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## GATHERING

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PRELUDE | "VOLUNTARY IN A MAJOR" (WILLIAM SELBY)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM ISAIAH 30:15

- › In returning and rest is your salvation,  
in quietness and in trust is your strength.
- » **Amen.**

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 121

- › I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?
- » **My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.**
- › He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber.
- » **Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- › The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand;  
the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
- » **The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;  
the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE | "O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING"

MUSIC ON PAGE 2

# O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #557

B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> F7/C B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> F Gm

1 O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day  
2 The flower of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,  
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

E<sup>b</sup> F7/C B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>maj7 Cm B<sup>b</sup>

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
its fra - gile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;  
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

F Gm F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

for we can on - ly won - der at — ev - ery gift you send,  
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown—  
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be — filled with good or ill,

Gm E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Cm/E<sup>b</sup> Gm F

at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end.  
though small in mor - tal sta - ture, to hea - ven's gar - den grown:  
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

E<sup>b</sup> F7/C B<sup>b</sup>/D E<sup>b</sup> F Gm

We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word,  
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,  
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

E<sup>b</sup> F7/C B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>maj7 Cm B<sup>b</sup>

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

*For accompaniment see 555*

Words: Michael Perry (1942-1996) © 1982, 1987 The Jubilate Group, admin. Hope Publishing Company  
Music (THAXTED 7.6.7.6 triple): Gustav Holst (1874-1934), 1921, P.D.

## CONFESSING

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

» **Merciful God,**  
we confess that 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 and mind and strength;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within us.

### SILENT CONFESSION

SONG OF ASSURANCE | "THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD"

MUSIC ON PAGE 4

# THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #347

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning, new every morning; great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness."

Chord symbols: E<sup>b</sup>, E<sup>b</sup>/G, A<sup>b</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>7sus, B<sup>b</sup>, E<sup>b</sup>, E<sup>b</sup>/G, A<sup>b</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>7sus, B<sup>b</sup>, A<sup>b</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>, Gm7, Cm7, Fm7, A<sup>b</sup>/B<sup>b</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>7, E<sup>b</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>/D, Cm7, Fm7, A<sup>b</sup>/B<sup>b</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>7, E<sup>b</sup>.

Words: Lamentations 3:22-23

Music (STEADFAST LOVE 11.9.7.5.8.6): Edith McNeill (b. 1920) © 1974, 1975 Celebration

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Spend some time praying aloud for the following topics, and for concerns in your life and community:*

*Pray for leaders in government, health, business, education and social sectors, that God would lead them to make wise decisions in the face of very complex and challenging circumstances.*

*Pray that God would give help and success to our health experts, and that treatments and vaccines would be discovered and tested successfully.*

*Pray for ongoing work of justice, reconciliation and healing from our racial divides, and that God would use the church in our city and nation to be an instrument of healing.*

*Pray for health: David Hacker, Bill Wildner, Elaine Turner, Carolyn Oakley, Karen Tatti, Becky Edwards, Valerie Holland, Bradley Crawford, Christie Geraty, Milton Jones*

*Pray for comfort for the loss of loved ones: Frank Faust (wife, 6/30); Melba Tyler (mother, 6/17); Tam and Josh Bishop (husband, father Brad, 6/1); Kay Lynch (father, 5/15); Scott and Rob Cox (mother Connie, 5/12); Jim Hillsman (wife, 5/11)*

*Gathering our prayers into one, let us boldly pray as our Savior has taught us:*

- » **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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.**

## GREETING OF PEACE

*As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, take a few moments to pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able, either with those in your home, or by sending a text to other friends and family watching.*

## THANKSGIVING

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### OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- › Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » **For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.**

To give online, visit [thirdva.org/generosity](http://thirdva.org/generosity).

*Pray for Eric and Brittany (Newell) Lipscomb as they minister on the campus of Columbia University in New York City, that they would reach students with the gospel and equip them to read and apply scripture; view all of life through the lens of the gospel; and move out into the world sharing and embodying the love of Christ.*

### OFFERTORY | INTERVIEW WITH MISSION PARTNERS RYAN AND NESS KEATING

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PROCLAIMING

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### SCRIPTURE READING | PSALM 125

- <sup>1</sup> Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be shaken but endures forever.
- <sup>2</sup> As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the LORD surrounds his people  
both now and forevermore.
- <sup>3</sup> The scepter of the wicked will not remain  
over the land allotted to the righteous,  
for then the righteous might use  
their hands to do evil.
- <sup>4</sup> LORD, do good to those who are good,  
to those who are upright in heart.
- <sup>5</sup> But those who turn to crooked ways  
the LORD will banish with the evildoers.
- Peace be on Israel.
- › This is the word of the Lord.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

### MESSAGE | "THE SURROUNDING SONG"

## SENDING

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### SONG OF COMMISSION | "HE WILL HOLD ME FAST"

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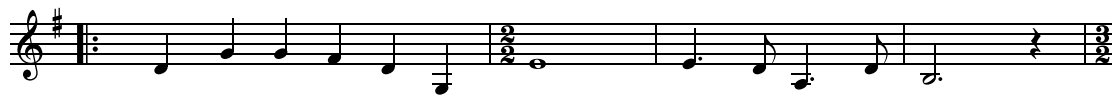
### COMMISSION AND BLESSING | FROM JUDE 1:24-25

- › To him who is able to keep you from stumbling  
and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—
- » **To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!**

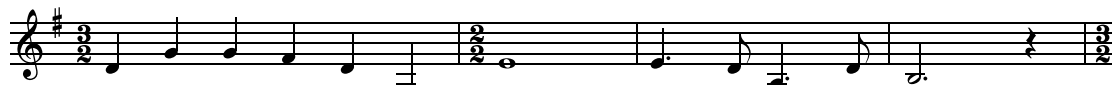
### POSTLUDE | "CORONATION" (JASON PAYNE)

# HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

## VERSE 1 & 2



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
2. Those he saves are his de - light, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.  
Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;  
He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;



For my love is oft - en cold; he must hold me fast.  
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

## CHORUS

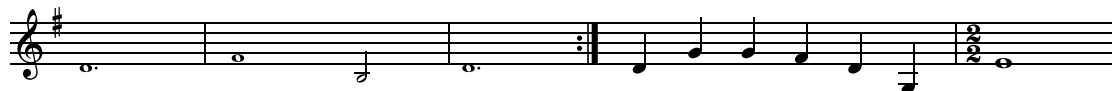


He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;



For my Sav - ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

## VERSE 3



3. For my life he bled and died,



Christ will hold me fast; just - ice has been sat - is - fied;



He will hold me fast. Raised with him to end - less life,



He will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight,



when he comes at last! \_\_\_\_\_