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Worship Focus

I Believe in... God, the Provider



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OPENING HYMN

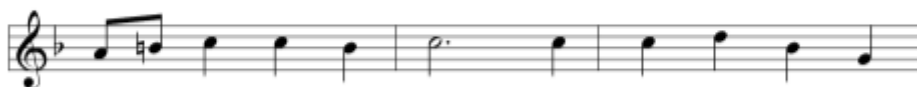
232 – Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care



1 Lord of my life, whose ten - der care Has led me
2 Oh, may I dai - ly, hour - ly, strive In heav'n - ly
3 To you my hum - ble praise I bring For mer - cies



on till now, Here low - ly, at the hour of prayer, Be -
grace to grow, To you and to your glo - ry live, Dead
day by day. Lord, teach my heart your love to sing; Lord,



fore your throne I bow. I bless your gra - cious
to all else be - low! Tread in the path my
teach me how to pray. All that I have and



hand and pray For - give - ness for an - oth - er day.
Sav - ior trod, Though thorn - y, yet the path of God.
e'er can do I'll use to serve and hon - or you.

Text: Church of England Magazine, London, 1838, alt.

Tune: O JESU, WARUM LEGST DU MIR (86 86 88) Johann B. Reimann, 1720–49, alt.

INVOCATION

Minister

The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation

And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

M God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.**

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.

C **Amen.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

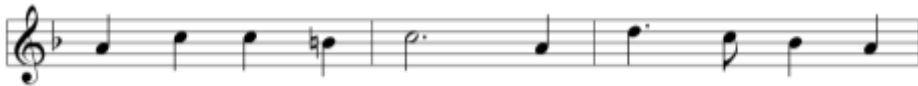


PRAYER AND PRAISE

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



1 When all your mer - cies, O my God, My
 2 Ten thou - sand thou - sand pre - cious gifts My
 3 Through ev - 'ry pass - ing phase of life Your
 4 Through all e - ter - ni - ty to you A



wak - ing soul sur - veys, Trans - port - ed with the
 dai - ly thanks em - ploy, Nor is the least a
 good - ness I'll pur - sue And af - ter death, in
 joy - ful song I'll raise, But, oh, e - ter - ni -



view, I'm lost In won - der, love, and praise.
 cheer - ful heart That tastes these gifts with joy.
 dis - tant worlds, The glo - rious theme re - new,
 ty's too short To ut - ter all your praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 17:1-16

The Lord miraculously took care of the needs of Elijah during a famine in Israel.

¹KINGS 17:1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

² Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³ “Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴ You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there.”

⁵ So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

⁷ Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. ⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹ “Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food.” ¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” ¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

¹² “As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread--only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it--and die.”

¹³ Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.’ “

¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

PSALM

Psalm 91

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All sing the refrain and Gloria. Men please sing the first line of each verse; women please respond with the second line.

Refrain



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.
Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Psalm tone



(M) He who dwells in the shelter of the | **Most High***
(W) will rest in the shadow of the Al | **mighty.**

I will say | **of the LORD,***

“He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in | **whom** I trust.”

Refrain

You will not fear the terror | **of the night,***
nor the arrow that | **flies** by day.

If you make the Most High your | **dwelling,***
then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come | **near** your tent.

For he will command his angels con | **cerning** you*
to guard you in | **all** your ways;

they will lift you up | **in** their hands,*
so that you will not strike your foot a | **gainst** a stone.

Glory be to the Father and | **to** the Son*
and to the Holy | **Spirit,**
as it was in the be | **ginning,***
is now, and will be forever. | **Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Ordinarily the Lord takes care of our needs by giving us the ability to work.

2THESSALONIANS 3:6 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

¹¹ We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. ¹² Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat. ¹³ And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Contemporary Choir

"Seek Ye First"

1. *Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.*
2. *Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.*
3. *We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.*

GOSPEL Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus promises us that we need not worry. Our heavenly Father loves us and will provide for all our earthly needs.

MATTHEW 6:25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



Look at the BIRDS of the air;
they neither SOW nor REAP
... your heavenly FATHER
feeds them. Are YOU not of
more value than they?



