

# THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## THE COMMON SERVICE

### Hymn ----- Jesus Sinners Does Receive

CW 304

1. Jesus sinners does receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander.  
Here is hope for all who grieve-Jesus sinners does receive.
2. We deserve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here their ills have perfect healing  
Who with humble hearts believe-Jesus sinners does receive.
3. Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the Lord forsaken;  
Weary souls who lost their way Are by Christ, the shepherd, taken  
In his arms that they may live-Jesus sinners does receive.
4. Come, O sinners, one and all, Come, accept his invitation.  
Come, obey his gracious call; Come and take his free salvation!  
Firmly in these words believe-Jesus sinners does receive.
5. I, a sinner, come to you With a penitent confession.  
Savior, show me mercy, too; Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve-Jesus sinners does receive.
6. Oh, how blest is it to know, Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow By your blood and bitter passion,  
For these words I do believe-Jesus sinners does receive.
7. Jesus sinners does receive. Even I have been forgiven.  
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to him I cleave-Jesus sinners does receive.

*Stand.*

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



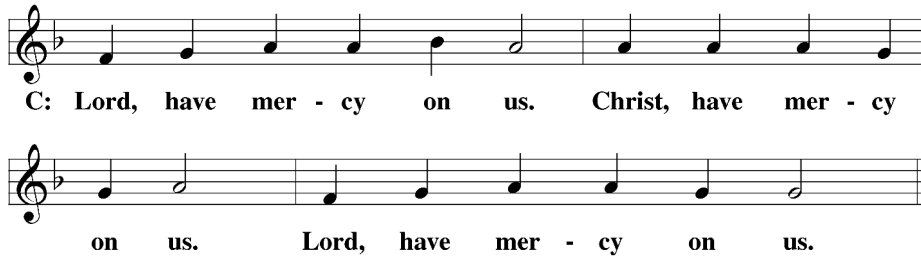
#### CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

*Lord, Have Mercy*

*Kyrie*



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

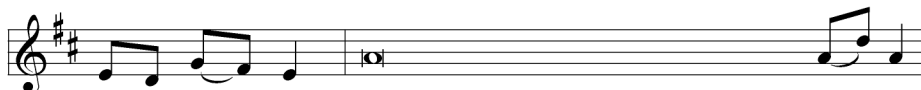


PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

*Oh, Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord*

*Venite*





and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*Prayer of the Day*

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Be seated.*

THE WORD

**First Lesson ----- Isaiah 55:1-5**

Hey, all of you who are thirsty, come to the water,  
even if you have no money!

Come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and  
without cost.

Why do you spend money on something that is  
not bread?

Why do you waste your labor on something that  
does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good.

Satisfy your appetite with rich food.

Turn your ear toward me, and come to me.

Listen, so that you may continue to live.

Yes, I will make an everlasting covenant with you,  
the faithful mercies promised to David.

Look, I appointed him as a witness for peoples,  
a leader and commander of peoples.

Look, you will call out to a nation you do not  
know,

and a nation that does not know you will run to

you,  
on account of the LORD your God,

because of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

**Psalm of the Day ----- Psalm 42-43**

CW p.82

*Refrain*

**Blessed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.**

As the deer pants for streams of water,\*  
so my soul pants for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.\*  
Where can I go and meet with God?

Why are you downcast, O my soul?\*

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,\*  
for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

*Refrain*

Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;\*

let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.\*  
I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

**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.**

*Refrain*

## Second Lesson ----- Romans 8:35–39

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? Just as it is written:

For your sake we are being put to death  
all day long.  
We are considered as sheep to be  
slaughtered.

