

Communion Practice: We believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion and, as we try to be faithful to Christ in the serving of this Sacrament, we ask that everyone be examined and instructed by the Pastor before receiving Holy Communion. All confirmed members of this parish, who have been regularly examined by the Pastor, are welcome to partake of the Holy Eucharist today. We also welcome the members who are in good standing of any of the parishes served by the Bishop, Pastors, and Deacons of The Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA), and who have spoken to the Pastor prior to the service. Members of other Lutheran parishes or other denominations are kindly asked to refrain from communing today. The Pastor would be glad to make an appointment with anyone to discuss our teachings and/or our parish.

A Prayer upon Entering Church

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

A Prayer before Communion

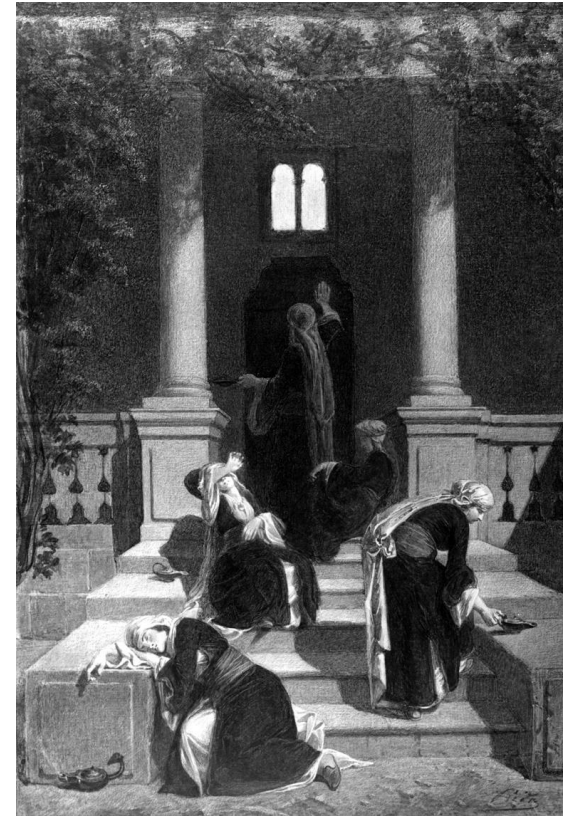
Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

A Prayer after Communion

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, Who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Thy faith and favor; as Thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy holy Body and Blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

A Prayer at the Close of the Service

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.



The Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday
November 21st, 2021

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“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.” St. Matthew 25:1

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Ewing”</i>	Roger Kalbfleisch
The Ringing of the Bell		
The Hymn	<i>“Jerusalem the Golden”</i>	TLH 613

(The Pastor silently prays Psalm 24 while the congregation joins in silent self-examination and reflection on God’s Commandments. Prayers are located on back cover.)

Stand

The Invocation and Address		TLH p. 15
Versicles	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	TLH p. 15
Confession and Absolution		TLH p. 16

Stand (if kneeling)

The Introit	<i>(Tone 8)</i>	INSERT
The Kyrie		TLH p. 17
The Gloria in Excelsis		TLH p. 17-19
The Salutation		TLH p. 19
The Collect for the Day		INSERT
The Collect for the End of the Church Year		INSERT

Sit

The Epistle	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	
The Gradual		INSERT
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	TLH p. 20

Stand

The Holy Gospel	St. Matthew 25:1-13	
The Nicene Creed	<i>(Bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	TLH p. 22

Sit

The Hymn	<i>“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”</i>	TLH 67
The Sermon	<i>You Know Neither the Day nor the Hour</i>	

Stand

The Offertory		TLH p. 22-23
The General Prayer		LSBH p. 115-116

Sit (An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)

The Hymn	<i>“Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying”</i>	TLH 609
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Stand

The Exhortation		LSBH p. 117
The Lavabo		LSBH p. 118

(The Pastor washes his hands while silently praying Psalm 26. The congregation joins in silent prayer reflecting upon the Sacrament they are about to receive. Prayers are located on back cover.)

