



Most Holy God,  
the Lord of Heaven

Dr. Anne LeCroy was professor of classics and English at the University of New Mexico and East Tennessee State University. She specialized in translating writings in Latin, Greek and Hebrew. This hymn is her translation of an anonymous seventh-century Latin hymn for Vespers. Within it, LeCroy has retained the essential themes of God's creation: sun, moon, stars, and night which all declare God's power and the ordering of night, day, and the seasons.

*Text: Anne K. LeCroy (1927–2016)*

*Music: William Knapp (1698–1768), alt; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE 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 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 forever. Amen.

This Prayer of Confession will be repeated throughout *Marking the Hours with Prayer* series to enable it to dwell deeper within our spirits.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, the gift of time is a dearest treasure for through it we can mark Your love. We confess that we foolishly waste the days neglecting Your presence; failing to seize each precious moment. Grant us the Spirit to love You more dearly, see You more clearly, and follow You more nearly. Day by day, no matter the hour, may we have grateful hearts and live thankful lives for the gift of Your Son our Lord, Jesus Christ.

KYRIE 574

*Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*David N. Johnson (1922–1987)*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As God has poured out the grace of forgiveness, love, and peace through Christ, let us share that grace with each other. Peace be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 256 v. 2

*Men and women, young and old,  
Raise the anthem manifold;  
Join with children's songs of praise,  
Worship God through length of days.  
From the north to southern pole  
Let the mighty chorus roll:  
"Holy, holy, holy One,  
Glory be to God alone!"*

Salzburg

Sunday School is available for age 3 through grade 7. During the Passing of the Peace, children 5th grade and younger are invited to come forward and sit on the chancel steps for the Children's Message, while our 6th and 7th graders may depart for class.

Our younger children will be dismissed following the Children's Message.

Age 3-4: The Two's Room

Age 5 / Kindergarten & 1st Grade: 2 North

2nd & 3rd Grade: 2 South

4th & 5th Grade: 3rd Floor Dining Room

6th & 7th Grade: 3rd Floor Carnegie Room

## THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND LUKE 1:39-45  
SCRIPTURE LESSON (Pew Bible, page 57 N.T.)

Elder David Morgan

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

CANTICLE Magnificat, from Evening Service in G, Op. 81 Charles Villiers Stanford  
Lindsey Nakatani, soprano (1852-1924)

*My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him  
throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm;  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.*

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis

The Magnificat and Nunc dimittis are appointed for the Anglican service of Evening Prayer or Evensong, which is the equivalent of Vespers and Compline in the Roman Catholic Church. In British cathedrals, Evensong has been sung most or all days of the year since the Reformation, inspiring a wonderfully rich repertoire of hundreds, if not thousands, of musical settings from the 1500s to the present day.

Out of all those compositions, Stanford's setting in G Major may be the most beloved. The opening soprano solo against a staccato organ accompaniment echoes the songs of Schubert, and evokes Mary seated at a spinning wheel. The entire Magnificat flows effortlessly from one section to the next, with delicate and surprising modulations along the way. In the Nunc dimittis, the words of the aged Simeon are given to a bass soloist, and the mood is as tender and gentle as the Magnificat is exuberant.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

CANTICLE Nunc dimittis, from Evening Service in G, Op. 81

Nathaniel Sullivan, *baritone* Charles Villiers Stanford*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
according to thy word.**For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people:  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.*

Luke 2:29–32

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Marking the Hours with Prayer:  
Vespers: The Hour to See the Son*As you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves,  
singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father  
at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:19-20*Hymn 546 (next page)

John Ellerton wrote the words to this hymn in 1870. He was inspired by two Biblical verses: “Their office was to stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord, and likewise at even” (1 Chronicles 23:30) and “From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same the Lord’s name is to be praised” (Psalm 113:3). The poem was written in the context of Victorian British imperialism; verse 3 is closely linked to the idea that the sun never set on the British Empire. It is no surprise that this hymn became popular around the time of Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee in 1897, or that it was sung at the funeral of Elizabeth II in 2022, as the last vestiges of empire indeed seemed to be passing away. Although this hymn is a product of its time and place, the message is a strongly Christian one, reminding us that God’s kingdom is the only one which endures.

