

St. John's United Church of Christ  
Guidelines for Funerals & Memorial Services  
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Purpose:

The resurrection is a central doctrine of the Christian faith and shapes Christians' attitudes and responses to the event of death. Death brings loss, sorrow, and grief to all. In the face of death, Christians do not bear bereavement in isolation but are sustained by the power of the Holy Spirit and the community of faith. The Church offers a ministry of love and hope to all who grieve. Its purpose is to affirm once more the powerful, steadfast love of God from which people cannot be separated, even by death. As this is the basis of a Christian funeral as defined by the Book of Worship of the United Church of Christ (UCC), the Council of St. John's UCC has set forth the following policy on funeral/memorial services which occur at the church.

Pastor:

It is expected that primary arrangements will be made with St. John's pastor. Requests for the participation of a "guest" pastor (including former St. John's pastors) to assist in the service must be made to the pastor; who, if it is appropriate, will extend an invitation.

Service at Church:

Church members are encouraged to use the church for funeral/memorial services. Just as we are baptized by God in church and have been nourished by God through the church, so it is wholly appropriate that thanksgiving to God for our lives should be offered in church.

A Time of Worship:

In the UCC tradition a funeral/memorial service is considered a service of worship, and will be approached with the dignity and joyful celebration accorded worship. A typical order of worship will include: prelude and postlude of sacred music; hymns and songs of praise and faith; scripture lessons from the Old and New Testaments; a message – which expresses thanksgiving to God for the life of the deceased, and reminds all of Christ's resurrection and promise of eternal life; prayers of intercession and thanksgiving; a benediction. In consultation with the pastor, other elements, such as remarks from family members and friends, may be included in the service. The officiating pastor shall make the final determination on the elements of worship.

**Type of Service:**

St. John's UCC enjoys both traditional and contemporary styles of worship. While it is anticipated that most funeral/memorial services will reflect a traditional approach to worship, a contemporary service format is also possible. While every effort will be made to accommodate a desire for the funeral/memorial service to be contemporary in style, this option ultimately depends on the availability of volunteer/paid musicians and sound board operators; and may require the use of recorded music.

**Casket/Cremains:**

The casket/cremains of the deceased may be present for the service, and shall arrive at the church at least 45 minutes prior to the announced start time. In order that worship may focus on God, and upon the gift of resurrection, rather than upon the earthly remains of the deceased, the casket will be closed during the service.

**Cremation:**

Cremation is an appropriate alternative for Christians. Orders of worship and committal remain the same in cases of cremation, with the exception that the committal may take place on a different date from the service in the church. If desired, and possible at the place where cremation takes place, a brief prayer/blessing can be offered as the cremation begins.

### Pictures & Photography:

As the focus of Christian worship is God, it is not appropriate to display pictures of the deceased in the sanctuary during the service. Photo displays of the deceased are encouraged, and more appropriately placed in the reception area. Non-flash photography and video is permitted during the service from a stationary position behind the worshipping congregation.

### Flowers:

The use of flowers and other forms of decoration are not required, and should be limited in order that they do not distract from the purpose of worship. One or two simple floral arrangements adequately symbolize God's gift of new life.

### Visitation:

There may be occasions when it is desirable for visitation with the family to take place at the church rather than the funeral home. In such cases Fellowship Hall is available.

### Reception

Simple post-service receptions may be held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The church has tables and chairs available that may be used, as well as a small kitchenette that is equipped for light preparation and storage of perishables, etc.; it is not conducive for cooking. You should make arrangements for setup and take down as part of the time commitment.

### Committal Service:

The pastor is available to lead a brief committal service at the site (locally) where the casket/cremains are to be interred. This service typically includes: scripture; prayers; words of committal; a benediction.

### Military/Masonic Rituals:

Christians often hold membership in praiseworthy organizations other than the church. It is most appropriate for memorial rituals of those groups to be held separately from the funeral/memorial service. They are more properly carried out at the funeral home or cemetery.

Fees:

When the deceased was a member:

- a. Organist: \$100.00
- b. Pastor: no fee, although an honorarium is acceptable

When the deceased was a non-member:

- a. Organist: \$100.00
- b. Pastor: \$150.00

Fees for other musicians should be in accordance with their normal pay scale.

