# 936 Sing Praise to the God of Israel

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#### Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

#### Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P
  - Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C 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.

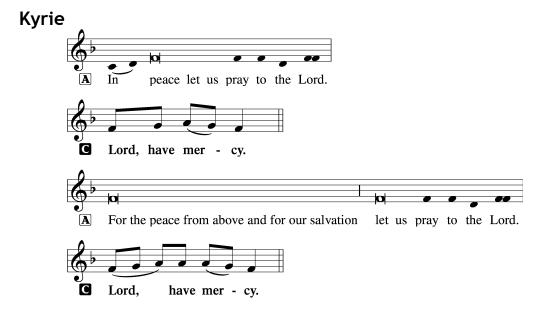
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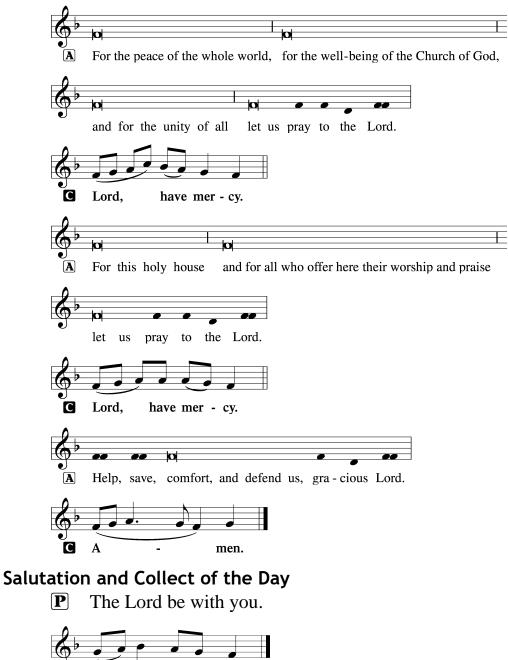
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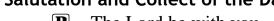
He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.
Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!
Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

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**P** Let us pray.

> O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### **Old Testament Reading**

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from the twelfth chapter of Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.



# Gradual

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Epistle

**P** The Epistle is from the fourth chapter of Romans.

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."...

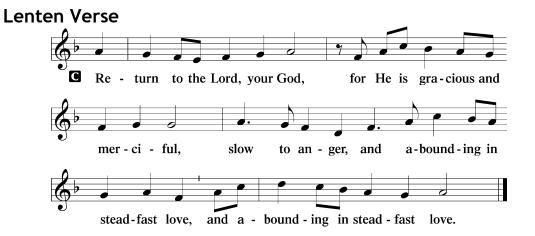
<sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

# **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



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# Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart 1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To 2 bod - y, soul, and 3 Lord, let A-br'ham's bos - om ρ ρ With ten - der mer - cy me de - part, cheer me. Earth Ι of Lord, all have In this poor life la bor. bear me home, That may die fear And Ι un ing; Ι would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were has no plea-sure grant that I in ev - 'ry May glo - ri - fy Thy place nar - row cham - ber My bod - y safe in in its keep 0 void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near And should my me. lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh -peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear bor. Let no false peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear ing. And then from heart for sor - row break, My Thee can trust in noth - ing shake. doc - trine me be-guile; Let Sa - tan soul de - file. not my death a - wak - en joy may see, That these mine eyes with me, por Thy Thou art the tion Ι have sought; pre - cious Give strength and pa tience un - to me То bear my Son God, Thy glo - rious My Sav - ior 0 of face, • blood my soul has bought. Lord Je sus Christ, my God and cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Christ, my God and Je sus and my fount of grace. Lord Je sus Christ, my prayer at -Thy Word. Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! Ι trust death Thy com - fort still af - ford. Lord, my God and Lord, In tend, my prayer at - tend, And I Text: Martin Schalling, 1532-1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt. Tune: Zwey Bücher ... Tabulatur, 1577, Strassburg Text and tune: Public domain will praise Thee with - out end.

#### Sermon

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**Nicene Creed** 

**C** I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



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# +Service of the Sacrament+

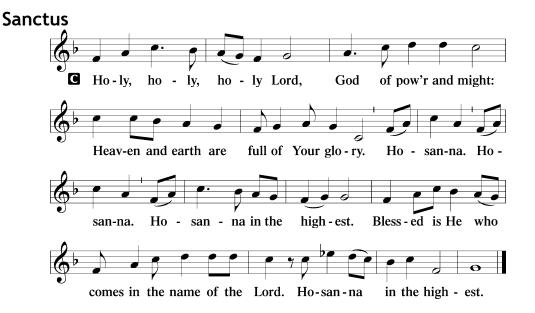


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It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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# 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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P 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.

P 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:

#### Lord's Prayer

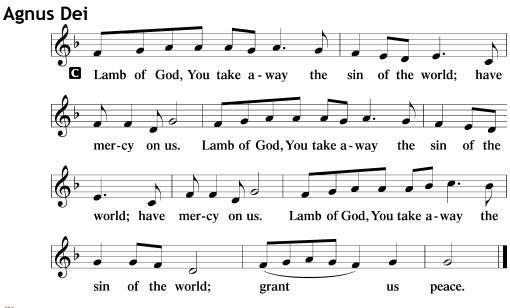
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### Pax Domini

