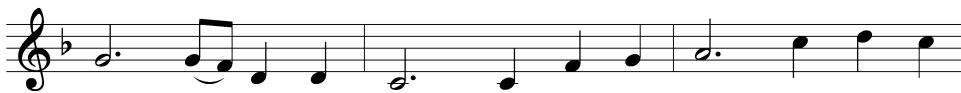


# Opening Hymn

# 574 The Tree of Life



1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good in E - den's  
 2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove was bro - ken  
 3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, a plan of  
 4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame flows life e -



ho - ly or - chard stood, and of its fruit so pure and  
 as the ser - pent strove with tempt - ing voice Eve to be -  
 res - cue by his grace, in send - ing One from wom - an's  
 ter - nal in his name; for all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this  
 guile and Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of  
 seed, the One to fill our great - est need— for on a  
 lieve, sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this



gar - den al - so grew an - oth - er tree, of  
 sad - ness when the breath of fear and dark - ness,  
 tree up - lift - ed high his on - ly Son for  
 fruit so pure and sweet the Lord in - vites the



which they knew; its love - ly limbs with fruit a -  
 doubt and death, its aw - ful poi - son first dis -  
 sin would die, would drink the cup of scorn and  
 world to eat, to find with - in this cross of



dorned a - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.  
 played with - in the world so new - ly made.  
 dread to crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!  
 wood the tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

Stand

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

**Amen.**

## Lord Have Mercy *Kyrie*

CW 933



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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## The Word

### Salutation

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil’s temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan’s lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

### First Reading

*Genesis 3:1–15*

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

<sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, <sup>3</sup>but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.’”

<sup>4</sup>The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die. <sup>5</sup>In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

<sup>6</sup>When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

<sup>7</sup>The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists.

<sup>8</sup>They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

<sup>10</sup>The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.”

<sup>11</sup>God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”

<sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

<sup>13</sup>The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,  
you are cursed more than all the livestock,  
and more than every wild animal.  
You shall crawl on your belly,  
and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put hostility between you and the woman,  
and between your seed and her seed.

He will crush your head,  
and you will crush his heel.

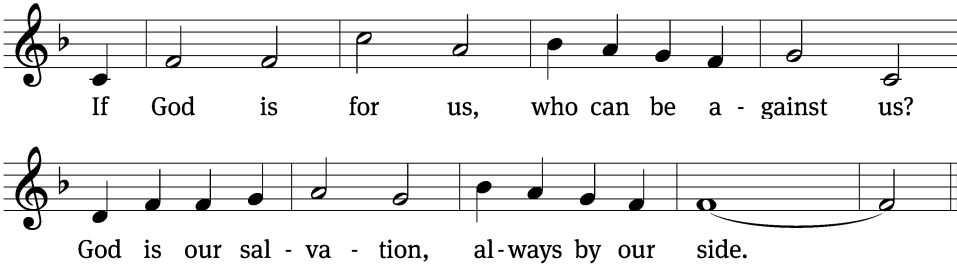
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 46

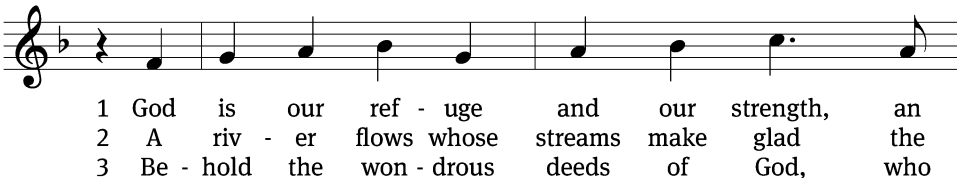
# If God Is for Us

## Refrain

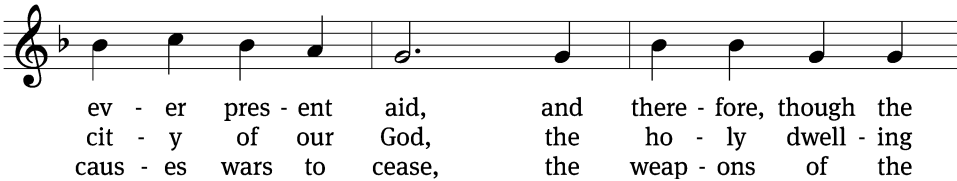


If God is for us, who can be a - gainst us?  
God is our sal - va - tion, al - ways by our side.

