

“OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST”

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
With all their lives and cares,
Are carried downward by your flood,
And lost in foll’wing years.
Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream,
Dies at the opening day.
Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Trinity Hymnal #30 (vs 1,5,6,7)



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Harbor's mission is to exist as a FAMILY of God's people to GLORIFY God in all things, by PREACHING the gospel of Jesus Christ crucified, EQUIPPING His saints, and ENGAGING our community and the world with the love of Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP: Psalm 27:1-4 (selections)

(Please Read Responsively)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.

WE ASK GOD TO BE WITH US (PRAYER OF INVOCATION)

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.

WE THANK GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS” (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.

WE HEAR FROM GOD’S WORD: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (1:26-31)

“The Gift of Weakness: #Struglife”

Weston Freels

“ABIDE WITH ME: FAST FALLS THE EVENTIDE” Trinity Hymnal #402

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and round I see;
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou has not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.
I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have not weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.
Hold thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee:
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

“A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”

Trinity Hymnal #92

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow’r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still:
His kingdom is forever.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN TOGETHER

Lord and Father, we come before You today boldly seeking mercy from our gracious Lord and Savior. Although we are completely dependent on You, we often live independently. We confess we are quick to lean on our own strength and ignore our great need of You. We are stubborn to admit our frailty and slow to realize our limits. Forgive us for handling things on our own, which often leads us into sin and self-sufficient pride. We entrust ourselves to your grace, won for us exclusively in your son Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS IN OUR HEARTS *(silently)*

GOD ASSURES US WE ARE FORGIVEN: Psalm 103:8-12

"The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."

"IN YOU, O LORD, I AM FOUND (PSALM 139)"

O Lord, you know me and search me out:
My habits and thoughts, my secret doubts,
My dreams at night, the words of my mouth.
In you, O Lord, I am found: Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

I know not all my own heart and mind,
My wandering soul, my sleepless eyes;
I long for you but from you I hide.
In you, O Lord, I am found: Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Though darkness covers my hope and sight
And night overtakes my troubled mind
In darkness you, my Daylight will shine.
In you, O Lord, I am found: Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Before my birth, you composed my frame.
You gazed in my eyes and knew my name;
You wrote with love each one of my days.
In you, O Lord, I am found: Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Where can I run from your love so deep,
So boundless and strong, so rich, so free?
No height, nor depth can separate me:
In you, O Lord, I am found: Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TOGETHER: Westminster Confession of Faith 13.3

Q: By what strength do we grow in grace and overcome our sinful nature?

A. Although the remaining corruption, for a time, may much prevail; yet, through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part does overcome: and so, the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

"PSALM 126"

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

Chorus

Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing,
The seeds of Your Kingdom, for the day You will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry, Lord, please do not tarry.
All those who sow weeping, will go out with songs of joy.

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"

The nations will sing songs of joy.

Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord! *(Chorus)*

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WE READ FROM GOD'S WORD: Judges 7:1-7

1 Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him rose early and encamped beside the spring of Harod. And the camp of Midian was north of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley. **2** The Lord said to Gideon, **"The people with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast over me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.'** **3** Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, **'Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home and hurry away from Mount Gilead.'** Then 22,000 of the people returned, and 10,000 remained. **4** And the Lord said to Gideon, **"The people are still too many. Take them down to the water, and I will test them for you there, and anyone of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' shall go with you, and anyone of whom I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' shall not go."** **5** So he brought the people down to the water. And the Lord said to Gideon, **"Every one who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set by himself. Likewise, every one who kneels down to drink."** **6** And the number of those who lapped, putting their hands to their mouths, was 300 men, but all the rest of the people knelt down to drink water. **7** And the Lord said to Gideon, **"With the 300 men who lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hand, and let all the others go every man to his home."**

WE PRAY TO GOD FOR THE CONGREGATION

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