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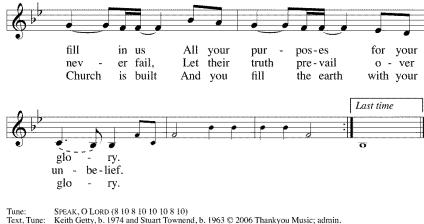
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**The Season** The Sundays after Pentecost focus on how Christians live in response to all that God has done for us. Our series now focuses on *The Believer Follows Christ*.

**The Sunday** The believer hears the Word of God and listens with a trusting heart. So many things in this world can distract us from that simple privilege and duty of believers! Living according to God's will means giving the Word of God central place in our lives as the one thing needful. *Followers of Christ Listen when God Speaks.* 





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#### Stand

M: O Lord, open my lips.

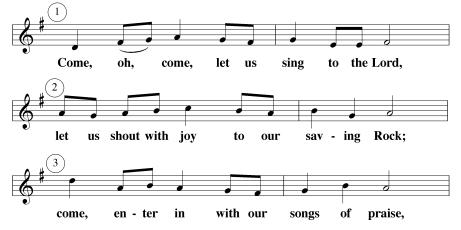
## C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

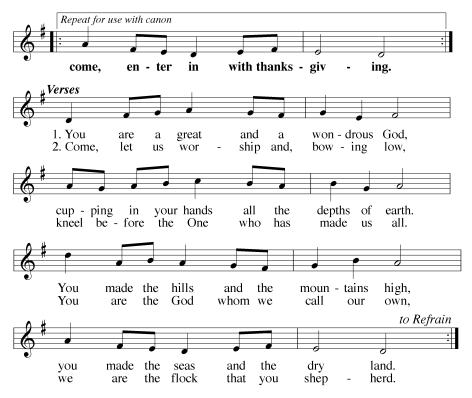
M: Hasten to save me, O God.

## C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

- M: Give glory to God, our light and our life.
- C: Come, oh, come, let us worship.

#### Come, Oh, Come Let Us Sing To The Lord The congregation will sing the refrain and verses *Refrain*

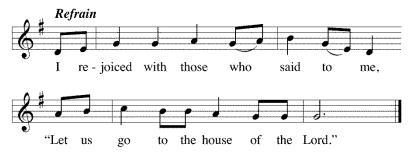




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#### Be Seated

#### Psalm of the Day



Psalm 122 CWS



I rejoiced with those who <u>said</u> to me, "Let us go to the house <u>of</u> the LORD." Our feet are standing <u>in</u> your gates, O Je<u>ru</u>salem.

#### Refrain

Pray for the peace of Je<u>ru</u>salem: "May those who love you <u>be</u> secure. May there be peace with<u>in</u> your walls and security within your <u>ci</u>tadels."

#### Refrain

For the sake of my brothers <u>and</u> friends, I will say, "Peace be with<u>in</u> you." For the sake of the house of the <u>LORD</u> our God, I will seek your pros<u>per</u>ity.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son and to the Holy <u>Spirit</u>, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning, is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

## First Lesson

## 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Eli had issues. He was a man who falsely accused pious Hannah but failed to remove his wicked sons from office. He was a man who served in the Lord's house, but received a prophecy of judgment against him from God. Yes, Eli had issues. However, he knew one thing and passed it on to young Samuel: When God speaks, we listen. With Samuel, we humbly answer the Lord's call, "Speak, LORD. Your servant is listening."

**3** The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

<sup>2</sup> One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. <sup>3</sup> The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

 $^7\,\mathrm{Now}$  Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup> A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

 $^{10}$  The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (NIV)

## Gospel

#### Luke 10:38-42

Twenty-first century Christians can certainly identify with Martha. So much to do and so little time! We have great excuses and fine rationalizations to explain the fact we have so little time to sit at Jesus' feet. But like Martha, our reasons fail in the face of Christ's simple statement: there is one needful thing—to hear the Word of God. On many an occasion, Martha would have surely sat at Jesus' feet. But on this day, she was distracted by the many things being used to drag her away from where it was better for her to be. The busyness of Martha is contrasted by the devotion of Mary to Jesus' words. When this one thing needful is truly treasured in the believer's life, everything else falls into place and it will not be taken from us, even into eternity.