## THE RESPONSE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Church of Scotland, 1992, excerpts)

**We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is love. We praise God the Father: who created the universe and keeps it in being... We proclaim Jesus Christ, God the Son: born of Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became one of us, sharing our life and our death. He made known God’s compassion and mercy giving hope and declaring forgiveness of sin, offering healing and wholeness to all. By His death on the cross and by His resurrection He has triumphed over evil... We trust God the Holy Spirit: who unites us to Christ and gives life to the Church; who brings us to repentance and assures us of forgiveness... We look for Jesus’ coming again to judge the world. Then all things will be made new. And creation will rejoice in worshipping the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Spirit, one God, blessed for ever. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

America

*Not for this land alone,  
But be God’s mercies shown from shore to shore;  
And may the nations see that we must loving be,  
And form one family the wide world o’er. Amen.*

\*INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN 544

Day Is Done

*Ar hyd y nos*

*Verse 3 descant: Gerre Hancock (1943–2012)*

\*DOXOLOGY 592

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Old Hundredth*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Offering

The Christian life is marked by the offering of one's self to God. In worship, God presents us with the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ, who has claimed us and set us free. In response to God's love in Christ we offer our lives, our gifts, our abilities, and our material goods for God's service.

THE SENDING

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 546

The Day Thou Gavest

*St. Clement*

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

*Richard Ayleward (1626–1669)*

POSTLUDE

Passacaglia in B Minor

*John E. West*

The congregation is invited to continue worshiping through the postlude, which is offered as a thanksgiving to God.

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THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Warren Carpenter and Lucile Bowers Keegan by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Keegan and Alexandra Keegan.



NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER will be Rev. Dr. Kimberly A. Jackson.

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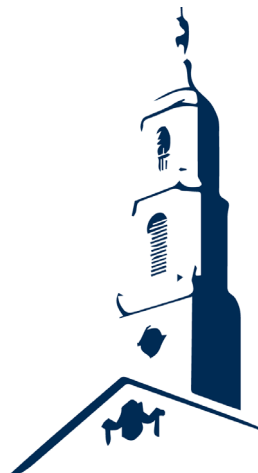
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THE BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The fundamental mission of The Brick Church is to respond to the word of God as found in the Old and New Testaments. The Brick Church must continue its historic mission to lead, inspire and enable the public worship of God in the Presbyterian tradition in the city of New York. Our response can be witnessed in the transformed lives of our members as we celebrate the Good News proclaimed by Jesus Christ. We are committed to supporting spiritual development, Christian education and witness to our community, which will be evidenced on a daily basis not only among church members but also in our outreach to the broader world.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE BRICK CHURCH



## WELCOME!

If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guest! Please fill out the Fellowship Pad and a Visitor Card found in the Fellowship Pad folder in your pew so that we may contact you. Please also make a name tag using the tags in the folder so that we can welcome you by name.

Complete details at [www.brickchurch.org](http://www.brickchurch.org). Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!

## COFFEE HOUR

You are invited to join us immediately after worship for Coffee Hour. Please wear your name tag so that we can greet each other by name. If you are a visitor, blank nametags can be found in the Fellowship Pad folder in your pew. Visitors, our New Members Committee would love to connect with you to share more about Brick Church. They will be wearing nametags with a Brick sticker on it at Coffee Hour.

## MEMBER NOTIFICATIONS

Please send any notification or updates about births, deaths, or other happenings to Chanel Robertson ([crobertsonbrickchurch.org](mailto:crobertsonbrickchurch.org)), or at 212-289-4400 ext. 240.

## WEEKLY MAILING LIST

Learn more about events at The Brick Church! Visit us online at [brickchurch.org/maillinglist](http://brickchurch.org/maillinglist) to subscribe and receive our weekly emails.

## GIVING

The Brick Church programs, outreach, and ministries are only possible with your contributions. Online donations may be made at [www.brickchurch.org/giving](http://www.brickchurch.org/giving)

## MEMBERSHIP

Please contact Meagan Hooper ([mhooper@brickchurch.org](mailto:mhooper@brickchurch.org)) if you would like information about becoming a member.

## WORSHIP ONLINE

Go to [www.brickchurch.org](http://www.brickchurch.org) and click the "Watch Live" button in the upper right-hand corner of our home page to view our Livestream feed when you are unable to attend service in person.