The Preface		TLH p. 24
The Proper Preface		TLH p. 25
The Sanctus and Benedictus		TLH p. 26
The Lord’s Prayer		TLH p. 27
The Verba Domini	<i>(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)</i>	TLH p. 27
The Pax Domini	<i>(All may bow and cross themselves)</i>	TLH p. 27
The Agnus Dei	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	TLH p. 28

Sit

The Distribution	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover.)</i>	
The Hymn	<i>“Jerusalem, Thou City Fair and High”</i>	TLH 619

Stand

The Post-Communion Canticle		TLH p. 29-30
The Thanksgiving		TLH p. 30
The Post-Communion Collect		TLH p. 31
The Hymn	<i>“For Thee, O Dear, Dear Country”</i>	TLH 614
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction		TLH p. 31

Sit

The Postlude	<i>“Wachet auf”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther
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Recitation of the Catechism		The Ten Commandments
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Announcements

commands us as He begins to say: “Blessed are the poor...Blessed are the meek,” etc. [Matt. 5:3, 5]. The apostles commonly use the words “I admonish,” “I ask,” “I implore,” etc. But Moses says, “I command,” “I forbid,” and then threatens and frightens with dreadful punishments and torments. With this instruction, you can read and listen to the Gospels beneficially.” *Dr. Martin Luther’s Werke WA 10.1.1 S. 12/13 (translation used: Luther’s Works, American Edition, vol. 75, p. 9/10).*

In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Peggy Holder, Jo Kope, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Nellie Noegel, Katie, Dan, Judy Horn, Patricia Bachand, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Matthew Scholten, Barb Eisold, Vince Bost, Janice Heitener, Ray Heitener, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, William Noegel, Bruce Carter, John Burton, Dale Heimbigner, Ed Payne, James Hagen, Doug DiBiase, Paul Meadows, Vito Gerardi, and Rev. Mark Mueller.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Taylorsville, SC;* and her pastor, the *Rev. David Carver.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Lutheran Theological Seminary.*
- For our seminarians, *Ben Henson and Jacob Henson.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Nicholas Silva.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially, *Thomas Allred and John Monahan.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, especially, *Ana Heiser, Sherrill Smithey, Bobby Eisold, Barb Eisold, and Bob Eisold.*
- For those near death.
- For those celebrating a birthday this week.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after the Last Sunday after Trinity

	Morning	Evening
Today	Amos 7-9; Matt. 5:13-16	Obadiah; Revelation 21:1-7
Monday:	Jonah 1-2; 2 Peter 3:1-18	Jonah 3-4; Isaiah 65:17-25
Tuesday:	Micah 1-2; Jude	Micah 3-4; Ezekiel 37:15-28
Wednesday:	Micah 5-7; 1 John 2:18-29	Nahum; Habakkuk 3:1-19
Thursday:	Habakkuk; 1 John 3:1-12	Zephaniah; Isaiah 40:27-31
Friday:	Haggai; 1 John 3:19-24	Zechariah 1-2; Jeremiah 14:7-9
Saturday:	Zechariah 3-4; 1 John 4:1-8	Zechariah 5-6; Malachi 3:7-18

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 103, 105	Psalms 27, 97, 106
Monday:	Psalms 103, 107	Psalms 27, 97, 108-111
Tuesday:	Psalms 103, 112-115	Psalms 27, 97, 116-118
Wednesday:	Psalms 103, 119:1-40	Psalms 27, 97, 119:41-88
Thursday:	Psalms 103, 119:89-128	Ps. 27, 97, 119:129-176
Friday:	Psalms 103, 120-125	Psalms 27, 97, 126-132
Saturday:	Psalms 103, 133-135	Psalms 143, 136-139

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday:	The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.XI.65-77
Tuesday:	The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.XI.78-86
Wed.:	The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.XI.87—XII.4
Thursday:	The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.XII.5-27
Friday:	The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord. XII.28-40

Reciting the Catechism Daily:

Sunday:	The Ten Commandments
Monday:	The Apostles’ Creed, The Lord’s Prayer
Tuesday:	Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession
Wednesday:	The Sacrament of the Altar

Thursday: The Prayers

Friday: The Table of Duties

Saturday: Christian Questions with Their Answers

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: TLH 67—“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”

Evening: TLH 609—“Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying”

Calendar for the Week after the Last Sunday after Trinity

Today: The Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

10:00 a.m. Divine Service & Bible class in Simpsonville, SC

10:00 a.m. Divine Service & Bible class in Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smitley)

3:00 p.m. Divine Service & Bible class in Augusta, GA

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: *Thanksgiving Day*

Friday: *Black Friday*

Saturday: *Small Business Saturday*

Next Sunday: Ad te levavi—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service & Bible class in Simpsonville, SC

10:00 a.m. Divine Service & Bible class in Fort Myers, FL (Pastor Warr)

The Lutheran Herald

The November issue of “The Lutheran Herald,” the devotional booklet of the ELDoNA, is now available. It can be found on Facebook at: <http://tinyurl.com/LutheranHerald> and on the diocesan website: eldona.org. There are also printed copies in the back of the nave for your use and distribution.

Ask the Pastor

The Rev. Joshua Sullivan of Holy Cross Ev. Luth. Church, Kerrville, TX puts out weekly videos dealing with a wide range of theological topics. Please check them out and subscribe to be notified when a new one is published at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ATPHolyCross>.

