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## THE SERVICE – SETTING ONE

**THREAD:** *A focused Savior focuses his followers in the face of opposition.*

### Hymn: I Look Not Back

CW 815



1 I look not back; God knows the fruit - less ef - forts,  
2 I look not for - ward; God sees all the fu - ture,  
3 I look not round me; then would fears as - sail me,  
4 I look not in - ward; that would make me wretch - ed,  
5 But I look up in - to the face of Je - sus,



the wast - ed hours, the sin, the deep re - grets.  
the road that, short or long, will lead me home,  
so wild the waves of earth's un - ru - ly seas,  
for I have naught on which to stay my trust.  
for there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled;



I leave them all with him who blots the rec - ord,  
and he will face with me its ev - 'ry tri - al,  
so dark the world, so filled with woe and e - vil,  
I on - ly see my fail - ures and of - fens - es,  
and there is joy, and love, and light for dark-ness,



and gra - cious - ly for - gives, and then for - gets.  
and bear for me the bur - dens that may come.  
so vain the hope of com - fort and of ease.  
and weak en - deav - ors, crum - bling in - to dust.  
and per - fect peace, and ev - 'ry hope ful - filled.

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just**

**and will forgive us our sins**

**and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called 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.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

## **Glory Be to God**

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## THE WORD

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23-29

*God is all knowing and present everywhere. He knew what the false prophets were saying to the people. He gave the words to Jeremiah that were used to condemn those false prophets. The true test of the message is whether it is in harmony with God's Word. The Word divides what is true from what is false.*

<sup>23</sup>“Am I only a God nearby,”

declares the LORD,

“and not a God far away?”

<sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places

so that I cannot see them?”

declares the LORD.

“Do not I fill heaven and earth?”

declares the LORD.

<sup>25</sup>“I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’

<sup>26</sup>How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds?

<sup>27</sup>They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>“Is not my word like fire,” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Psalm: I Will Lie Down and Sleep in Peace

Psalm 4B

### Refrain



I will lie down and sleep in peace, for  
you, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

### Tone



Answer me when I / call to you,  
my / righteous God.  
Give me relief from / my distress;  
have mercy on me and / hear my prayer. *Refrain*

Tremble and / do not sin;  
when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be / silent.  
Offer the sacrifices of the / righteous  
and trust / in the LORD. *Refrain*

Many, LORD, are asking, “Who will bring us pros- / perity?”  
Let the light of your face / shine on us.  
In peace I will lie / down and sleep,  
for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in / safety.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1–13

*Christians will face opposition. Look at Jesus; look at the apostle; look at the faithful prophets. Their lives testify to the truth. Fix your eyes on Jesus. Don't give up, keep going. Do not view opposition as punishment from God, but rather discipline from a loving father. Following Jesus will not bring peace now, but rather greater peace later.*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

<sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,  
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,  
because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

<sup>7</sup>Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? <sup>8</sup>If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. <sup>9</sup>Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! <sup>10</sup>They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. <sup>11</sup>No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. <sup>13</sup>“Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 15:58

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,**

because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

Luke 12:49–53

*Jesus was fully aware that his work would cause division between people. It would separate those who embrace Jesus’ work and those who oppose it – even those in the same family. Jesus did not come to earth to bring peace between people, but rather peace between earth and heaven as evidenced by his birth, life, death and resurrection.*

<sup>49</sup>“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. <sup>52</sup>From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## Hymn of the Day: O Holy Spirit, Enter In

CW 590



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in and in our hearts  
2 Give to your Word im - pres - sive pow'r that in our hearts  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your dear Word,



your work be - gin, your dwell - ing place now make us.  
from this good hour as fire it may be glow - ing,  
in doubt and strife, in us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, a - round and in  
that in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty we faith - ful wit -  
that we be faith - ful un - to death and live in love



us bright - ly shine, to joy and glad - ness wake us  
ness - es may be, your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.  
and ho - ly faith, from you true wis - dom learn - ing.



that we may be tru - ly liv - ing, to you giv - ing  
Hear us, cheer us by your teach - ing; let our preach - ing  
Your grace and peace on us show - er; by your pow - er



prayer un - ceas - ing and in love be still in - creas - ing.  
and our la - bor praise you, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.  
Christ con - fess - ing, let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

## Sermon

Luke 12:49-53

### Jesus Brings a Different Kind of Peace

- He achieved this peace through his distress
- In his peace we're divided from the world

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## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen..**

## **Prayer of the Church**

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.  
**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.  
**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.  
**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.  
**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.  
**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

... Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.  
**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.  
**Amen.**

**Offering** – *The mail at church is being collected. Offerings may be mailed to:*  
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Let us pray:

God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

**Amen.**

## Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

CW 811



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart;
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; take all my  
my zeal in - spire! As thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide. Bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's  
shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran-somed soul!

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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