<sup>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

<sup>41</sup> "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." (NIV)

**M**: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Hymn of the Day

One Thing's Needful CW 290



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#### Sermon

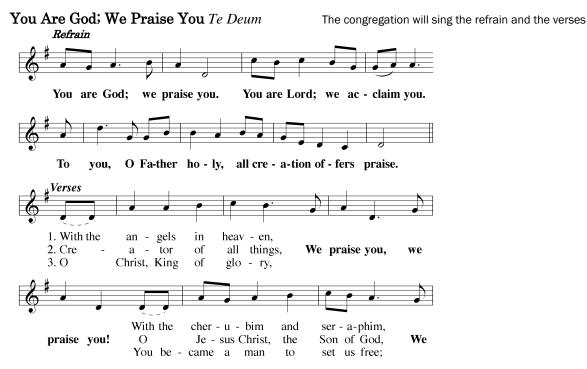
#### Colossians 3:12-17

Though we have been called to be God's chosen people, we often fail to act like it. Such fruits of the Spirit as compassion, gentleness, and patience are replaced by irritation, intolerance, and impenitence. But as the Word of Christ dwells in us, so the peace of Christ rules in our hearts. Gathered around the Word of the Lord, we hear of his gracious forgiveness. We rejoice in thanksgiving. We put aside the urges of the sinful nature. We forgive as we have been forgiven. We love as we have been loved. Such is the impact the Word of the Lord has in the believer's life. Indeed, when the Word has central place as the one thing needful, everything we do is to the glory of God.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (NIV)

Stand





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# Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

M: In the morning, O Lord, I cry to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

## C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

#### 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.

# Prayer of the Day

M: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

# **Prayer for Grace**

M: Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Let us praise the Lord.

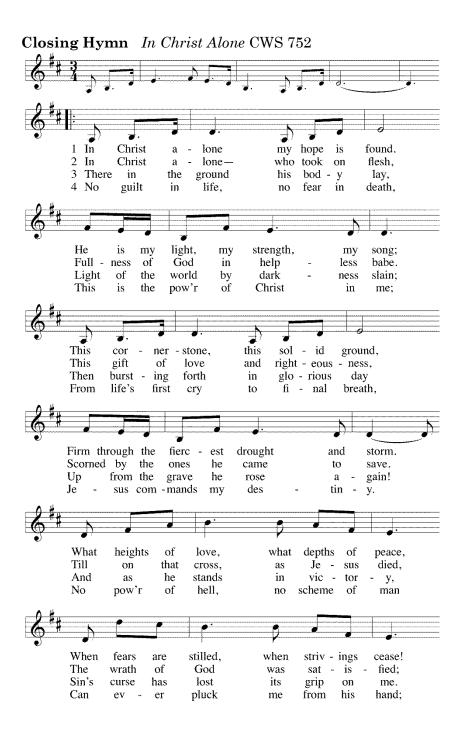
C: Thanks be to God.

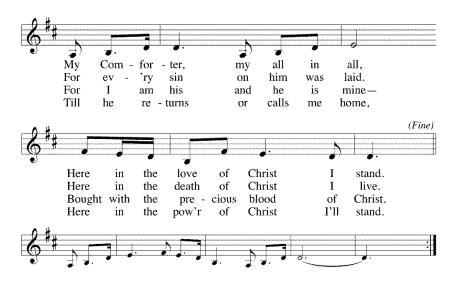
# Blessing

M: The Lord bless and keep you.

- C: Amen.
- M: The Lord's face ever shine upon you.
- C: Amen.
- M: The Lord grant you peace for all your days.
- C: Amen.

Be Seated





This christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.

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