Parish Assembly Meeting

The next parish assembly meeting is on Sunday, December 5th after Divine Service. The items of new business are the approval of the proposed budget for 2022, confirming the selection of the church officers for 2022, and discussion of moving the designated funds into an interest-bearing account. Please make every effort to be there.

Midweek Advent Vespers

This year’s Midweek Advent Vespers will begin on Wednesday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. and continue every Wednesday until December 22nd. As is usual, the readings will take us through the entire first chapter of the Evangelist St. Luke’s Gospel to prepare us for the Christmas story from St. Luke 2. Private confession will follow each Vespers. Mark your calendars.

To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:

Today—The Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: St. Matthew 25:1-13

November 28th—Ad te levavi

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: St. Matthew 21:1-9

An Excerpt from Martin Luther’s Writings

“Faith has nothing of its own, but only Christ’s works and life. The works do have something special from you, but they should also not be your own, but belong to your neighbor.

Therefore, you see that the Gospel is not properly a book of laws and commands which demand our activity from us, but a book of divine promises in which He promises, offers, and gives to us all His blessings and benefits in Christ.

That Christ and the apostles gave much good instruction and explained the Law is to be counted among the benefits as a second work of Christ, for correct teaching is not the least benefit. Therefore, we also see that He does not dreadfully force and drive us, as Moses does in his book and as is the nature of a command.

Christ teaches us in a pleasing and kind way, and only tells us what to do and not to do, and what will happen to evildoers and benefactors. He drives and compels no one.

He teaches in such a tender way that He entices us more than

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

November 21st, 2021



Introit (Chanted by Pastor)

P: FOR I || know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the | Lord, | - *
Thoughts of peace and | not | of | e- | vil,

P: || Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to |
you. | - *

And I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from
all the nations and from | all | the | pla- | ces.

P: || Lord, You have been favorable to Your | land; | - *

C: You have brought back the captivi- | ty | of | Ja- | cob. (*Jeremiah*
29:11a, 12, 14b; Psalm 85:1)

C: GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal; Sung by Congregation)

P: || For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the | Lord, | - *
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P: || Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to |
you. | - *

And I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from
all the nations and from | all | the | pla- | ces. (*Jeremiah 29:11a, 12, 14b*)

Collect

Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy people from their offenses; that from
the bonds of our sins which, by reason of our frailty, we have brought upon
us, we may be delivered by Thy bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy
Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever
One God, world without end.

Collect for the End of the Church Year

We thank Thee, Lord God, Heavenly Father, that in the past church Year Thou
hast preserved Thy Word among us in purity, and by it sensibly quickened our
souls; and we beseech Thee, Thou wouldst graciously forgive us all our
neglect, unbelief, and disobedience of Thy Word, and continue unto us this
precious treasure with Thy blessing forevermore; through Jesus Christ, Thy
Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever
One God, world without end.



Gradual (Chanted by Pastor)

P: || I am the light of the | world. | - *

He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have | the | light
| of | life.

P: || The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, |
“Come!” | - *

And let | him | who | thirsts | come.

P: || Alleluia! Alleluia! Even so, come, Lord Jesus! | Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*John*
8:12b; Revelation 22:17, 20b)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. ⁸ But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. ¹¹ Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

St. Matthew 25:1-13

¹ “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. ³ Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶ And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ ⁷ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ ¹² But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”

TLH 613 “Jerusalem the Golden”

Bernard of Morlas, about 1140

1. Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, oh, I know not,
What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory,
What bliss beyond compare.

2. They stand, those halls of Zion,
All jubilant with song
And bright with many an angel
And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them;
The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessèd
Are decked in glorious sheen.

3. There is the throne of David;
And there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph,
The song of them that feast;
And they who with their Leader
Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white.

4. O sweet and blessèd country,
The home of God’s elect!
O sweet and blessèd country
That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest,
Who art, with God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest. Amen.

TLH 67 “The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”

Johann Walther, 1552

1. The Bridegroom soon will call us:
Come, all ye wedding-guests!
May not His voice appal us
While slumber binds our breasts!
May all our lamps be burning
And oil be found in store
That we, with Him returning,
May open find the door!

2. There shall we see delighted
Our dear Redeemer’s face,
Who leads our souls benighted

To glory by His grace.
The patriarchs shall meet us,
The prophets’ holy band,
Apostles, martyrs, greet us
In that celestial land.

3. They will not blush to own us
As brothers, sisters dear;
Love ever will be shown us
When we with them appear.
We all shall come before Him
Who for us man became,
As Lord and God adore Him,
And ever bless His Name.