## ADULT EDUCATION AND GOLDEN VERSE BREAKFASTS

Brick's Adult Christian Education Committee has started a new series "Christianity and You in 2023." The goal is to address different aspects of Christianity and their impact on your day-to-day life. Discussions will take place in person in the Living Room and on zoom each Sunday at 9:45 through March. The series will continue this coming Sunday, 29 January. All the topics are suggested by the Lectionary of the day. Church member Tom Robinson will lead the discussions. The topic this coming Sunday will be "The Worship of God" (Micah 6:6). All are welcome. No preparation is expected or needed.

On Feb 26, and Apr 16, Rev. Dr. Evans will lead the Adult Education classes at 9:45 a.m. in the Living Room. We will use these dates to focus on a Chinese tradition known as the Golden Verse.

## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** | Meets weekly on Thursday mornings at 7:45 a.m.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** | Meets weekly on Thursday mornings at 9:15 a.m.

*These are hybrid Bible studies, meeting both via Zoom and in-person. Email Sophie Carnegie to be added to any of the weekly Bible Study distribution lists.*

## THE FAITHFUL TABLE (TWICE PER MONTH)

Join us for *The Faithful Table* on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Upcoming dates are: Feb 1, Feb 15, Mar 1, Mar 15, Apr 5, Apr 19, and May 3. A buffet-style catered dinner with wine and dessert will be served from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., so drop in anytime. All ages are welcome! Activities and games for children will be provided at the table as well. At 6:45 p.m., Rev. Tom Evans will lead an adult Bible Study in his office on the 4th floor of the Parish House. Please feel free to come alone or to invite family and friends to enjoy this mid-week opportunity for food, faith and fellowship! If you have any questions please reach out to Helen Elmiger ([helentullah@hotmail.com](mailto:helentullah@hotmail.com)). So that we may have a more accurate count, please RSVP at the QR code.



## A NEW SERIES IN GENESIS

Join Rev. Evans for a new focused study on *The Beginnings of Genesis* (focusing on chapters 1-6). The Bible study meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:45 p.m. (immediately following *The Faithful Table*) in Rev. Evans' office (4th floor). These are core texts that explore the fundamental questions of existence: Who are we? Who made the world? What do we owe God, creation, and others? Why is the world so broken? This is an in-person Bible study. Email Sophie Carnegie (scarnegie@brickchurch.org) to be added to the distribution list or should you have any questions.

## ALL YOUTH SKI TRIP (JAN 28)

All youth, fifth through twelfth grades are invited to our annual Ski Trip to Mountain Creek on Saturday, Jan 28 (snowboarding is also an option). We will leave the Brick Church at 7 a.m. sharp and return by 5:00 p.m. Friends are welcome and encouraged to join. You can register at [www.brickchurch.org/skitrip](http://www.brickchurch.org/skitrip) and we will close registration on Jan 25. If you have any questions about registration or would like to join this trip as a chaperone, please contact Adam Gorman at [agorman@brickchurch.org](mailto:agorman@brickchurch.org). Don't let cost deter you, there are scholarships available and we never want cost to be a hindrance. This will be a great season for skiing and we hope you can make it!

## WORKING WOMEN'S LUNCH (ONLY ONE SPOT REMAINS!)

The Working Women's Lunch Bible Study will next meet on Monday, Jan 30, 2023 from noon – 1:00 p.m. for a Bible study led by Rev. Kim Jackson.

**Registration:** Please contact Sophie Carnegie ([scarnegie@brickchurch.org](mailto:scarnegie@brickchurch.org)) to reserve your spot. Space is limited. Registration includes lunch. You must reregister for each meeting.

**Fees:** The cost to attend is \$36.25 per person. Please pay Carrie Galloway in advance via Venmo (@Carrie-Galloway-9) or at the event via check (made out to Carrie Galloway).

**Colony Club:** 564 Park Avenue (at 62nd). There is a strict dress code. Men must wear coat and tie and women must dress professionally. No denim is permitted.

## ACNC NOMINATIONS (MAR 6 DEADLINE)

The All-Church Nominating Committee (ACNC) is Seeking Your Recommendations for Brick Church Officers. Your involvement is crucial to identify the best possible candidates whom God is calling to take positions of responsibility at The Brick Church. The ACNC is identifying candidates for Deacons, Ruling Elders, Trustees, and 2024 ACNC members. Please prayerfully consider recommending members of The Brick Church as candidates for these positions. Important criteria to consider include a commitment to the Church, regular attendance at Worship, time, and willingness to serve, and personal characteristics of dedication, good judgment, and the ability to work well with others. Self-nominations are welcome. The deadline for recommendation submissions is March 6, 2023. Please fill in your submission electronically or download the form online at [www.brickchurch.org](http://www.brickchurch.org) by scrolling down to "All Church Nominating Committee" under the "About Us" tab on the top left. You may also pick up and leave completed paper forms at the Reception Desk in the Garden Room, marked to the attention of ACNC – Meagan Hooper."