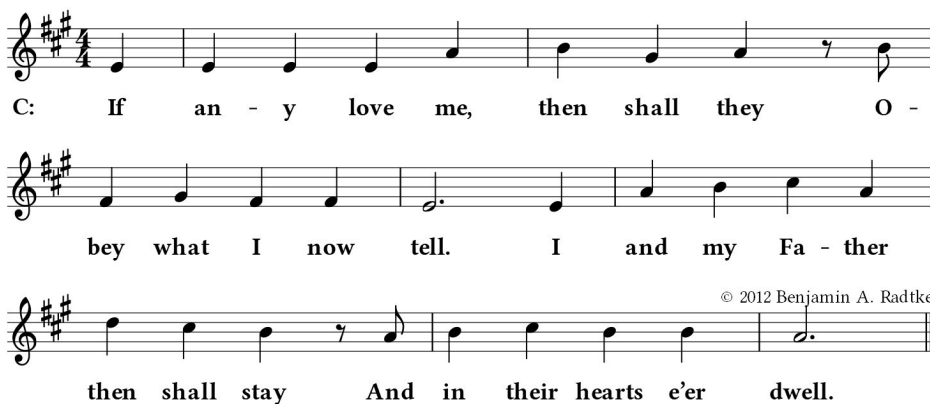
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Verse of the Day*

*John 14:23*

*Tune: CW 261*



C: If an - y love me, then shall they O -  
bey what I now tell. I and my Fa - ther  
then shall stay And in their hearts e'er dwell.

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*Stand.*

## Gospel ----- Matthew 14:13-21

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

When Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place to be alone. When the crowds heard this, they followed him on foot from the towns.

When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. He had compassion on them and healed their sick. When evening came, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place and the hour is already late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

They told him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

"Bring them here to me," he replied. Then he instructed the people to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish. After looking up to heaven, he blessed them. He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples. The disciples gave the food to the people. They all ate and were filled. They picked up twelve basketfuls of what was left over from the broken pieces. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not even counting women and children.

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

**Hymn of the Day ----- Jesus, Priceless Treasure**

CW 349

1. Jesus, priceless treasure, Fount of purest pleasure, Truest friend to me.  
Ah, how long in anguish Shall my spirit languish,  
Yearning, Lord, for thee?  
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!  
I will suffer naught to hide thee, Naught I ask beside thee.



2. In thine arms I rest me; Foes who would molest me  
     Cannot reach me here.  
 Though the earth be shaking, Ev'ry heart be quaking,  
     Jesus calms my fear.  
 Lightnings flash And thunders crash;  
 Yet, tho' sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.
  
3. Satan, I defy thee; Death, I now decry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease.  
 World, thou shalt not harm me Nor thy threats alarm me  
     While I sing of peace.  
 God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour;  
 Earth and all its depths adore him, Silent bow before him.
  
4. Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure; Jesus is my choice.  
 Hence, all empty glory! Naught to me thy story Told with tempting voice.  
 Pain or loss Or shame or cross  
 Shall not from my Savior move me Since he deigns to love me.
  
5. Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.  
 Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather,  
     Still have peace within.  
 Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
 Jesus, priceless treasure!

**Sermon ----- Romans 8:35-39**

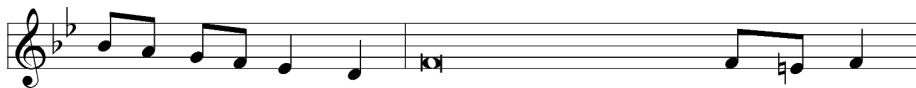
*No Need to Worry*

*Stand.*

*After the sermon, the congregation sings:*



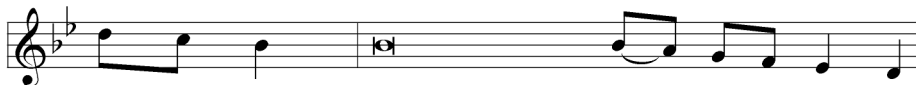
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



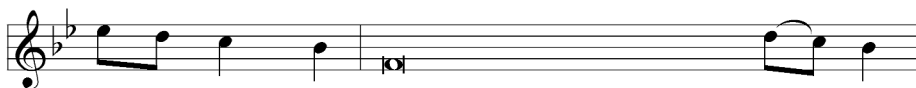
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



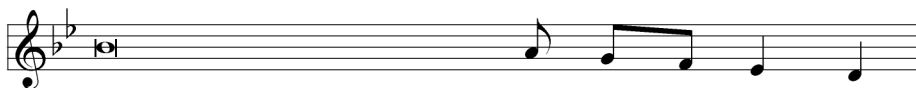
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