4. Our Father, rich in blessing,
Will give us crowns of gold
And, to His bosom pressing,
Impart a bliss untold,
Will welcome with embraces
Of never-ending love,
And deck us with His graces
In blissful realms above.

5. In yonder home shall never
Be silent music’s voice;
With hearts and lips forever
We shall in God rejoice.
The angels shall adore Him,
All saints shall sing His praise
And bring with joy before Him
Their sweetest heavenly lays.

6. In mansions fair and spacious
Will God the feast prepare
And, ever kind and gracious,
Bid us its riches share.
There bliss that knows no measure
From springs of love shall flow,
And never-changing pleasure
His bounty will bestow.

7. Thus God shall from all evil
Forever make us free,
From sin, and from the devil,
From all adversity,
From sickness, pain, and sadness,
From troubles, cares, and fears,
And grant us heavenly gladness
And wipe away our tears. Amen.

TLH 609 “Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying”

Philipp Nicolai, 1599

1. “Wake, awake, for night is flying,”
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
“Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Hallelujah!
With bridal care Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, Who is near.”

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing,
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious,
Her Star is ris’n, her Light is come.
“Now come, Thou Blessèd One,
Lord Jesus, God’s own Son,
Hail! Hosanna!
The joyful call We answer all
And follow to the nuptial hall.”

3. Now let all the heav’ns adore Thee,
Let men and angels sing before Thee,
With harp and cymbal’s clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, dwelling with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No vision ever brought,
No ear hath ever caught,
Such great glory;
Therefore will we Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee. Amen.

TLH 619 “Jerusalem, Thou City Fair and High”

Johann M. Meyfart, 1626

1. Jerusalem, thou city fair and high,
Would God I were in thee!
My longing heart fain, fain, to thee would fly,
It will not stay with me.
Far over vale and mountain,
Far over field and plain,
It hastes to seek its Fountain
And leave this world of pain.

2. O happy day and yet far happier hour,
When wilt thou come at last,
When fearless to my Father’s love and pow’r,

Whose promise standeth fast,
My soul I gladly render?
For surely will His hand
Lead her with guidance tender
To Heav’n, her fatherland.

3. A moment’s space, and gently, wondrously,
Released from earthly ties,
Elijah’s chariot bears her up to thee,
Thro’ all these lower skies
To yonder shining regions,
While down to meet her come
The blessed angel legions
And bid her welcome home.

4. O Zion, hail! Bright city, now unfold
The gates of grace to me.
How many a time I longed for thee of old
Ere yet I was set free
From yon dark life of sadness,
Yon world of shadowy naught,
And God had given the gladness,
The heritage, I sought!

5. What glorious throng and what resplendent host
Comes sweeping swiftly down?
The chosen ones on Earth who wrought the most,
The Church’s brightest crown,
Our Lord hath set to meet me,
As in the far-off years
Their words oft came to greet me
In yonder land of tears.

6. The patriarchs’ and prophets’ noble train,
With all Christ’s followers true,
Who bore the cross and could the worst disdain
That tyrants dared to do,
I see them shine forever,
All-glorious as the sun,
Mid light that fadeth never,
Their perfect freedom won.

7. And when within that lovely Paradise
At last I safely dwell,
What songs of bliss shall from my lips arise,
What joy my tongue shall tell,
While all the saints are singing
Hosannas o’er and o’er,
Pure hallelujahs ringing
Around me evermore!

8. Unnumbered choirs before the shining throne
Their joyful anthems raise
Till Heaven’s glad halls are echoing with the tone

Of that great hymn of praise
And all its host rejoices,
And all its blessed throng
Unite their myriad voices
In one eternal song. Amen.

TLH 614 “For Thee, O Dear, Dear Country”

Bernard of Morlas, about 1140

1. For thee, O dear, dear country,
Mine eyes their vigils keep;
For very love, beholding
Thy happy name, they weep.
The mention of thy glory
Is unction to the breast
And medicine in sickness
And love and life and rest.

2. O one, O only mansion,
O Paradise of joy,
Where tears are ever banished
And smiles have no alloy!
The Lamb is all thy splendor,
The Crucified thy praise;
His laud and benediction
Thy ransomed people raise.

3. With jasper glow thy bulwarks,
Thy streets with em’rals blaze;
The sardius and the topaz
Unite in thee their rays;
Thine ageless walls are bonded
With amethyst unpriced;
The saints build up thy fabric,
The cornerstone is Christ.

4. Thou hast no shore, fair ocean;
Thou hast no time, bright day,
Dear fountain of refreshment
To pilgrims far away!
Upon the Rock of Ages
They raise thy holy tower;
Thine is the victor’s laurel
And thine the golden dower.

5. O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God’s elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest,
Who art, with God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest. Amen.