## Welcome to St Matthew!

If you have any prayer requests and wish them to be included in today's prayers, **please ask for a pink prayer request**, write your request, and hand it to the pastor. Because of the COVID-19 outbreak we will not be having fellowship hour following the services. We hope you worship with us again soon!

Our Mission is to be the living evidence of the mercies of Christ John 13:34-35



**LCMS** 

# **Participation in Holy Communion**

With respect to the gravity of the benefits received with the bread and wine, and to your spiritual health (1 Cor 11:27-29) we invite to the Lord's Table those who make this confession:

- ❖ I acknowledge that I am a sinner, and desire Christ's forgiveness.
- believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death.
- ❖ I believe that the Risen Christ is truly present in the Sacrament in, with, and under the bread and wine that I receive for the forgiveness of my sins. (Matthew 26:26-28)
- ❖ I do intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins.
- ❖ I resolve to dedicate myself to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular worship, sacrificial giving and thankful living.

Visitors who wish to commune at St Matthew are asked to speak with the pastor before doing so. Each pre-packaged communion cup has one wafer and non-alcoholic juice. Tear off the first layer of cellophane for the wafer and then the foil for the juice. On your way back to your seat place your used cup in the basket by the first pew.

If you do not wish to participate in Communion, we invite you to spend the time in silent meditation or prayer. You may be interested in meditating on Psalm 6, 23, 32, 46, 51, or 90 which can be found in the either the Bibles or the Hymnals in the pew racks in front of you.

# Welcoming

## 904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1

Blessèd Jesus, at Your Word We are gathered all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teachings, sweet and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.

2

All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded Till Your Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded. You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.

4

Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light of Light, from God proceeding, Open now our heart and mind; Help us by Your Spirit's pleading. Hear the cry Your Church now raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord, Praise to You and adoration! Grant that we may trust Your Word, Confident of our salvation, While we here below must wander, Till we sing Your praises yonder.

## **Invocation/ Confession and Absolution**

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with

our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** The Lord remembered us in our low estate,
- C His steadfast love endures forever;
- **P** He rescued us from our foes,
- C His steadfast love endures forever;
- **P** He gives food to all flesh,
- C His steadfast love endures forever;
- **P** give thanks to the God of heaven,
- C His steadfast love endures forever.
- May the God who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

## 814 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!

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 27:1–38

<sup>1</sup>When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. <sup>3</sup>Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me, <sup>4</sup>and prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die."

<sup>5</sup>Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, <sup>6</sup>Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, <sup>7</sup>'Bring me game and prepare for me delicious food, that I may eat it and bless you before the LORD before I die.' <sup>8</sup>Now therefore, my son, obey my voice as I command you. <sup>9</sup>Go to the flock and bring me two good young goats, so that I may prepare from them delicious food for your father, such as he loves. <sup>10</sup>And you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies." <sup>11</sup>But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. <sup>12</sup>Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him and bring a curse upon myself and not a blessing." <sup>13</sup>His mother said to him, "Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, bring them to me."

## 814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

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. <sup>14</sup>So he went and took them and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared delicious food, such as his father loved. <sup>15</sup>Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. <sup>16</sup>And the skins of the young goats she put on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. <sup>17</sup>And she put the delicious food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

<sup>18</sup>So he went in to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?" <sup>19</sup>Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me." <sup>20</sup>But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the LORD your God granted me success." <sup>21</sup>Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." <sup>22</sup>So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." <sup>23</sup>And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him. <sup>24</sup>He said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He answered, "I am." <sup>25</sup>Then he said, "Bring it near to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you." So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.

<sup>26</sup>Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near and kiss me, my son." <sup>27</sup>So he came near and kissed him. And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him and said,

"See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed!

28 May God give you of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and wine. 29 Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!"

# 814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

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. <sup>30</sup>As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting. <sup>31</sup>He also prepared delicious food and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me." <sup>32</sup>His father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" He answered, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau." <sup>33</sup>Then Isaac trembled very violently and said, "Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed." 34As soon as Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, O my father!" <sup>35</sup>But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing." <sup>36</sup>Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing." Then he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?" <sup>37</sup>Isaac answered and said to Esau, "Behold, I have made him lord over you, and all his brothers I have given to him for servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?" <sup>38</sup>Esau said to his father, "Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father." And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

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

## Nicene Creed

I believe (Rom 10:8-10; 1 John 4:15; Heb 11:6)

in one God, (Deut 6:4, I Cor 8:4-6; John 10:30; Eph 4:4-6; Matt. 28:19)

the Father Almighty, (Mt 6:9; Ex 6:2-3; Rev 1:8, 4:8)

Maker of heaven and earth, (Gen 1:1; Ex 20:11; Ps 33:6-7)

and of all things visible and invisible (Col 1:15-16).

