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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ministry Matters

L: Come, give thanks to the Lord with all your heart and soul!

P: We come, rejoicing over God's many blessings poured out on us!

L: God's works are great!

P: We delight in learning about them.

L: Respect for God and all that God offers to us is the beginning of wisdom.

P: With gratefulness, we shall praise and honor God all our lives.

AMEN.

OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

UMH #103

OPENING PRAYER

"Prayer For A New Heart" by Dag Hammarskjöld

UMH #430

Thou who art over us,
Thou who art one of us,
Thou who art:

Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee;
a humble heart, that I may hear thee;
a heart of love, that I may serve thee;
a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. Amen.

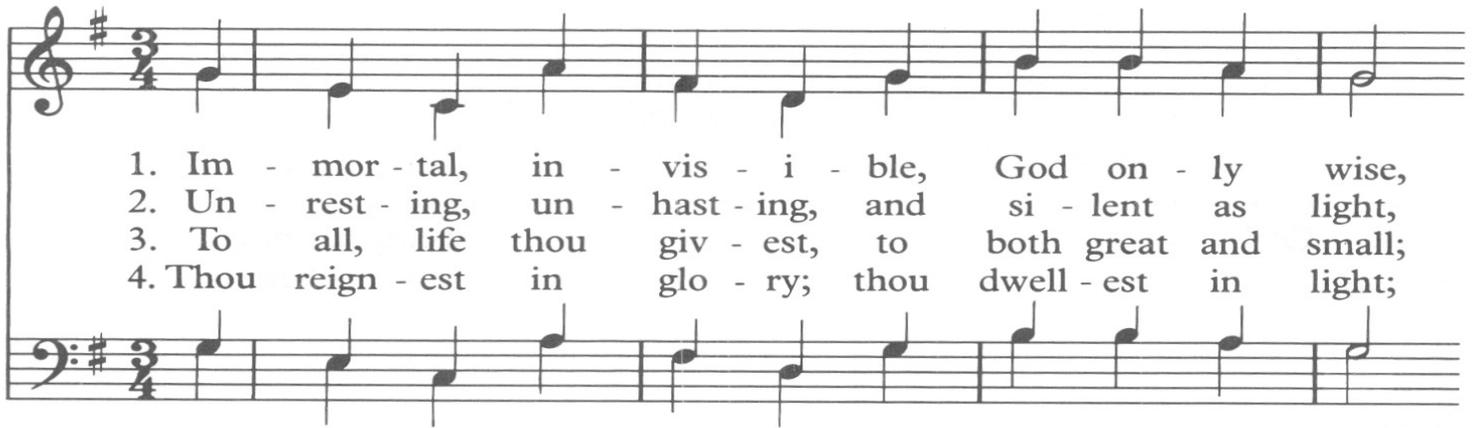
SCRIPTURE READING

I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 CEB

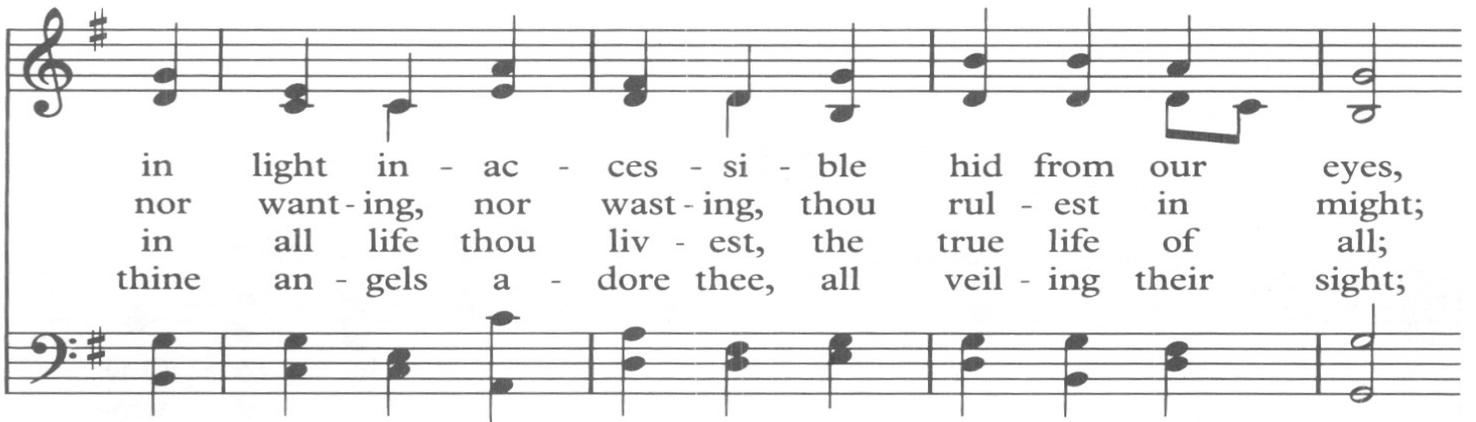
¹⁰ Then David lay down with his ancestors and was buried in David's City. ¹¹ He ruled over Israel forty years—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

