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8:15am – Traditional
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*"Raising Up
Families and Followers
of Jesus Christ"*

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

8:15 AM



PERSISTENCE PAYS

AS WE GATHER

From an early age, many of us learned that persistent pestering is rude, as parents make this clear to children who repeatedly ask for the same things over and over. We are thankful that our heavenly Father never grows weary of our asking Him for what we need, no matter how repetitive our requests may be. As we see in Jacob's persistent proclamation, "I will not let You go unless You bless me" (Genesis 32:26), in Paul's exhortation to continually persist in what we have learned and believed (2 Timothy 3:14), and in Jesus' parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1–8), we know we can bring all things to our heavenly Father persistently in prayer, trusting through it all that His will would be done.

+ PREPARATION +

869 WITH THE LORD BEGIN YOUR TASK *sts. 1–3*



- 1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
- 2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.
- 3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - harm you;



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.
In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.
Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.
Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.

INVOCATION

Leader In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *1 Thessalonians 5:16–18; Philippians 4:6; 1 John 5:14; Jeremiah 29:12; Hebrews 4:16; Psalm 145:18*

Leader Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Congregation **Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**

Leader This is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.

Congregation **Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you.**

Leader Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Congregation **The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 34:17; 1 John 1:8–9*

Leader As the Psalmist writes, “When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.” Our Lord hears our cries and invites us to speak to Him in our words and thoughts—to speak to Him in prayer.

Congregation **We confess that we have failed to bring all things to You in persistent and persevering prayer, instead seeking our own devices and other means for the guidance, direction, and answers we seek.**

Leader Our Lord also invites us to bring to Him our faults and failings, our sins of what has been done and left undone, against Him and against our neighbors. We are reminded, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

Congregation **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Leader Unlike Jacob, we have been quick to give up and to discount the blessings held in store for us by Your grace.

Congregation **Forgive us, Lord.**

Leader As Paul writes, we confess we have not always endured sound teaching; rather, our itching ears have been opened to things that suit our own passions and desires.

Congregation **Forgive us, Lord.**

Leader As in Jesus' parable, we seek out our own justice and even retribution for times we are wronged, impatient in our waiting and unrighteous in our trust in the perfect justice assured at Your time.

Congregation **Forgive us, Lord.**

Leader In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained 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.

May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation **Amen.**

+ WORD +

INTROIT FOR PENTECOST 19 *Psalm 74:18–19, 21, 20a, 22a*

Congregation **Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage!**

Leader Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs,
 and a foolish people reviles Your name.
Do not deliver the soul of Your dove to the wild beasts;
 do not forget the life of Your poor forever.
Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;
 let the poor and needy praise Your name.
Have regard for the covenant;
 arise, O God, defend Your cause.

Congregation **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old,
which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage!**

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KYRIE *LSB 168*

Leader In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us
pray to the Lord.

Congregation **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Congregation **Amen.**

SALUTATION

Leader The Lord be with you.

Congregation **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray
and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may
direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with
steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

Congregation **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 32:22–30*

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

²My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

⁸The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

GRADUAL *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

Leader He will command His angels concerning you

Congregation **to guard you in all your ways.**

Leader Bless the LORD, O my soul,

Congregation **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

EPISTLE *2 Timothy 3:14—4:5*

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Luke 18:8

Leader

Alleluia, alleluia!

Congregation

I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?

Leader

Alleluia, alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:1–8

Leader

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

Congregation

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Leader

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Connie Dougherty

770 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 - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, 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 thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

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SERMON

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Congregation I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs.

Ever-hearing Lord, You invite us to cast our anxiety on You because You care for us. We pray that in the midst of trials and temptations, we remain firm in faith and continue to place ourselves where Your Spirit strengthens, nourishes, and sustains the faith You give. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

773 HEAR US, FATHER, WHEN WE PRAY *st. 1*



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and



in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey



All that we through Christ in - her - it,



That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.