Services taking place on a Saturday or Sunday will require a reasonable custodial fee based upon hours worked and custodian availability. If applicable, the pastor will discuss this fee with you.

Memorials:

Gifts given in memory of a loved one are appropriate and welcomed. St. John's UCC, or a charitable organization of the donor's choice are potential recipients of such gifts. Guidelines for directing such gifts to the church are outline in St. John's Memorials & Special Gifts Policy.

Final Plans:

Members of St. John's are strongly encouraged to pre-plan their funeral/memorial service. The pastor is willing to be part of this process if desired. Members may pick up a "Final Plan" folder in the church office (or download the form from the church web site: [www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org](http://www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org)). Once completed and returned, the forms

will be kept in the church's confidential files; where they will be available for revision. At the time of death, the information will be shared with family members, and the pastor with whom the service is being planned.

**Service Order and Funeral Bulletin:**

The typical funeral/memorial order of service is listed below. If desired, the church office will create a simple service bulletin based on this order.

**A Service of Witness  
To the Resurrection**

**Celebrating the Life of  
(name of person)**

**Prelude**

**Sentences in Procession**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn**

**Old Testament Readings**

**New Testament Readings**

**(Family Memories – optional)**

**The Faith We Claim -- Homily**

**Silent Celebration**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

## **Hymn**

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

### Possible Scriptural Texts & Hymns:

In those moments when words are difficult, scripture and hymns (sung or played) can speak powerfully for God's people. A partial list of appropriate scripture texts and hymns follows:

Old Testament:

#### **Psalm 23**

1) The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. 2) he makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; 3) he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. 4) Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me. 5) You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6) Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

#### **Psalm 46**

1) God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2) Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; 3) though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. 4) There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. 5) God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. 6) The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. 7) The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. 8) Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. 9) He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. 10) "Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among

the nations, I am exalted in the earth.” 11) The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

### **Psalm 90**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. 2) Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. 3) You turn us back to dust, and say, “Turn back, you mortals.” 4) For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. 5) You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; 6) in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. 7) For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. 8) You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance. 9) For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sign. 10) The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. 11) Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. 12) So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. 13) Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants! 14) Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. 15) Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. 16) Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. 17) Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!

### **Psalm 91**

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, 2) will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.” 3) For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; 4) he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. 5) You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day, 6) or the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. 7) A thousand may fall at your side, then thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. 8) You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. 9) Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, 10) no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. 11) For he will command his angels

concerning you to guard you in all your ways. 12) On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. 13) You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. 14) Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. 15) When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. 16) With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

### **Psalm 100**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. 2) Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. 3) Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4) Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. 5) For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

### **Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? 2) My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. 3) He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. 4) He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5) The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. 6) The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. 7) The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. 8) The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

### **Psalm 130**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. 2) Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! 3) If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? 4) But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. 5) I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; 6) my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning. 7) O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. 8) It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

### **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: 2) a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; 3) a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down,

and a time to build up; 4) a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5) a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6) a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; 7) a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8) a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

### **Isaiah 40:28-31**

28) Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29) He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. 30) Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; 31) but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

### **Isaiah 55:1-13**

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2) Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor or that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3) Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4) See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 5) See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. 6) Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 7) let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8) For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. 9) For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10) For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11) so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I

purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. 2) For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13) Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be the Lord for a memorial for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

New Testament:

**Matthew 11:28-30**

28) "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. 29) Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30) For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**Mark 10:13-16**

13) People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14) But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15) Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it" 16) and took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them.

**John 14.1-6, 27**

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." But Thomas, one of the twelve, said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father, but by me.....Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

16) So we do not lose heart. Even though our nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. 17) For this slight momentary

affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 18) because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

## **2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

1) For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2) For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling - 3) if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. 4) For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5) He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. 6) So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - 7) for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8) Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9) So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10) For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

## **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

13) But we do not want you to be uninformed; brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may have no hope. 14) For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15) For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16) For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17) Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18) Therefore encourage one another with these words.

