redeemed my soul from hell
   Hath sov’reign pow’r to save.
5 He fills the poor with good;  
   He gives the suff’rers rest.  
The Lord hath judgments for the proud  
   And justice for th’oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways  
   He made by Moses known,  
But sent the world His truth and grace  
   By His belovèd Son.

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(Stand)

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This is the day which the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

(Sit)

READING Jeremiah 23:16–29

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.
583 GOD HAS SPOKEN BY HIS PROPHETS

1. God has spoken by His prophets,
   Spoken His unchanging Word;
   Each from age to age proclaiming
   God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world’s despair and turmoil,
   One firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, His throne eternal;
   God the first, and God the last.

2. God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
   Christ, the everlasting Son,
   Brightness of the Father’s glory,
   With the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word Incarnate,
   God of God, before time was;
Light of Light, to earth descending,
   He reveals our God to us.

3. God is speaking by His Spirit,
   Speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word declaring
His own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, His Word unchanging;
God the first, and God the last.


**READING**

A  This is the Word of the Lord.

C  Thanks be to God.

**664 FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT**

1  Fight the good fight with all your might;
   Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
   Lay hold on life, and it shall be
   Your joy and crown eternally.

2  Run the straight race through God’s good grace;
   Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
   Life with its way before us lies;
   Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove  
Christ is your life and Christ your love.  

4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;  
He changes not who holds you dear;  
Only believe, and you will see  
That Christ is all eternally.  

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READING  

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

726 EVENING AND MORNING  
1 Evening and morning,  
Sunset and dawning,  
    Wealth, peace, and gladness,  
    Comfort in sadness:  
These are Thy works; all the glory be Thine!  
Times without number,
Awake or in slumber, 
    Thine eye observes us, 
    From danger preserves us, 
Causing Thy mercy upon us to shine.

2 Father, O hear me, 
Pardon and spare me; 
    Calm all my terrors, 
    Blot out my errors 
That by Thine eyes they may no more be scanned. 
Order my goings, 
Direct all my doings; 
    As it may please Thee, 
    Retain or release me; 
All I commit to Thy fatherly hand.

3 Ills that still grieve me 
Soon are to leave me; 
    Though billows tower, 
    And winds gain power, 
After the storm the fair sun shows its face. 
Joys e’er increasing
And peace never ceasing:
  These shall I treasure
  And share in full measure
When in His mansions God grants me a place.

4 To God in heaven
All praise be given!
  Come, let us offer
  And gladly proffer
To the Creator the gifts He doth prize.
He well receiveth
A heart that believeth;
  Hymns that adore Him
  Are precious before Him
And to His throne like sweet incense arise.

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L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

(Stand)

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy 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.

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

(Sit)

SERMON

(Stand)

PRAYER

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.
For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

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

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**LORD’S PRAYER**

**C** 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY
L Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by
the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy
Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving
the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in
His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD
L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures
to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so
hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

BLESSING
BENEDICAMUS

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

Amen.

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