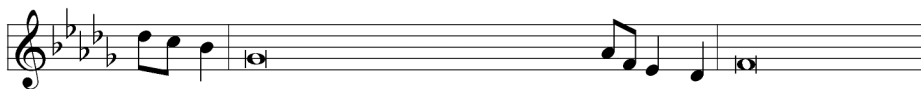
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



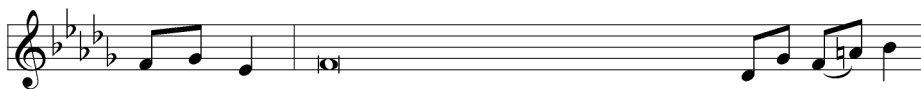
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

*Be seated.*

*Offering*

*Stand.*

*Prayer of the Church*

*The minister offers the petitions and the congregation responds with “**hear our prayer.**”*

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of the Gospel here and around the world.*

- M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- M: Father, Your steadfast love is gracious and overflowing. Teach Your people to look to You in every need; to be thankful for everything that You give them; and to know that no danger, trouble or hardship can ever separate them from Your love in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Father, we give You thanks that You have blessed us beyond what we deserve and given to us Your Church. Bless all pastors and church workers in their service to us in Your name, and bless those now considering and preparing for church work. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Father, Your Son miraculously fed the 5,000 and satisfied them. We thank You for all You provide to support our bodies and lives. Make us content with what You give, that we may not covet or turn elsewhere for what comes from Your hand alone. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Father, we are richly and daily surrounded with Your love and care. Give us eyes to see Your mercies new every morning, and grant us grateful hearts, that what we have received we may generously share with the needy and Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Father, daily You bless us with abundance and freedom. Bless those who defend us from our enemies, who serve us in government and who protect us in our communities. Be with our president, Congress, our governor, and our judges and magistrates, that they may discern the right path and lead us with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Father, visit us in Your compassion. Deliver the sick from their infirmity, the troubled from their afflictions, the grieving from their sorrow and the dying from their fear [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. May all who cry to You receive grace according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Father, Your steadfast love and mercy are forever, but our faith is daily tested and tempted. Give us strength and endurance, that we may not despair but have confidence in Your sufficient grace within Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord, let us seek You while You may be found, call upon You in the day of salvation and be prepared by Your mercy for the day of judgment; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

#### *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.**

#### THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: **And al - so with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Sanctus*



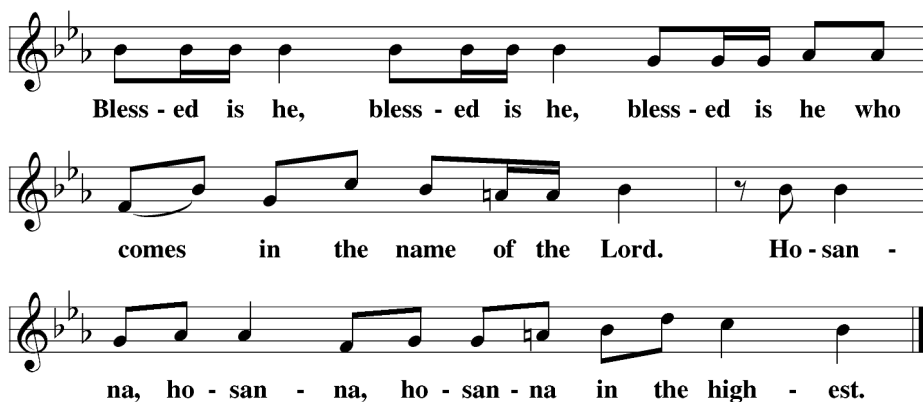
C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### *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."