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



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636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness 1 Soul, dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the а 2 Has ten as а bride to meet Him, And with 3 He who craves а pre - cious trea - sure Nei ther 4 Now in faith Ι hum - bly pon - der 0 ver haunts of sad - ness, Come in the day-light's gloom - y to rev - 'rence greet Him. For lov - ing with words of life im price-less gifts pain will But the cost nor mea - sure; of this sur pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren der. He is knock - ing tal. mor - tal at your por free - ly heav - en God has giv to us \_ en. bound-less Though the souls it feeds are count less: Bless the One whose grace un-bound - ed This a - maz - ing Say - ing, pen wide the gates be - fore Him, you 0 as Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to With the choic - est ban - quet found ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, Ì there that now re bod - y, gifts here of fered: Christ's true for you is giv en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so us dwell with you ho ly, Deigns ly. to most low ceive That Ι You. You, nev - er - more will leave And His riv blood, for you once giv - en. en, -Pledge and la tion, seal of my sal va - tion!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,

Truest friend, and dearest treasure,

Peace beyond all understanding,

Joy into all life expanding:

Humbly now, I bow before You;

Love incarnate, I adore You;

Worthily let me receive You

And, so favored, never leave You.

Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessèd food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish, To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness. By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

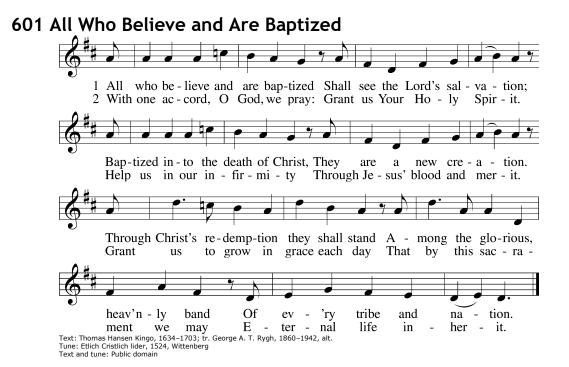
8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You. By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited; By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure. Through the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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0 loved the world so His 1 God that He gave on - ly 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made 3 God would not have the sin ner die; His Son with God's 4 Be of good cheer, for own Son For gives all ø 0. Son the lost That all to save, who would in flesh and suf fered death; All then who trust in His sav ing grace is nigh; Spir - it in the sins which you have done; And, jus - ti fied by -1 last - ing Him be - lieve Should ev er life re - ceive. Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor ner - stone. Word de - clares How Christ are heav - en's heirs. we in Je - sus' blood, Your Bap-tism grants the high - est good.

- 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
- △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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# 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

798 The God of Abraham Praise 1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove; 2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com-mand 3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace 4 He sworn; I Him self by has on His oath de - pend. cient of God of love. ev - er - last - ing days And An -From earth Ι rise and seek the joys At His right hand. Shall all pil - grim days In guide me my all my ways. T shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend. Je ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed; Ι earth for - sake, all on Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r, He call me friend; He calls Him - self God. deigns to my Ι shall be hold His face; Ι shall His pow'r a - dore Ι bow and bless the sa - cred name For ev blest. er And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r. Through Je - sus' And He shall save me to the end blood. And sing the won-ders of His grace For ev - er - more.

- 5 Though nature's strength decay, And earth and hell withstand, To Canaan's bounds I urge my way At His command.
  The wat'ry deep I pass, With Jesus in my view, And through the howling wilderness
  - My way pursue.
- 6 The goodly land I see, With peace and plenty blest: A land of sacred liberty And endless rest.
  There milk and honey flow, And oil and wine abound, And trees of life forever grow With mercy crowned.

7 There dwells the Lord our king, The Lord our righteousness, Triumphant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height His kingdom He maintains
And glorious with His saints in light Forever reigns.

8 The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing, And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!
Who was and is the same And evermore shall be: Jehovah, Father, great I AM! We worship Thee!"

 △ 9 The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high.
 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry. Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays: All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise!

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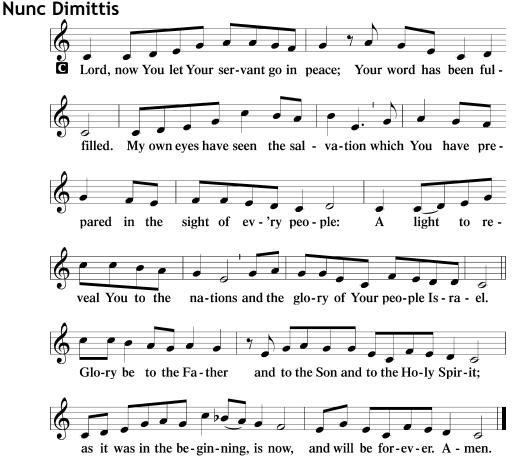
Amen.



- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- С

Stand

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# **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# **Benediction**

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**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.



918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer Guide me, Ο grim through this Thou great Re deem - er, Pil -1 2 0 pen now foun - tain Whence the the crys - tal heal - ing -3 When anx - ious Ι tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my might - y; pil - lar bar \_ ren land. I am weak, but Thou art stream doth flow; cloud - y Let the  $\mathbf{fi}$ ery, fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de \_ struc - tion, ø Thy Hold me with pow'r - ful Bread of heav - en, hand. jour - ney Strong Lead me all my through. de - liv - 'rer, Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, -till I bread of Feed heav en, me want no strong de - liv -'rer, Be Thou still my strength and songs of prais es Ι will ev er give to 0 till Ι Feed want more. more; me no Be shield; Thou still strength and shield. my Thee; Ι will ev er give Thee. \_ to Text: William Williams, 1717–91, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Peter Williams, 1722–96, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. William Williams, 1717–91 Tune: John Hughes, 1873–1932 Text and tune: Public domain

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