

Friday Mid-Day Prayer Service

## How Marvelous God's Greatness



1 How mar - vel - ous God's great - ness, how glo - ri - ous God's might!  
2 Each ti - ny flow'r-et whis - pers the great life - giv - er's name;  
3 The o - cean's vast a - byss - es in one grand psalm re - cord  
4 The star - ry hosts are sing - ing through all the light - strewn sky



To this the world bears wit - ness in won - ders day and night:  
the might - y moun - tain mass - es his maj - es - ty pro - claim;  
the deep mys - ter - ious coun - sels and mer - cies of the Lord;  
of God's ma - jes - tic tem - ple and pal - ace courts on high;



in form of flow'r and snow - flake, in morn's re - splen - dent birth,  
the val - leys deep are hymn - ing God's shel - ter for his own;  
the ic - y waves of win - ter are thun - d'ring on the strand;  
when in these out - er cham - bers such glo - ry gilds the night,



in af - ter - glow at eve - ning, in sky and sea and earth.  
the snow - capped peaks are point - ing to God's al - might - y throne.  
and grief's chill stream is guid - ed by God's all - gra - cious hand.  
oh, what tran - scen - dent bright - ness is God's e - ter - nal light!

Text: Valdimar Briem, 1848–1930; tr. Charles V. Pilcher, 1879–1961, alt.  
Music: DEN BLOMSTERID NU KOMMER, *Koralpsalmboken*, Stockholm, 1697  
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**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Eternal God, you satisfy our hunger with your abundant feast, and you quench our thirst from your well of life. By the gift of baptism bathe us in your light, that we may act wisely and do what is good for all humankind, for the animals with whom we share the earth, and for your whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## God's Word Is Our Great Heritage



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.  
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

### Romans 6:4-11

<sup>4</sup> We have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

# I'm Going on a Journey

1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My  
head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;  
it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!

2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It  
real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's  
been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.

3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll  
keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A - long the way  
I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three verses of lyrics, each with a corresponding line of music. The first line of music includes a tempo marking '♩ = ♩'.

Text: Kenneth D. Larkin  
Music: WET SAINTS, Edward V. Bonnemère, 1921-1996  
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## The Prayer

### Let Me

Let me be the one Who reminds you

That wisdom and beauty Shine through your eyes.

Let me be the one Who reminds you

That power and courage Are in your hands and in your heart.

Let me be the one Who reminds you

That today is your day To choose righteousness and love.

You are a gift of light. You are a well of strength. You are a message of hope

Let me be the one Who reminds you

To sing, to pray, To dance, to bless,

To feed the hungry, To clothe the naked, To free the captive, To redeem the oppressed.

And you will remind me To be the person our God intended.

Then, together, we will be messengers Of Torah and truth,

Bringing holiness into the world.

Blessed are You, God of all,

You call on us to use our gifts To heal the world.

Solovy, Alden. This Joyous Soul: A New Voice for Ancient Yearnings (Kindle Location 1201). CCAR Press. Kindle Edition.

**P** The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**