



**PRELUDE**

**BE THOU MY VISION ARR. HEALEY WEALAN**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: When you are at the end of your rope,  
when you feel you have lost  
what is most dear to you,  
when you are content with just who you are,  
when you have worked up a good appetite for God,  
when you care...  
...know yourself to be blessed.

**All:** **We gather each in our places.**  
**We gather in the quiet.**  
**We gather to learn.**  
**We gather in praise.**

## **SONG GTG #824 THERE IS A PLACE OF QUIET REST**



## There Is a Place of Quiet Rest 824

Near to the Heart of God

1 There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,  
 2 There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,  
 3 There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,

a place where sin can-not mo-lest, near to the heart of God.  
 a place where we our Sav-ior meet, near to the heart of God.  
 a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

O Je-sus, blest Re-deem-er, sent from the heart of God,

hold us, who wait be-fore thee, near to the heart of God.



## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God,  
you pour out rich blessings on your people;  
time after time, too often to count,  
we receive gifts of life  
that we neither deserve nor can repay.  
Your love is never withheld,  
even when we are errant in our ways.  
Your anger towards us is never sustained,  
no matter how deeply  
we hurt you and others.

We are sorry for not acknowledging how blessed we are.

We are sorry that sometimes we associate the material things of life as top priority.

We are sorry that at times we fail to show due care towards those who are mourning.

We are sorry for the lack of respect we show to those who are different from us, and for our intolerance towards others.

We are sorry for the words we use, or actions we commit, that disturb the peace of others and result in acrimony and tension.

We are sorry for mistaking the signs of the Kingdom and seeking to enforce our idea of holiness upon others.

Merciful God,  
in sorrow we admit our failings before you.



Yet as we approach you,  
we discover that your care for us remains strong.  
You call us blessed, for despite our ways,  
we remain 'right with you'.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

## **SHARING OF PEACE**

## **WORSHIP CONNECTION**

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE:**

**MATTHEW 5:1-12**



When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**SERMON****#BLESSED****TH. DUMMERMUTH**

Question: *Think of an experience that is currently somewhere in the frame of your life, and from which you would rather run a mile because it is so upsetting, challenging, scary or sad. What might you gain from immersing yourself in and exploring the situation... confidence, knowledge, wisdom, healing... or something else?*



## SONG "COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"

Verse 1 Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing  
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
 Streams of mercy never ceasing  
 Call for songs of loudest praise  
 Teach me some melodious sonnet  
 Sung by flaming tongues above  
 Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
 Mount of God's redeeming love

Verse 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer  
 Hither to Thy help I'm come  
 And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
 Safely to arrive at home  
 Jesus sought me when a stranger  
 Wand'ring from the fold of God  
 He to rescue me from danger  
 Interposed His precious blood

Verse 3 O to grace how great a debtor  
 Daily I'm constrained to be  
 Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
 Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
 Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
 Prone to leave the God I love  
 Here's my heart O take and seal it  
 Seal it for Thy courts above



## **CONFIRMATION**

### **PRESENTATION**

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### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**



## RESPONSE GTG 643 NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,  
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.



## COMMUNION LITURGY

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

**All:** **God of compassion, you bless and break everything we are and everything we bring to you. Our deep scarcity becomes enough to sustain us, and then our "enough" becomes an abundance we could never imagine. We pray that your Spirit of life and love, of tenderness and power, rest upon every bread and every cup, that they may feed the inmost need of each child of God and pour forth a grace that can change the world. Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Amen.**

### SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Leader: The bread on your table is blessed and broken like the picnic of grace.

**Unison:** **Sharing love, we will never be hungry.**

Leader: The cup on your table is blessed and shared like the overflowing of tears and joy

**Unison:** **Drinking deeply, we will never thirst.**



## SONG #852 WHEN THE LORD REDEEMS THE VERY LEAST Vss. 1 AND 3

### 852 When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

1 When the Lord re - deems the ver - y least,  
 2 When the Lord re - stores the sick and weak, we will re -  
 3 When the Lord re - vives the world from death, we will re-joice, will re -  
 4 When the Lord re - turns in vic - to - ry,

joice. When the hun - gry gath - er for the feast,  
 joice, will re-joice. When the earth is giv - en to the meek,  
 When the word of God fills ev - ery breath,  
 When we live in glo - rious lib - er - ty,

*Refrain*

we will re - joice. We will re -  
 we will re-joice, will re - joice, will re - joice. We will re-joice, will re -



joice with glad-ness. We will re-joice.  
 joice with glad-ness. We will re-joice, will re-joice with glad-ness. All our  
 days we'll sing to God in praise. We will re-joice, will re-joice, will re-joice!  
 We will re-joice!

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE    "DIDN'T MY LORD DELIVER DANIEL AND  
 WON'T HE DELIVER ME"**

**BY CARLETON INNIS**