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, (John 10:30; Rom 10:9; Col 2:6; Acts 10:36; Rev 22:20; Matt. 28:19)

the only-begotten Son of God, (Mt 14:33; 16:16; John 3:16; 1 John 4:15)

begotten of His Father before all worlds, (John 1:2; 1:18; 3:16; 1 John 4:9)

God of God, Light of Light, (Ps 27:1; John 8:12, 12:35-36; 1 John 1:5-7; Mt 17:2, 5)

Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, (John 5:18, 8:58, 17:1-5)

being of one substance with the Father, (John 10:30)

by Whom all things were made; (John 1:3 [Gen 1:3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24, 26; Ps 33:6]; Heb 1:1-2; Col 1:16)

Who for us men and for our salvation (Mt 1:21; 1 Tim 2:3-6; 1 John 1:8-10, 4:9; Is 53:11)

came down from heaven (John 3:31; 6:33-35; Is 12:2)

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and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, (Luke 1:35, Mt 1:16; Is 7:14) and was made man; (John 1:14) and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate(Mt 27:22-26; I Cor 15:3-5; Gal 6:14; Is 53:4-6).
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He suffered and was buried (Mt 27:50-60 [Is 53:9]; Mk 8:31; Luke 23:53).

And the third day

He rose again according to the Scriptures; (Mt 28:5; Luke 24:1-12; Rom 10:9; 1 Cor 15:3-5) and ascended into heaven, (Acts 1:9-11; Luke 24:51)

and sits at the right hand of the Father. (Mk 16:19; Acts 7:55-56)

And He shall come again with glory (Mt 24:27, 25:31; Acts 1:11; Rev 22:20)

to judge both the living and the dead; (Acts 10:42 [4:12]; 2 Tim 4:1 [Rom 1:16-17, 3:21-26, Gal 2:21] whose kingdom shall have no end (Luke 1:33 [I Cor 15:57]).

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, (Gen 1:2; John 14:26; 1 Tim 1:14; Eph 1:13-14; Matt. 28:19)

the Lord and Giver of Life, (Rom 8:2-4; 2 Cor 2:6)

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, (John 15:26; Rom 8:9-11)

Who with the Father and the Son

together is worshiped and glorified, (Mt 3:16-17; Eph 4:4-6)

Who spoke by the Prophets. (2 Pet 1:21; 2 Tim 3:16; Ezek 11:5)

And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. (Eph 2:19-22, 5:26-27; I Pet 2:9) I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, Mk 16:16; I Pet 3:21; Acts 2:38; Titus 3:4-7 and I look for the resurrection of the dead (John 11:23-27; Rom 6:5; I Cor 15:12-58) and the life of the world to come (Mt 25:34; Mk 10:29-30; John 11:25-26; Rev 21:1-7).

**Amen** (Ps 106:48; Rev 22:20).

# 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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. While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

2

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've 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. Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be; Let that grace now 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.

4

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face; Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace! Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away; Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

### **Sermon**

## **Prayer of the Church**

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Hungry and thirsty we come to You, O Lord, and we pray You to supply us with all things needful to this body and life, and to teach us to receive Your gifts with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- With restless hearts we come to You, O Lord, and we pray that by faith we rest our hopes, dreams, anxieties, and needs upon Your everlasting arms and find contentment and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Rnowing that You have established Your Church by Your Word and Spirit and endowed her with the Means of Grace, we pray for those who serve us in Your name: for [name], our Synod President; [name], our District President; and for our pastors and church workers. Raise up those who will follow in their footsteps and serve You faithfully on our behalf. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Rnowing that all power is Yours both in heaven and on earth, we thank You for all the blessings bestowed upon us in this nation and for those who govern

for the protection of the weak, the punishment of the evildoer, and the encouragement of virtue. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P Broken and wounded, we come to You, O Lord, for healing, comfort, and consolation. Hear us on behalf of all those who cry to You in any need, [especially . . . and those we name in our hearts], that Your gracious will be done and all be preserved in affliction and raised to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Mindful of the poor and those who struggle with daily needs, we ask You, O Lord, to grant us the good fruits of the earth and the fruits of our honest labors to supply what we need and for the poor, the needy, and the unemployed. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

Local concerns may be added here.