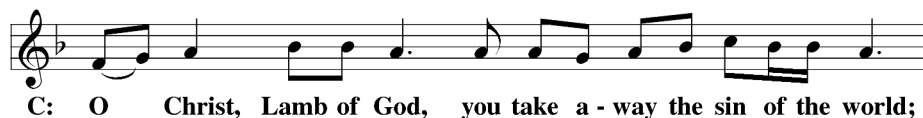
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



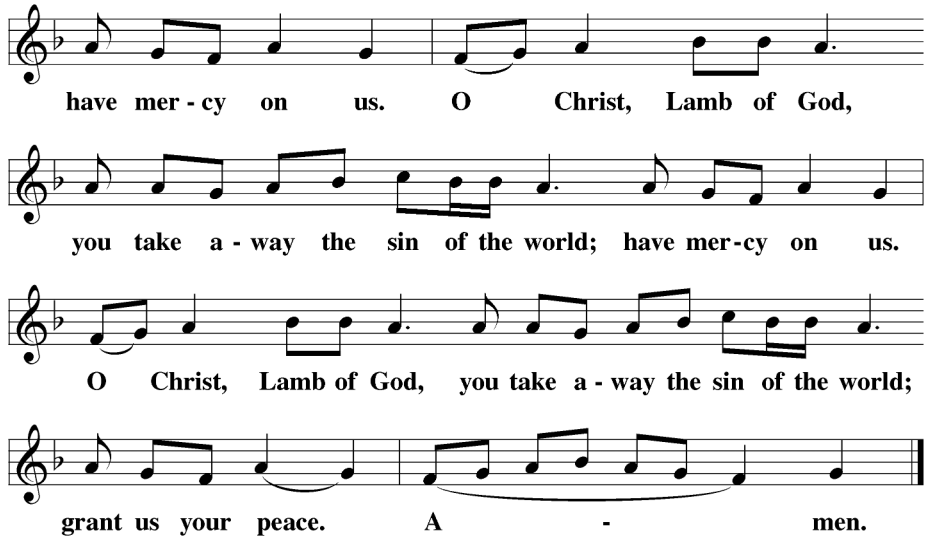
C: A - men.

### *O Christ, Lamb of God*

### *Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



*Be seated.*

#### DISTRIBUTION

*In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.*

*During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymn:*

**Hymn ----- I Come, O Savior, to Your Table**

CW 310

#### *Refrain:*

Lord, may your body and your blood  
 Be for my soul the highest good!

1. I come, O Savior, to your table, For weak and weary is my soul;  
 O Jesus, you alone are able To satisfy and make me whole. *Refrain*



2. Oh, grant that I in manner worthy May now trust solely in your Word,  
And, conscious of the sins before me, Look only unto you, O Lord.  
*Refrain*
3. Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet you your lamb will banish never, Nor will your faithfulness depart.  
*Refrain*
4. Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul,  
That I through willful sinning never May see your judgment take its toll!  
*Refrain*
5. Your heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to you in faith are turning; So let me, too, come trustingly.  
*Refrain*
6. Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed.  
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest.  
*Refrain*
7. You here will find a heart most lowly That feels unworthy in your sight,  
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Your merit pleads, as it is right.  
*Refrain*
8. By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love,  
For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above. *Refrain*
9. What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace.  
*Refrain*
10. This feast is manna, wealth abounding  
Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r,  
To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death's dark hour.  
*Refrain*

11. Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior,  
 Your blood, which you for me have shed-  
 These are my life and strength forever; By them my hungry soul is fed.  
*Refrain*
12. With you, Lord, I am now united; I live in you and you in me.  
 No sorrow fills my soul; delighted, It finds its peace on Calvary. *Refrain*
13. Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is near, who justifies.  
 No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. *Refrain*
14. Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer,  
 For he who is of death the master With help and strength is always near.  
*Refrain*
15. My heart has now become your dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity.  
 With angels I, your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

*After the distribution is finished the congregation stands and sings:*

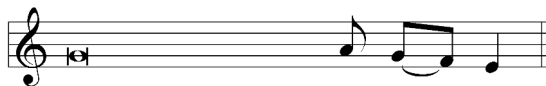
*Song of Simeon*

*Nunc Dimittis*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Be seated.*

**Hymn ----- Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

CW 332

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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