¹² Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his royal power was well established.
¹ KINGS ³ Now Solomon loved the LORD by walking in the laws of his father David, with the exception that he also sacrificed and burned incense at the shrines. ⁴ The king went to the great shrine at Gibeon in order to sacrifice there. He used to offer a thousand entirely burned offerings on that altar. ⁵ The LORD appeared to Solomon at Gibeon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask whatever you wish, and I'll give it to you." ⁶ Solomon responded,

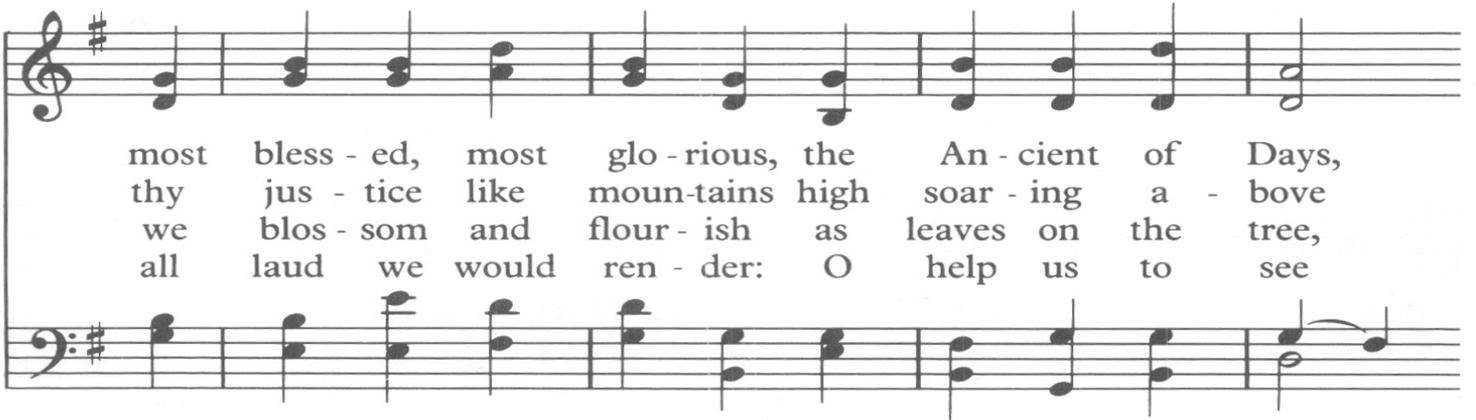
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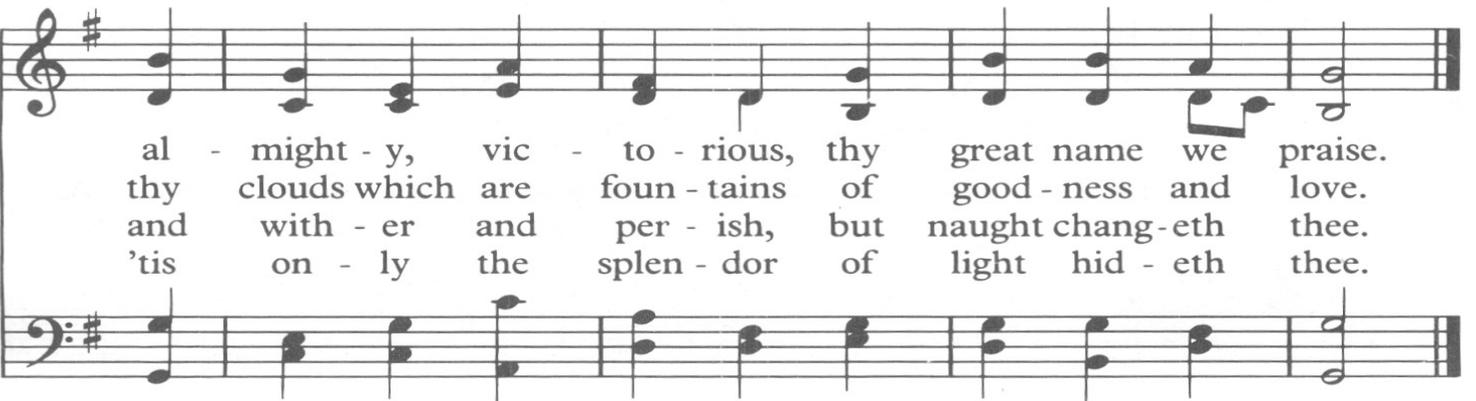
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

E_b A_b/E_b E_b Fm/A_b F/A B_b B_b^7

1. O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3. Teach me thy pa-tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

E_b Cm F^7 B_b B_b/A_b E_b/G E_bmaj7/G

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win-ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu-ture's broad-ening way, in peace that on - ly

A_b E_b/G B_b^7/F E_b B_b^7 Cm B_b^7/D E_b Fm/A_b Fm B_b^7 E_b

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o - ver wrong;
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Lead Me, Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-teous-ness;

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, B-flat major, and consists of two staves. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, Bb3, and C4. The system concludes with a half note G4.

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make thy way plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,

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thou, Lord on-ly, that mak-est me dwell in safe - ty.

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**Optional ending*

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WORDS: Psalms 5:8, 4:8

MUSIC (LEAD ME, LORD Irr.): Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1861

Be Thou My Vision

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Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. 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;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 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.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963

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