HYMN OF THE DAY

242 – Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voi - ces To
 2 O for - est leaves, so green and ten - der, That
 3 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That
 4 Lord, I will tell, while I am liv - ing, Your



praise my God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which
 dance for joy in sum - mer air, O mead - ow
 fill the earth, the sea, and sky, Now join me
 love and grace with ev - 'ry breath And greet each



in the Lord re - joic - es, Would then pro - claim in
 grass - es, bright and slen - der, O flow'rs, so won - drous
 in my heart's de - vo - tion; Help me to raise his
 morn - ing with thanks - giv - ing Un - til my heart is



grate - ful songs To all, wher - ev - er I might
 sweet and fair, You live to show his praise a -
 prais - es high. My ut - most pow'rs can nev - er
 still in death, And, when at last my lips grow



be, What great things God has done for me.
 lone; With me now make his glo - ry known.
 quite Ex - press the won - ders of his might.
 cold, Your praise shall in my sighs be told.

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (KÖNIG) (98 98 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

SERMON

Psalm 145:15,16

Pray for God's Providence

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**C 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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."

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



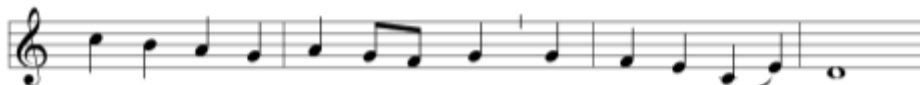
O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



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



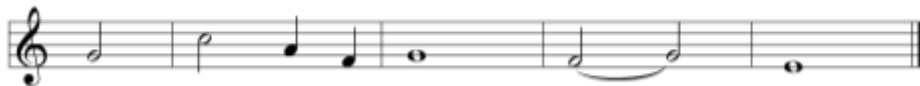
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



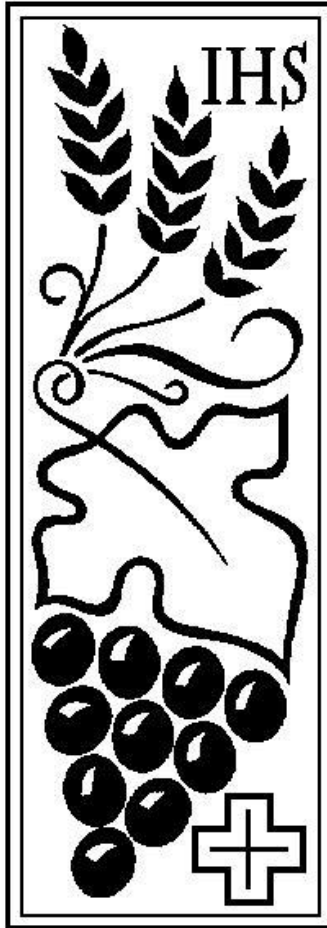
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

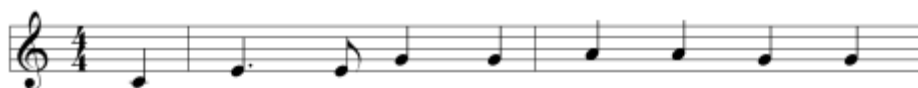
DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

517 – Almighty Father, Strong to Save



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain O'er
 3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Your



arm has bound the rest - less wave, Who
 which our traf - fic runs a - main By
 spread a - broad the fir - ma - ment; O
 peo - ple shield in dan - ger's hour; From



bids the might - y o - cean deep Its
 moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -
 Wind of heav - en, by your might Save
 rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: Oh,
 ev - er, Lord, your peo - ple go, Pro -
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And
 tect them all wher - e'er they go; Thus



hear our earn - est, hum - ble plea For
 tect them by your guard - ing hand From
 keep them by your watch - ful care From
 ev - er - more to you shall be Glad



those in per - il on the sea.
 ev - 'ry per - il on the land.
 ev - 'ry per - il in the air.
 praise from air and land and sea.

THANKSGIVING

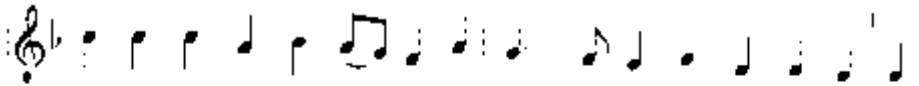
THANK THE LORD



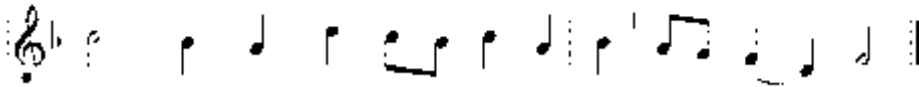
C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-ises and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-in! Al-le-lu-in!