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Leader Ever-providing Lord, we thank You for Your creation and for providing all we need for this body and life. You give to us, Your people, all our abilities and vocations; help us to use our gifts to Your glory. Be with all whose work is dangerous and protect those who serve and protect others in our world, nation, and communities. Help us recognize You as the giver of all good things in our faithful response as Your stewards. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

773 HEAR US, FATHER, WHEN WE PRAY *st. 2*



2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed



souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,



Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;



By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.

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Leader

Ever-guiding Lord, You place us where we are to be lights in a dark world and proclaim Your Word in truth and love. Empower us in our witnessing among family, friends, and strangers that they too may know the relationship You desire with all people through the Savior You have given. Grant Your Spirit to open ears and soften hearts that Your Gospel may be received and furthered throughout the world until You come again. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

773 HEAR US, FATHER, WHEN WE PRAY *st. 3*



3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on



Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:



Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;



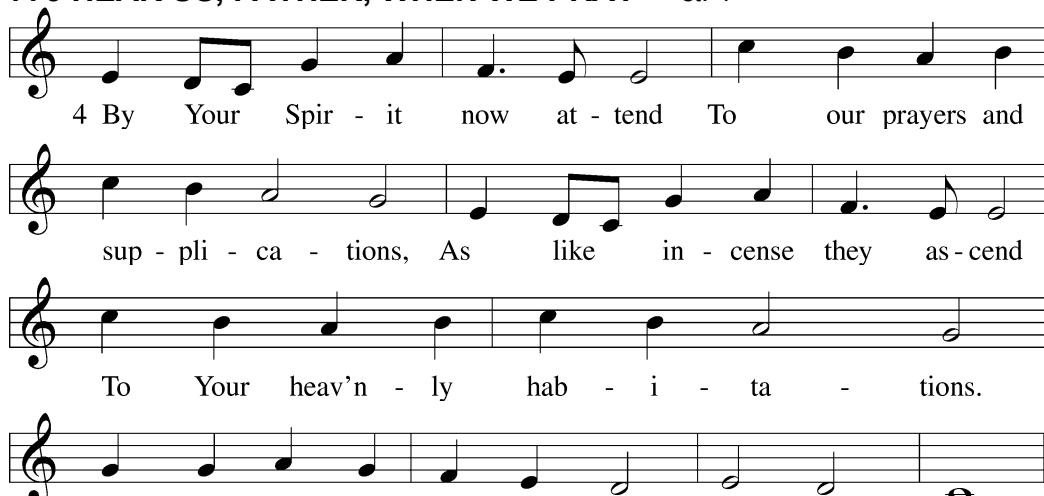
Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.

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Leader

Ever-present Lord, grant Your comfort and peace to those who face afflictions and who seek relief. We lift up to You those who persevere and have asked for persistent prayer, [*especially . . .*]. For those who mourn, grant Your presence that hope may be had even among tears of grief and sadness. Point all who grieve to the cross and the empty tomb and the assurance of eternal life. For the days You grant us, instill in us the persistence of prayer and perseverance of faith until at last we are called to You in everlasting glory. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

773 HEAR US, FATHER, WHEN WE PRAY *st. 4*



4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and
sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend
To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.
May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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Leader Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Congregation Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Leader The Lord be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

Congregation We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Leader Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Leader As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Congregation Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation 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

PAX DOMINI

Leader The peace of the Lord be with you always.

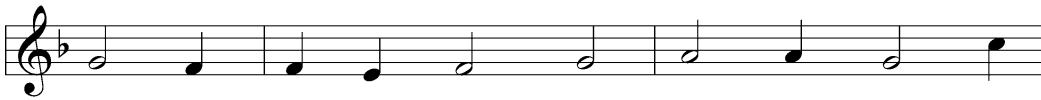
Congregation Amen.

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623 LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
gift of love re - told; All that You are we
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844–1932, alt. Tune: Canticale Germanicum, 1628, Gochsheim

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686 COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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725 CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Leader

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

BENEDICTION

Leader

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People

Amen.

643 SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing,



The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,



The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing



To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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