

# Reformation Sunday—October 29, 2023—10am

## + **Gathering** +

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **Prelude**

“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”  
*arr. by Robert J. Powell*

### + **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

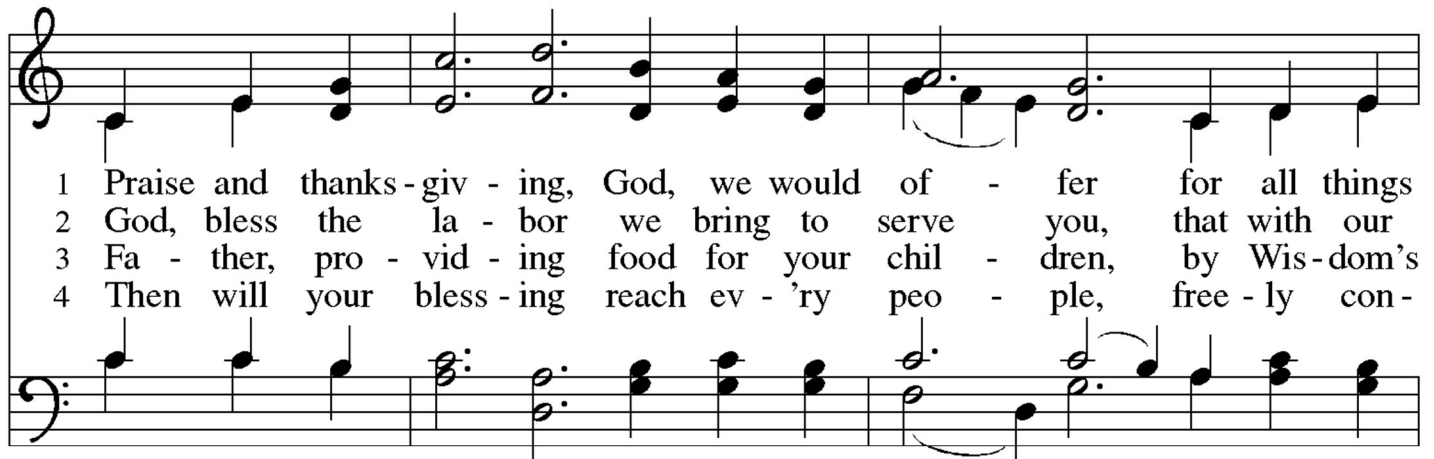
Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

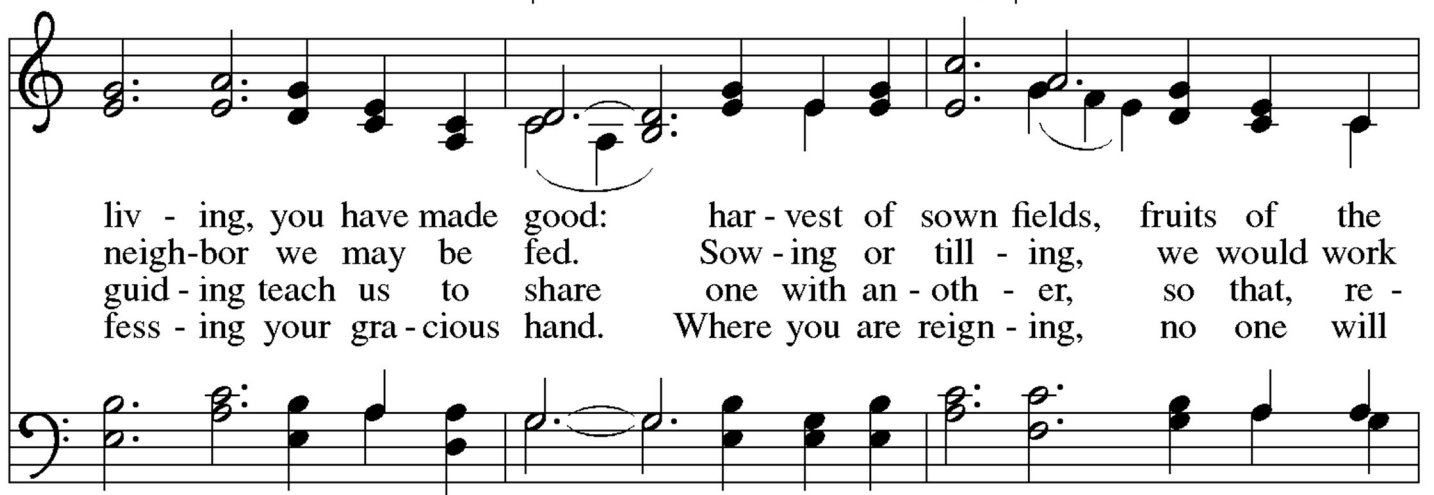
Steadfast and faithful God, **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world’s violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding. God’s compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

# Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la-bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's  
4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-'ry peo-ple, free-ly con-



liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh-ber we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work  
guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-  
fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will



or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.  
with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.  
joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.  
hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

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## + Greeting

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## + Kyrie

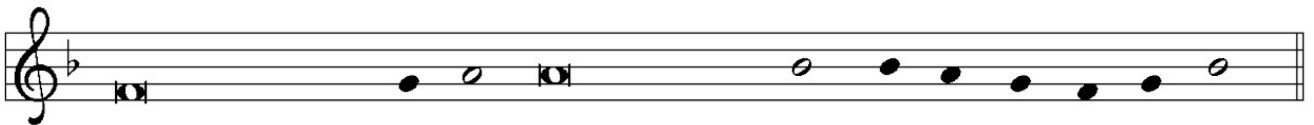
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



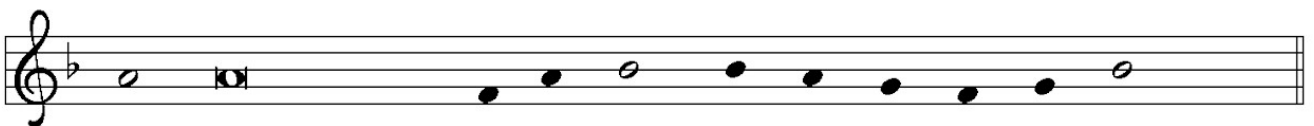
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



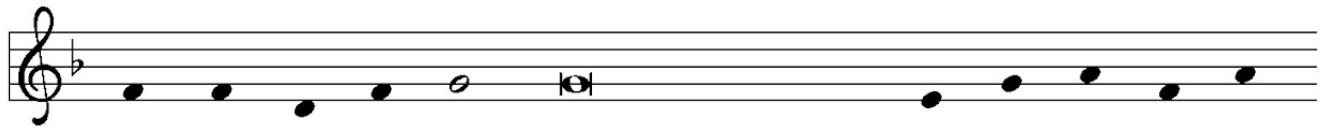
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



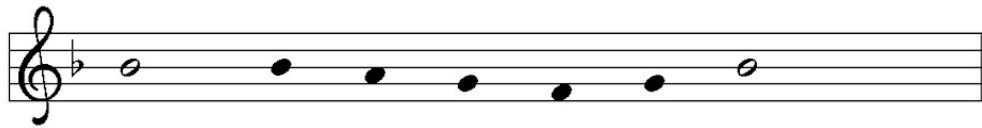
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



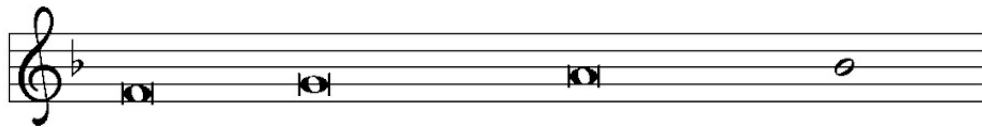
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



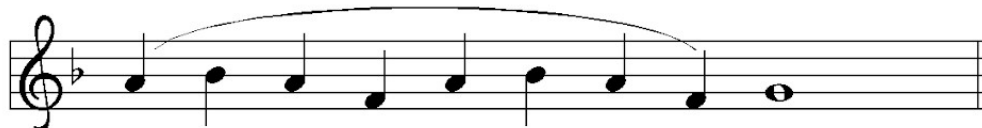
praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

### + Hymn of Praise

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right



hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*Final refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.

**+Word+**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**Bell Choir**

“Victorious!” by Linda Scholes

**First Reading**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

A reading from Deuteronomy.