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



CLOSING HYMN

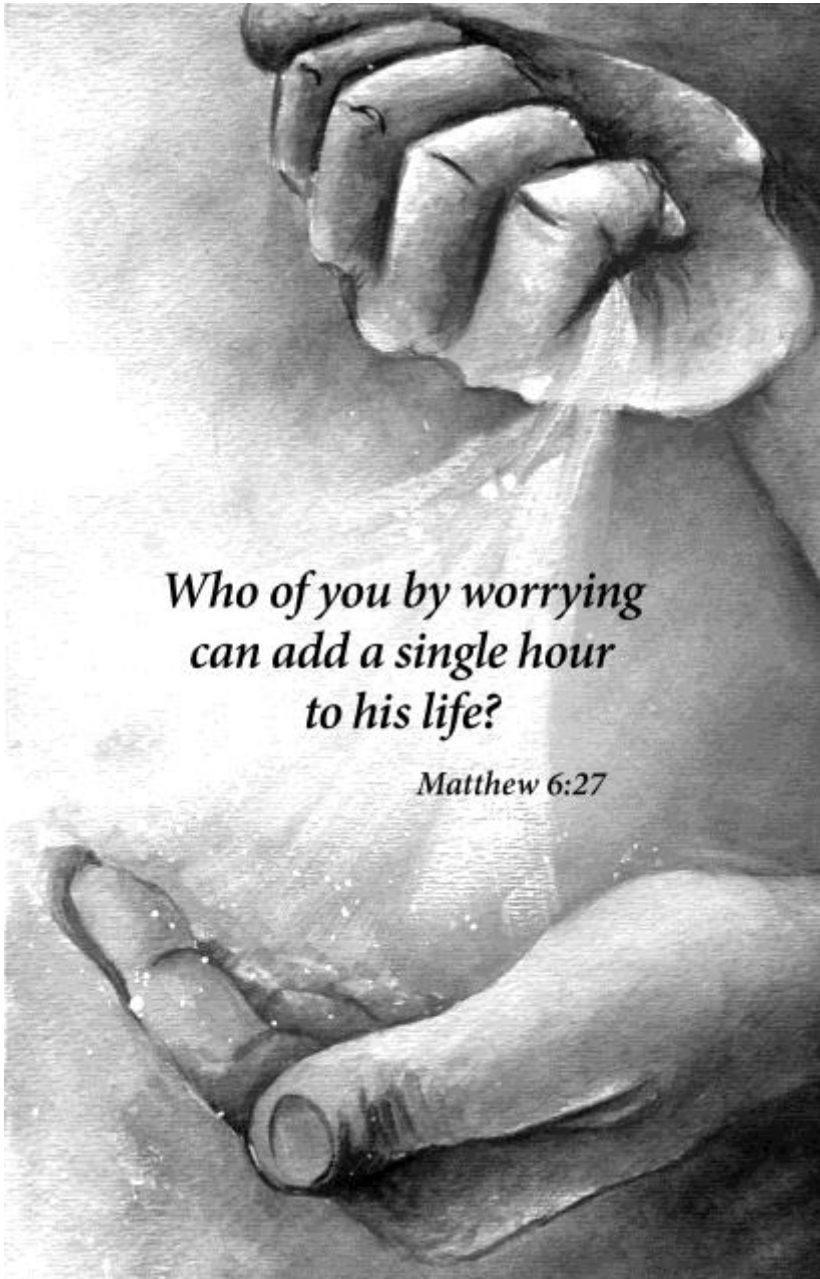
250 – From All that Dwell below the Skies

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal is your
praise a - rise. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
glo - rious Word. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore Till
ev - 'ry land, by ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia!
suns shall rise and set no more. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (888 888 with Alleluias) *Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1623, alt.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.



*Who of you by worrying
can add a single hour
to his life?*

Matthew 6:27