



## Home at Last

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"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"  
(Psalm 122:1)*

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## Call to Worship

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"  
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!

**Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"  
For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"  
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.**

*(Psalm 122)*

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## Psalm 96

Sing unto the Lord a new song,  
Sing to Him, O all the earth!  
Bless the name of God forever;  
Sing salvation's wondrous worth.  
Tell His glory to the nations;  
Of His wonders, anthems raise.  
He is Lord of all creation,  
Great, and greatly to be praised.

Other gods fade as a vapor;  
There is none beside the Lord.  
In His dwelling, strength, and splendor,  
God exalted and adored.  
Give Him glory, all ye people;  
Give Him glory due His name.  
In His temple, as an off'ring,  
All His pow'r and might proclaim.

Worship God in holy beauty;  
Bow before His throne in fear.  
Now proclaim among the nations  
His dominion, ever near.  
By His word, the earth was founded,  
That it never may be moved;  
In His word is justice grounded,  
That He righteous may be proved.

Let the heavens shout, rejoicing,  
And the earth in joy aflame;  
Let the sea in thunder praise Him,  
Field and forest now acclaim.  
For the Lord, the Lord is coming;  
Let the earth resound again!  
To His people, He is coming  
In His righteousness to reign!

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## Confession and Assurance

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."* (Matt 22:37-40)

Have mercy on us, O God

**According to your unfailing love;  
According to your great compassion.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
Therefore, let us confess our sins against God,  
and against our neighbour,  
first in silence and then aloud together.

*Please kneel or remain seated.*

### *Prayer of Confession*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
We have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things that we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things that we ought not to have done;  
and there is no health in us.**

**But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises  
declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

### *Assurance of Pardon*

*"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God." (Rom 5:8-9)*

## *Christ, the sure and steady anchor*

Christ, the sure and steady anchor  
In the fury of the storm  
When the winds of doubt blow through  
me  
And my sails have all been torn.  
In the suffering, in the sorrow,  
When my sinking hopes are few,  
I will hold fast to the anchor;  
It shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor  
While the tempest rages on,  
When temptation claims the battle  
And it seems the night has won;  
Deeper still then goes the anchor  
Though I justly stand accused;  
I will hold fast to the anchor;  
It shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor  
Through the floods of unbelief;  
Hopeless somehow, O my soul,  
Now lift your eyes to Calvary.  
This, my ballast of assurance;  
See His love forever proved;  
I will hold fast to the anchor;  
It shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor  
As we face the wave of death,  
When these trials give way to glory,  
As we draw our final breath;  
We will cross that great horizon,  
Clouds behind and life secure,  
And the calm will be the better  
For the storms that we endure.

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## God Speaks to us through His Word

### *First Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Second Reading: Psalm 122*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Sermon: Home at Last (Mark Payne)*

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## Response to God's Word

### *Creed (Heidelberg Catechism)*

Believer, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death,  
am not my own, but belong to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins,  
and redeemed me from all the power of the devil;  
and so preserves me that without the will of my Father in heaven  
not a hair can fall from my head;  
indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation.  
Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life,  
and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live unto Him.**

### *Prayers of Intercession*

*After each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**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.  
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.**

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## *Psalm 122*

I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

**Our feet have been standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound  
firmly together, to which the tribes go  
up,  
the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed  
for Israel, to give thanks to the name of  
the Lord.

**There thrones for judgment were  
set, the thrones of the house of  
David.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
“May they be secure who love you!

**Peace be within your walls and  
security within your towers!”**

For my brothers and companions' sake  
I will say, “Peace be within you!”

**For the sake of the house of the  
Lord our God, I will seek your  
good.**

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

**As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and shall be forever,  
age after age,**

**Amen.**

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## Benediction and Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the Name of Christ, Amen.**