<sup>1</sup>Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup>all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup>The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” <sup>5</sup>Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. <sup>6</sup>He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. <sup>7</sup>Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. <sup>8</sup>The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

<sup>9</sup>Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed

him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

<sup>10</sup>Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. <sup>11</sup>He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, <sup>12</sup>and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17**

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**O God, Our Help in Ages Past**



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

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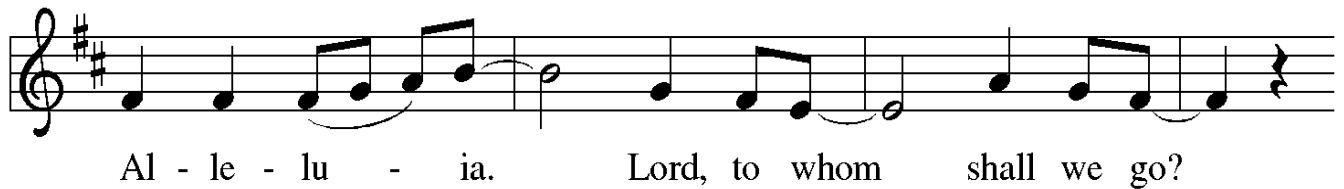
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## + Gospel Acclamation

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## + Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup>He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

<sup>41</sup>Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup>“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup>He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup>‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’?”

<sup>45</sup>If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup>No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

+ Song of the Day

ELW #636

## How Small Our Span of Life



1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:  
 2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty;  
 3 O Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty to plunge in time's swift stream,  
 4 We thank you, God, for kind-ling faith that lights our tran - sient years,



a sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch - ing of a breath,  
 our tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter - ni - ty.  
 to share the short-ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem.  
 il - lu - min - ing our pil - grim - age through mists of doubt and fears;



a drop with-in the o - cean's deep, a grain up - on the shore,  
 While suns and stars spin end - less - ly through depths of cos - mic space,  
 You filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end  
 for hope that sees a life be - yond the swift - ly pass - ing days;



a flash of light be - fore we sleep to see the sun no more.  
 while ae - ons roll and ag - es pass, you hold us in your grace.  
 and touch us with your ris - en life that ours may time trans - cend.  
 for love, both hu - man and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

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**+ Nicene Creed**

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic  
church. We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of  
the world to come. Amen.**

\* universal

## + Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

## + Peace

### +Meal+

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Offering

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## + Offering Prayer

## + Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**


## + Proper Preface

**+ Sanctus**

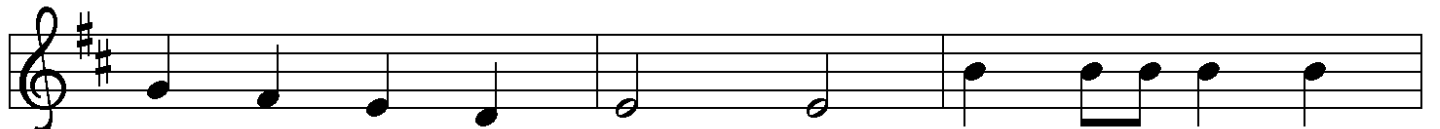
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**+ Thanksgiving at the Table**

## **+ Lord's Prayer**

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## **+ Invitation to Communion**

# Agnus Dei

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

# One Bread, One Body



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



- |   |            |             |              |            |
|---|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 | Gen - tile | or Jew,     | ser - vant   | or free,   |
| 2 | Man - y    | the gifts,  | man - y      | the works, |
| 3 | Grain for  | the fields, | scat - tered | and grown, |



wom - an	or man,	no	more.
one in	the Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to one	for	all.

*Refrain*

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## + Table Blessing





## + Prayer after Communion

### + Sending +

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## + Blessing

## Announcements

## + Sending Song

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## + Dismissal

The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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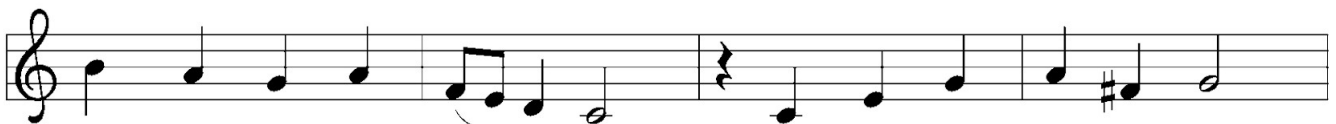
# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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