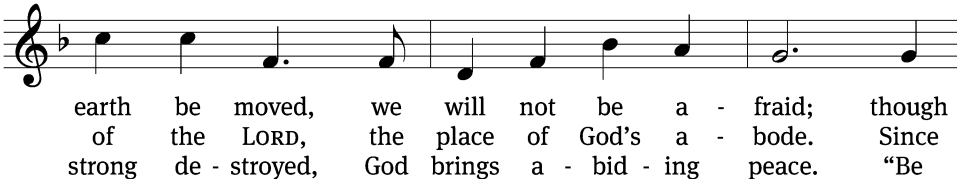
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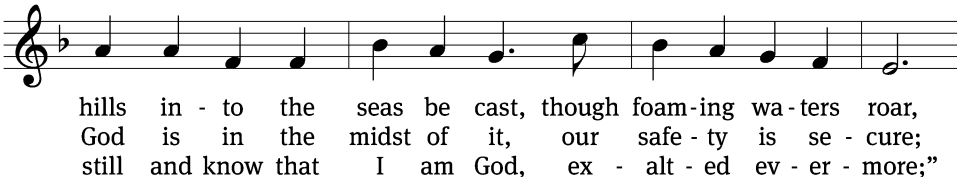
1 God is our ref - uge and our strength, an  
2 A riv - er flows whose streams make glad the  
3 Be - hold the won - drous deeds of God, who



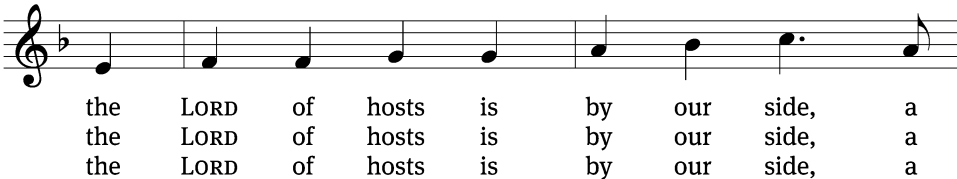
ev - er pres - ent aid, and there - fore, though the  
cit - y of our God, the ho - ly dwell - ing  
caus - es wars to cease, the weap - ons of the



earth be moved, we will not be a - fraid; though  
of the LORD, the place of God's a - bode. Since  
strong de - stroyed, God brings a - bid - ing peace. "Be



hills in - to the seas be cast, though foam - ing wa - ters roar,  
God is in the midst of it, our safe - ty is se - cure;  
still and know that I am God, ex - alt - ed ev - er - more;"



the LORD of hosts is by our side, a  
the LORD of hosts is by our side, a  
the LORD of hosts is by our side, a

ref - uge strong and sure. *Refrain*  
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 ref - uge strong and sure. *Refrain*

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## Second Reading

Romans 5:12–19

<sup>12</sup>So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned. <sup>13</sup>For even before the law was given, sin was in the world. Now, sin is not charged to one's account if there is no law, <sup>14</sup>and yet death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those whose sin was not like the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the gracious gift is not like Adam's trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of this one man, it is even more certain that God's grace, and the gift given by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many!

<sup>16</sup>And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin, for the judgment that followed the one trespass resulted in a verdict of condemnation, but the gracious gift that followed many trespasses resulted in a verdict of justification.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through the one man, it is even more certain that those who receive the overflowing grace of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ!

<sup>18</sup>So then, just as one trespass led to a verdict of condemnation for all people, so also one righteous verdict led to life-giving justification for all people. <sup>19</sup>For just as through the disobedience of one man the many became sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will become righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

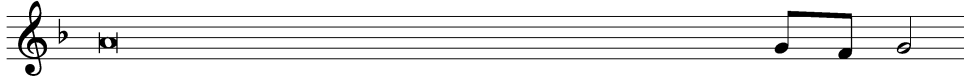
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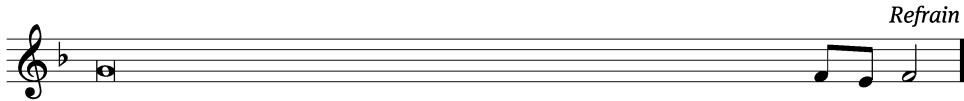
### Refrain



### Tone



We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weak - ness - es;



we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

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## Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. <sup>2</sup>After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The Tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.”