## **1 Peter 1:3-9**

3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4) and into an inheritance that is imperishable,

undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5) who are being protected by the power of God through faith and salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6) In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7) so that the genuineness of your faith-being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8) Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9) for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### **Revelation 21:1-4; 22-25**

1)Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2) And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3) And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God, they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 4) he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” 22) I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23) And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24) The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-and there will be no night there.

### **Revelation 22:3-5**

3) Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4) they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5) And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light and they will reign forever and ever.

Hymns: This list is not exhaustive. It is meant to provide a suggested group of hymns that are appropriate for a funeral/memorial service. Other hymns may be chose from the Hymnal.

- 546 - Amazing Grace
- 595 - Be Thou My Vision
- 637 - For All The Saints
- 86 - Great is Thy Faithfulness
- 33 - How Great Thou Art
- 227 - In the Garden
- 561 - It is Well With My Soul
- 2 - Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
- 557 - Just a Closer Walk
- 548 - Old Rugged Cross
- 77 - On Eagle's Wings
- 628 - Precious Lord Take My Hand
- 340 - Softly And Tenderly
- 585 - What a Friend We Have in Jesus
- 536 - When We Are Living

## Amazing Grace!

546

1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779; st. 4 anonymous  
 MUSIC: *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

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## Be Thou My Vision

595

*Unison*

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought by day or by night,  
 thou my re - deem - er, my love thou hast won,  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

WORDS: Irish song (8th century); tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.

SLANE  
10 10.9 10

MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1963

*Unison*

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who  
 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might: their  
 3. O blest communion, com - pa - ny di - vine!  
 4. And when the strife is fierce, the con - flict long,  
 5. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's far - thest coast, through

1. thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 2. strength and sol - ace in the well-fought fight;  
 3. We live and strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;  
 4. steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,  
 5. gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

1. name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 2. thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true light.  
 3. yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 4. and hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.  
 5. sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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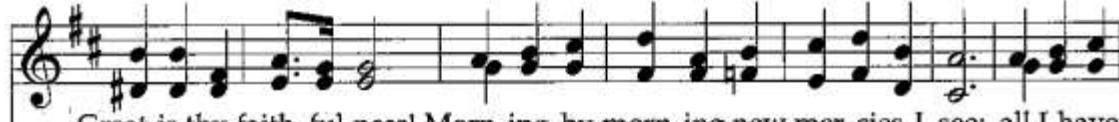
1. Great is thy faith- ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no shad-ow of  
 2. Sum- mer and win- ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and stars in their  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear pres-ence to



turn- ing with thee; thou chang- est not, thy com- pas-sions, they fail not;  
 cours- es a - bove, join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit- ness  
 cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright hope for to- mor- row,

*Refrain*

as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be. Great is thy faith- ful-ness!  
 to thy great faith- ful-ness, mer- cy and love. Great is thy faith- ful-ness!  
 bless- ings all mine, with ten thou- sand be-side!



Great is thy faith- ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have



need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed— Great is thy faith- ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!



WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923  
 MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923

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FAITHFULNESS  
 11 10.11 10 w. refrain

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## How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der  
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion

con-sid-er all the worlds thy hands have made,  
 and hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;  
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing thun-der,  
 when I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur  
 that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing,  
 Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion,

thy power through-out the un-i-verse dis-played.  
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
 he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
 and there pro-claim, my God, how great thou art!

*Refrain*

The musical score consists of two staves of music in common time and E-flat major. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first section of lyrics is: "Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my". The second section of lyrics is: "soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!". The music features eighth-note patterns and various rests.

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my  
soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!



1. I come to the gar-den a - lone, while the dew is  
 2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the  
 3. I'd stay in the gar-den with him though the night a -



still on the ros - es; and the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear,  
 birds hush their sing - ing, and the mel - o - dy that he gave to me  
 round me be fall - ing, but he bids me go; through the voice of woe



*Refrain*



the Son of God dis-clos - es.  
 with - in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he  
 his voice to me is call - ing.



talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, and the



joy we share, as we tar- ry there, none oth-er has ev- er known.

