

Tuesday Mid-Day Prayer Service

To Be Your Presence

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line starting with a '1' and the second with a '2', indicating different parts of the text. The lyrics are: '1 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion here, to show com-'; '2 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion bold, to feed the'; '3 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion blest, to speak for'; '4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your'; 'pas-sion's face and lis-t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer-cy'; 'poor and shel-ter home-less cold, to be your hands of jus-tice,'; 'all the bro-ken and op-pressed, to be your voice of hope, your'; 'peo-ple is our call and choice, and in this mis-sion we, the'; 'ev-er near,'; 'right up-hold, al-le-lu-ia!'; 'love ex-pressed,'; 'church, re-joice,'.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
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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. Merciful God, righteous judge, give us the wisdom to perceive your Spirit in others, and to examine our own conduct; so that on the great and final day we may approach you not with fear but with trust in your boundless compassion; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. (Psalm 58)
- C **Amen.**

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me



1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver
 2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst
 3 When at last I near the shore, and the



life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me
 hush the o - cean wild; bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy
 fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful



roll, hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal; chart and
 will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous
 rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I



com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 sov - 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

Text: Edward Hopper, 1818–1888
 Music: PILOT, John Edgar Gould, 1822–1875

Nehemiah 9:19-21

¹⁹you in your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness; the pillar of cloud that led them in the way did not leave them by day, nor the pillar of fire by night that gave them light on the way by which they should go. ²⁰You gave your good spirit to instruct them, and did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and gave them water for their thirst. ²¹Forty years you sustained them in the wilderness so that they lacked nothing; their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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For the New Year

God of time and space,
Source of rhythm and grace,

You've granted me moments and breaths,
Life like a river,
Rapids and flats,
Deep narrow canyons
And bright open skies,
Thundering, churning waters
And calm gentle flows.

A life of beauty and wonder
Beyond my understanding,
Beyond my wildest dreams.

And yet,
And still,
Heavenly Redeemer,
You also give me choices.
To live in grief or joy,
Fear or awe,
Tears or laughter.

To lift my life in glory and radiance,
To be a shining light of kindness and love.

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The LORD bless you and protect you!
The LORD deal kindly and graciously with you!
The LORD bestow His favor upon you and grant you peace!