- P Bidden by Your Word, we come as Your baptized people to feast upon the very flesh of Christ in this bread and His blood in this cup. Grant us the Holy Spirit that we receive these holy gifts in faith and manifest the full fruits of repentance in lives of faith and obedience. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

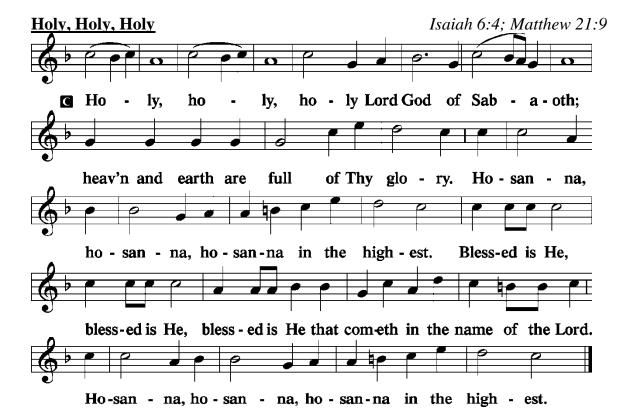
#### **Offertory:**





## **Preface & Proper Preface**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

<u>Lord's Prayer</u>

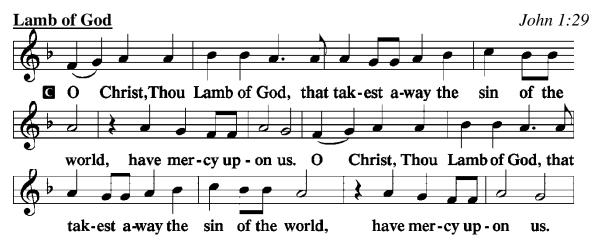
Matthew 6:9-13

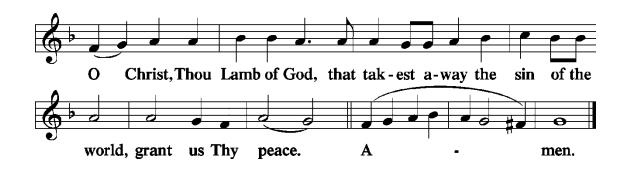
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;

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. Peace of the Lord

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





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## 631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

1

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen; Here grasp with firmer hand the\_eternal grace, And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

2

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load, Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

4

This is the hour of banquet and of song; This is the heav'nly table spread for me;
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.

4

I have no help but Thine; nor do I need Another arm but Thine to lean upon.

It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;

My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

5

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness; Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood; Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace: Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God. Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; The feast, though not the love, is past and gone; The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here; Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

7

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

# 641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat. Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.

1

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice; So when You call Your fam'ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice. Refrain

2

With joyful lips we sing to You Our praise and gratitude That You should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav'nly food. Refrain

3

Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord? Refrain

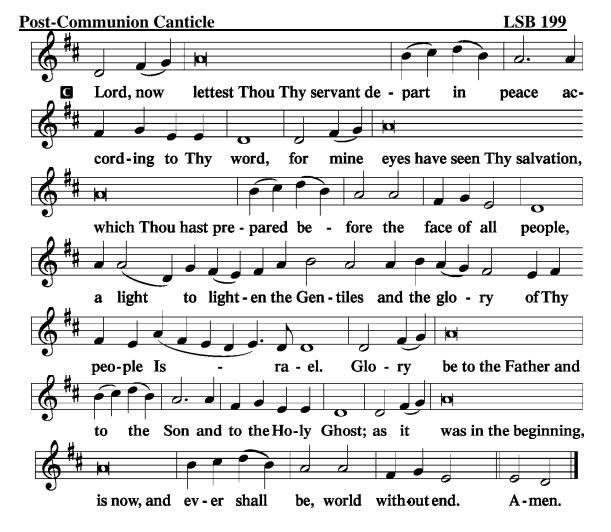
4

The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell: Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell. Refrain

5

You give Yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be, To serve each other in Your name In truth and charity. Refrain

## **Post- Communion Blessing**



## **Post-Communion Prayer**

- Let us pray. Almighty God, in our want we cry to You and You answer us with the food of Your mercy and grace in Christ, our Savior. Keep us from being satisfied by things that have no power to forgive our sins or lead us to everlasting life. Lead us to trust in You, for Your grace will not disappoint us, and Your gifts satisfy us today and through all eternity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

## **Benediction**

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and 

  → give you peace.
- C Amen.

## **Dismissal**

- **P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- **C** Thanks be to God.

## 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace; Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us; O refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.

2

Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may we be found.

3

Savior, when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way, Let not fear of death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever Reign with You in endless day.

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