## It Is Well with My Soul

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1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way,  
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,  
 3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!  
 4. May God haste the day when my faith shall be sight,

when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my  
 let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re -  
 My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the  
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re -

lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is  
 gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own  
 cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the  
 sound, and the Lord shall de - scend, e - ven so, it is

*Refrain*

well with my soul.  
 blood for my soul. It is well with my soul,  
 Lord, O my soul! It is well with my soul,  
 well with my soul. It is well with my soul,  
 it is well, it is well with my soul.

## 2

## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Descant*

4. Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus; stars of morn-ing, take your part;

1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;  
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-flect thy rays,  
 3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,  
 4. Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus; stars of morn-ing, take your part;

love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing those of ten-der heart. So  
 hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.  
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!  
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing those of ten-der heart.

sing-ing, move we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive our fear and doubt a-way;  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Broth-er, all who live in love are thine;  
 Ev-er sing-ing, move we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife,

WORDS: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.  
 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr. Edward Hodges, 1864;  
 desc. Susan Adams, 1995

HYMN TO JOY  
87.87D

# Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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1. I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
 2. Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
 Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,

*D. C. for Refrain*

I'll be sat- is- fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
 Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
 guide me gent- ly, safe- ly o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.  
 dai - ly walk-ing close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

WORDS and MUSIC: Anonymous

CLOSER WALK  
Irr. w. refrain

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,  
 2. O that old rug-ged cross, so de - spised by the world,  
 3. In that old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,  
 4. To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true,

the em - blem of suf - fering and shame;  
 has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;  
 a won - drous beau - ty I see,  
 its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best  
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove  
 for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,  
 then he'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.  
 to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.  
 to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
 where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

*Refrain*

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross,  
cross, the old rug - ged cross,

till my tro - phies at last I lay down;

I will cling to the old rug - ged cross,  
cross, the old rug - ged cross,

and ex - change it some day for a crown.

## On Eagle's Wings

G Dmaj7/F#  
 1. You who dwell in the shel- ter of the Lord, who a -  
 G Dmaj7/F# F  
 bide in God's shad-ow for life, say to the Lord: "My  
 Dm F Gm A sus4  
 ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"  
**Refrain**  
 A7 D  
 "And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,  
 Em A7 D D7  
 bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the  
 G A Bm Em F#m Em A7 D  
 sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

After last refrain

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a rest followed by a melodic line. Chords indicated above the staff are A, Bm, F#m, Em, A7, and D. The lyrics for this section are: "And hold you, hold you in the palm of my hand." The second staff begins with a rest followed by a melodic line. Chords indicated are G and Dmaj7/F#. The lyrics for this section are: "2. The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam- ine will bring you no fear: un - der God's wings your". The third staff begins with a rest followed by a melodic line. Chords indicated are Dm, F, Gm, Asus4, and D.S. The lyrics for this section are: "ref - uge, God's faith - ful - ness your shield." The fourth staff begins with a rest followed by a melodic line. Chords indicated are D, G, and Dmaj7/F#. The lyrics for this section are: "3. You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -". The fifth staff begins with a rest followed by a melodic line. Chords indicated are Dm, F, Gm, Asus4, and D.S. The lyrics for this section are: "bout you, near you it shall not come." The sixth staff begins with a rest followed by a melodic line. Chords indicated are G and Dmaj7/F#. The lyrics for this section are: "4. For to God's an - gels is giv - en a com-mand to". The seventh staff begins with a rest followed by a melodic line. Chords indicated are G, Dmaj7/F#, and F. The lyrics for this section are: "guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will". The eighth staff begins with a rest followed by a melodic line. Chords indicated are Gm, Am, Bb, Asus4, and D.S. The lyrics for this section are: "bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone."

## Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,

2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,

3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;

when my life is al - most gone,

and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

*Refrain*

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

WORDS and MUSIC: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

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PRECIOUS LORD  
66.9D

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,  
 2. Why should we lin - ger when Je - sus is plead - ing,  
 3. O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised,

call - ing for you and for me; pa - tient and lov - ing, he's  
 plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we wait, then, and  
 prom - ised for you and for me; tho' we have sinned he has

wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.  
 heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?  
 mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.