## MIDWEEK SERVICES, LED BY SEMINARIANS (APR 12)

On Apr 12 at 6:00 p.m. Brick Church is offering a midweek service, led by our seminarians in the sanctuary. We look forward to hearing from our student ministers.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Keep up with Brick Church news and events through our social media channels. Like us on Facebook (Brick Presbyterian Church), and follow us on Twitter (@BrickChurchNYC) and Instagram (@brickchurchnyc). When you are here at The Brick Church, tag us in your events and spread the word about our community!

## PRAYER PARTNERS

Please email us at any time if you or someone you know is in need of prayer ([prayerpartners@brickchurch.org](mailto:prayerpartners@brickchurch.org)). A member of the Prayer Partners Team is available each Sunday at the front of the church after the 11 a.m. service to pray personally with anyone who would like to be strengthened by the power of praying together to our ever-listening, gracious God.

## KEEP FIT VIA ZOOM

Keep Fit is still meeting after nearly 50 years! The exercise classes are designed for Brick members and non-members to maintain or improve their health in a fun, safe way. For more information contact Angie at [alobenhofer@brickchurch.org](mailto:alobenhofer@brickchurch.org)

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

The Children's Ministry at Brick is possible because of a dedicated community of volunteers. If you are interested in participating or supporting our work and mission, visit the Brick Church website or reach out to Rev. Kim Jackson ([kjackson@brickchurch.org](mailto:kjackson@brickchurch.org)).

## PARENT'S MORNING OUT

Moms, dads and grandparents with children ages 3 months to 2 years old are invited to join other parents, grandparents and their children for fellowship Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the 3rd Floor Living Room. If you are interested in attending, please R.S.V.P. to Katie Lynagh ([katie.lynagh@gmail.com](mailto:katie.lynagh@gmail.com)).

## MINISTERS

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The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans, *Senior Minister*  
The Rev. Adam D. Gorman, *Associate Minister*  
The Rev. Dr. Kimberly A. Jackson, *Associate Minister*  
The Rev. Michael L. Lindvall, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Sean Baz, Joshua Garry, *Student Ministers*

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

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Dr. Raymond Nagem, *Minister of Music*  
Julianna Grabowski, *Director of Children's Music Ministries*  
Isaac Lee, *Wilson Family Sacred Music Intern*

## CHANCEL CHOIR

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*Sopranos:* Hirona Amamiya, Hannah Goodman, Julianna Grabowski, Christina Kay, Alina Lee, Tonna Miller-Vallés, Lindsey Nakatani, Jennifer Wu *Altos:* Annmarie Errico, Erica Koehring, Katie O'Neal, Melissa Raymond *Tenors:* Sean Fallen, Johnny Maldonado, Ongama Mhlontlo, Jeffrey Taveras *Basses:* Anicet Castel, Buddy Crutchfield, Ned Hanlon, Daniel Hoy, Nathaniel Sullivan

## GREETERS

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Liz Boehmler, *Team Leader*, Preston Blankenship, Sean Breen, Allison Ayers Elliott, James Elliott, Sarah Bates Johnson, Jonas Kumpitch, Katy Pape, Gigi Pardasani, Whitney Rothe, Jon Reese, Liza Valentine, Alex White

## USHERS

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Christopher Carrol, Scott Froehlich, Benjamin Huenke, *Team Captain*, Thomas D. Robinson, Joe G. Sauvage, *Team Captain*, Sam Seraphim, Oscar Sloterbeck, Robert Takacs, Francis Tucci, Ryan Widener, Suzanne Wilson, Samuel Won

## ORDER OF SAINT PAUL

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Michael Appleby, Ethan Jung, Leah Lee, Holly Miller, Caroline Pickering and Christopher L. Allen, *Beadle*

## SESSION

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Michael J. Appleby, *Youth Elder*, Bret M. Barasch, Nicholas M. Berry, Elizabeth Boehmler, Theodore D. Clement, David Darst, Helen T. Elmiger, Karen Fang, Pamela Ferguson, Jay A. Galloway, Mimi Hah, Amanda Heath, Lindsay Higgins, Ben C. Huneke, Stefan Kruger, Jill W. Lampe, Lisa L. Margosian, Amy K. McDonald, David Morgan, Jane Muqaddam, Margaret E. Pennoyer, Elizabeth Stearns, *Youth Elder*, Margaret D. Stocker, Christopher Thorpe, Cynthia Watson, Tanya S. Wells, Thomas Robinson, *Clerk of Session*.