<sup>4</sup>But Jesus answered, “It is written:

Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>and he said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you.  
And they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again, it is written:

You shall not test the Lord your God.”

<sup>8</sup>Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me."

<sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

<sup>11</sup>Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

## 863 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y shield  
2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger to  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant one  
de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
have for it; he's by our side up - on the plain



that has us now o'er - tak - en. The old  
whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
they shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's  
with his good gifts and Spir - it. And take



e - vil foe now means dead - ly woe;  
"Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
prince may still scowl fierce as he will,  
they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,



deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;  
the al - might - y Lord, and there's no oth - er God;  
he can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;  
though all may be gone, our vic - to - ry is won;



on earth is not his e - qual.  
he holds the field for - ev - er.  
one lit - tle word can fell him.  
the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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## Sermon

Genesis 3:1–15

# “What Led to Lent?”

Stand

## Nicene Creed

**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 truly 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.**

*Be seated*

## **Offering**

*May be left in the offering box in the  
entryway or given online*



## **Prayer of the Church**

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to free us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**We confess that without your love we are lost.**

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

Guard and guide those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and values as Christians.

**By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

Keep in your care those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, and those victimized by war and injustice. [We pray especially for... ] Comfort all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

Watch over those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Hear us as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

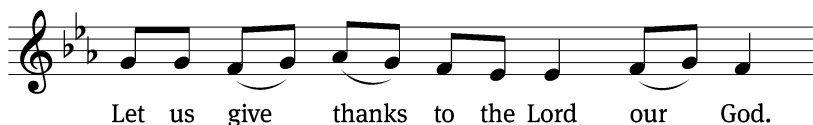
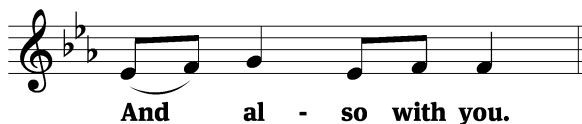
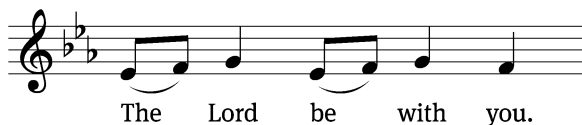
**Amen.**

## The Sacrament

*Stand*

### Preface

CW 165



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

CW 944



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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### Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Words of Institution**

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

# Jesus, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

CW 946

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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*Be seated*

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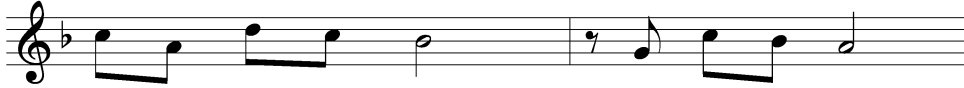
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# Distribution Hymn

# 665 What Is This Bread



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	that	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from	the	dead:	this	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	the	cup	of	grace
live	and	he	should	die	un - der	the	rod?
Word	and	prom - ise	clear,	in	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be - lieve	



this	life	we	take,	was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
brings	his	em - brace		of	life	and	love	un - til	I	
My	God,	my	God,	why	have	you	not	for - sak - en		
he	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru - ly	pres - ent	in	this		
that	I	re - ceive		his	ver - y	bod - y	and	his		



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

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*After all have communed, please stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

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.

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

## 875 What Threat of Harm Can Hinder Me



1 What threat of harm can hin - der me with - in this fear - some  
2 What en - e - my can pose a threat to shake my foot - ing  
3 What can the tomb at - tempt to take where I in safe - ty



fight? What fear or foe could cause me flee to hide from  
sure? What cares need ev - er make me fret or doubt my  
dwell? What claim can Sa - tan try to make to pull me



e - vil's sight? I can - not die; no sting of  
home se - cure? My Lord has con - quered ev - 'ry  
in - to hell? My Sav - ior marched thro' de - mon



death can touch this life of mine. I drowned and rose and  
strife; all ad - ver - sar - ies fall. I'm bound to Christ in  
ranks, an - nounc - ing their de - feat. I join the count - less,



breathe new breath, re - born through springs di - vine.  
death and life and rest in him through all.  
sing - ing thanks for vic - to - ry com - plete!