*Refrain*

Come home, come home, ye who are  
 Come home, come home,

A musical score for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in G major. The Soprano part is in treble clef, and the Bass part is in bass clef. The music consists of two staves, each with four measures. The lyrics are integrated into the melody:

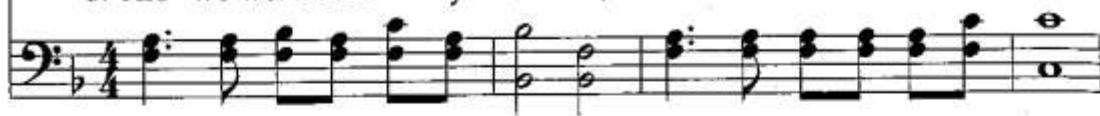
wea - ry, come home; ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,  
Je - sus is call - ing— call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

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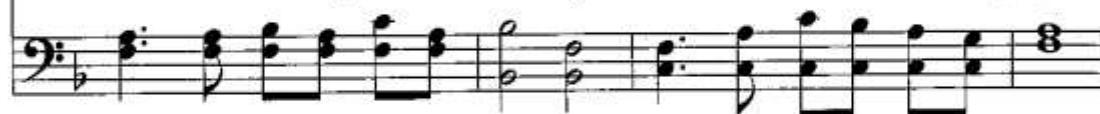
## 585 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



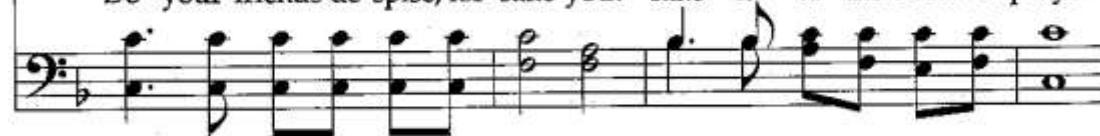
1. What a friend we have in Je-sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2. Have we tri-als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an-y-where?  
 3. Are we weak and heav-y lad-en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv-i-lege to car-ry ev-ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Pre-cious Sav-i-or, still our ref-uge, take it to the Lord in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of-ten for-feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith-ful, who will all our sor-rows share?  
 Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be-cause we do not car-ry ev-ery-thing to God in prayer.  
 Je-sus knows our ev-ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol-ace there.



WORDS: Joseph Scriven, 1855  
 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868

CONVERSE  
 87.87D

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# Pues Si Vivimos (When We Are Living)

*Unísono (Unison)*

D                    Em                    A7                    D

1. Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos  
2. En es - ta vi - da, fru - tos he - mos de dar.  
1. When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,  
2. Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.

y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.  
Las o - bras bue - nas son pa - ra o - fren - dar.  
and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.  
Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.

Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,  
Ya sea que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,  
Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,  
When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,

WORDS: St. 1 anonymous, tr. Elise S. Eslinger, 1983;  
st. 2, 3, 4 Roberto Escamilla, 1983, tr. George Lockwood, 1987  
MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody; harm. *Celebremos*, 1983, alt.

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR  
Irr.

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*Estríbillo (Refrain)*

The musical score for the Refrain section consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and has chords Bm, Em, A7, and D indicated above the notes. The lyrics "so-mos del Señor," and "we be-long to God," are repeated twice. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and shows eighth-note patterns corresponding to the chords.

*last time to Coda*

*Coda (Solamente la última vez)*

The musical score for the Coda section consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and has chords Bm, Em, A7, and D indicated above the notes. The lyrics "So-mos del Señor," and "We be-long to God," are repeated twice. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and shows eighth-note patterns corresponding to the chords.

3. En la tristeza y en el dolor,  
en la belleza y en el amor,  
sea que suframos o que gocemos,  
*Estríbillo*

4. En este mundo, hemos de encontrar  
gente que llora y sin consolar.  
Sea que ayudemos o que alimentemos,  
*Estríbillo*

3. 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,  
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
*Refrain*

4. Across this wide world, we shall always find  
those who are crying with no peace of mind,  
but when we help them, or when we feed them,  
*Refrain*