## DEACONS

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## TRUSTEES

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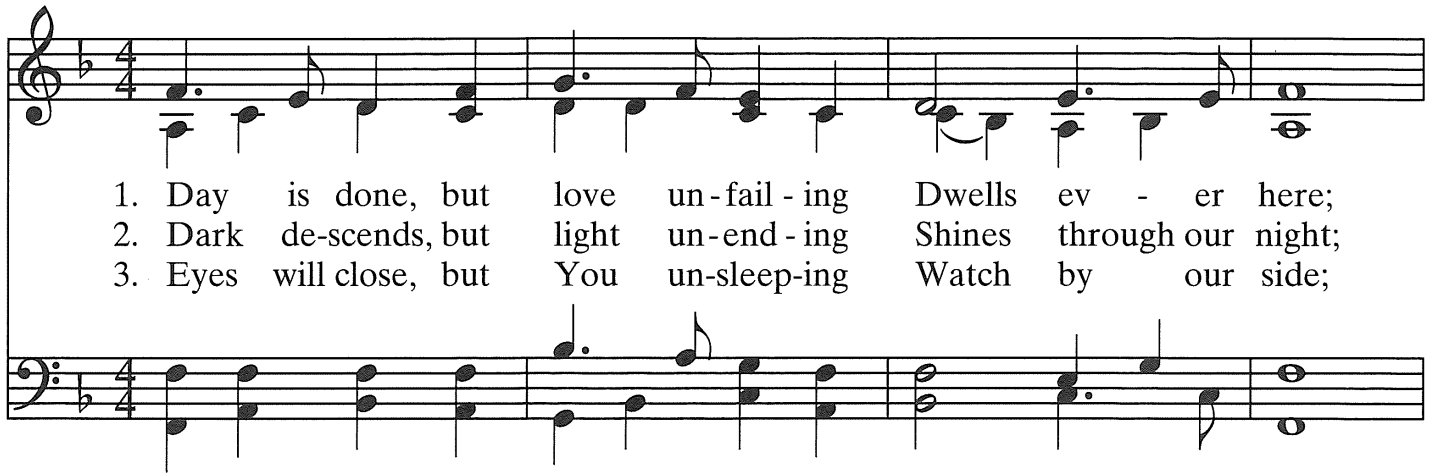
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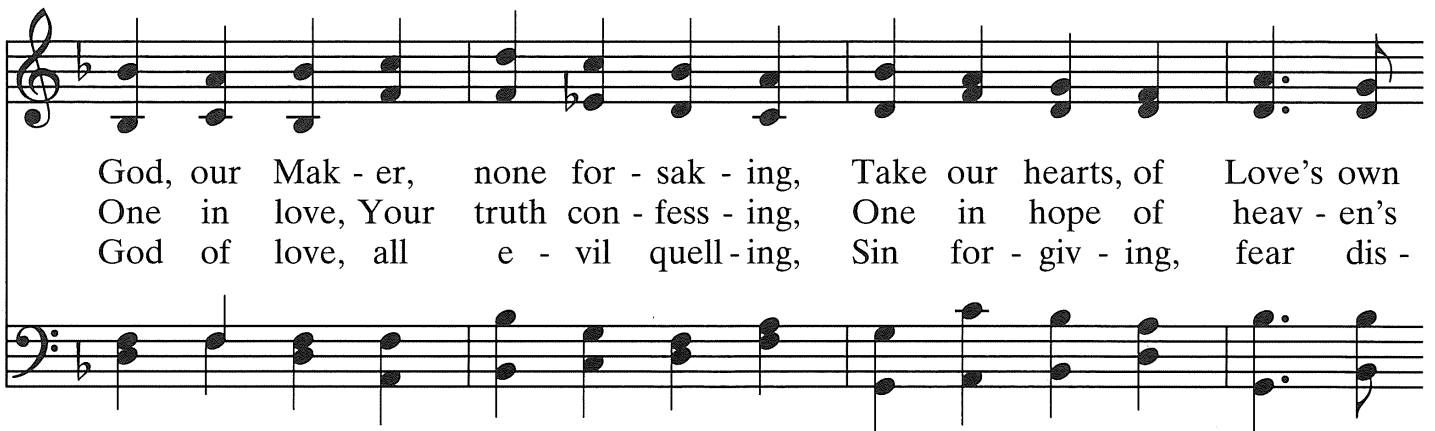
# 544 Day is Done



1. Day is done, but love un-fail - ing Dwells ev - er here;  
2. Dark de-scends, but light un-end - ing Shines through our night;  
3. Eyes will close, but You un-sleep-ing Watch by our side;



Shad - ows fall, but hope, pre - vail - ing, Calms ev - ery fear.  
You are with us, ev - er lend - ing New strength to sight:  
Death may come, in love's safe-keep - ing Still we a - bide.

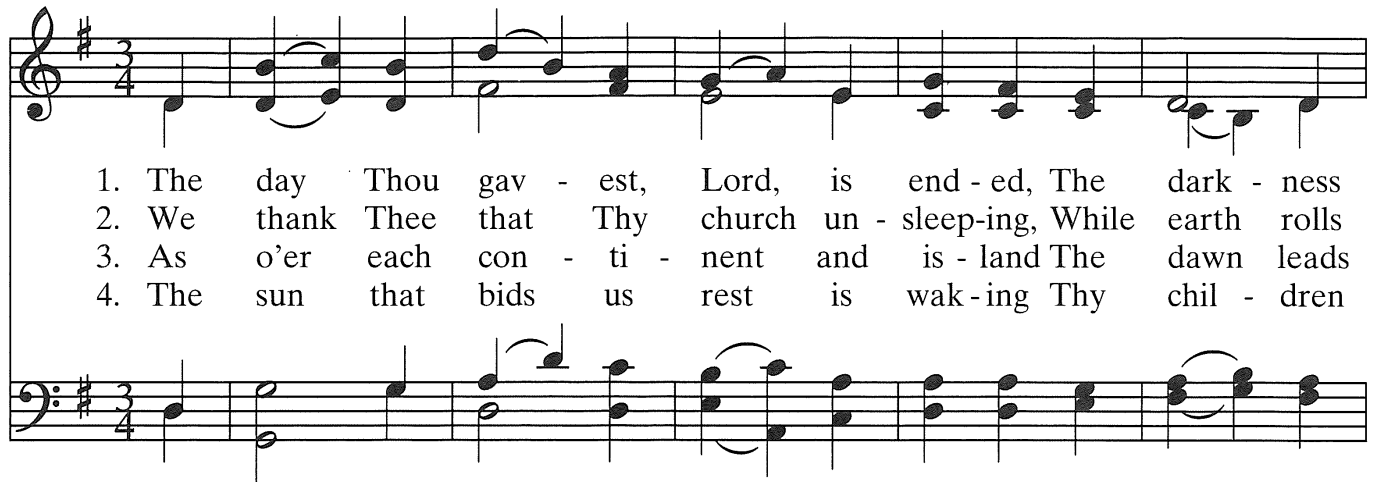


God, our Mak - er, none for - sak - ing, Take our hearts, of Love's own  
One in love, Your truth con - fess - ing, One in hope of heav - en's  
God of love, all e - vil quell - ing, Sin for - giv - ing, fear dis -



mak - ing, Watch our sleep - ing, guard our wak - ing, Be al - ways near.  
bless - ing, May we see, in love's pos - sess - ing, Love's end - less light!  
pel - ling, Stay with us, our hearts in - dwell - ing, This e - ven - tide.

# 546 The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended



1. The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended, The darkness  
2. We thank Thee that Thy church un-sleeping, While earth rolls  
3. As o'er each continent and island The dawn leads  
4. The sun that bids us rest is waking Thy children



falls at Thy behest; To Thee our morning  
onward in-to light, Through all the world a  
on another day, The voice of prayer is  
'neath the western sky, And hour by hour fresh



hymns ascended, Thy praise shall hallow now our rest.  
watch is keeping And rests not now by day or night.  
never silent, Nor dies the strain of praise away.  
lips are making Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

5. So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever  
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.