

Tuesday Mid-Day Prayer Service

Children of the Heavenly Father
Truggare kan ingen vara



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär-nan ej på him-la - fäs - tet, få-geln ej i kän-da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur-*pose* sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

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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. Gracious God, giver of life in its fullness, you take no pleasure in human want but intend your bounty to be shared among your children. Let your church be a fruitful vine, raising up sons and daughters who care for others and cherish the earth, for the sake of our children's children; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. (Psalm 128)
- C **Amen.**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain



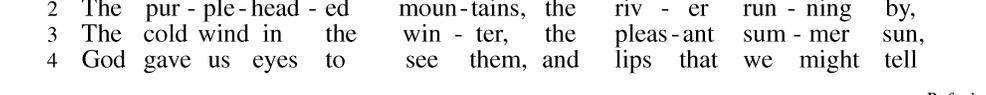
All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Refrain



Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.
 Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

Mark 10:13-16

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Cradling Children in His Arm



Cra-dling chil - dren in his arm, Je - sus gave his bless - ing.



To our babes a wel-come warm he is yet ad - dress - ing.



Take them, Lord, give life a - new in the liv - ing wa - ters!



Keep them al - ways near to you as your sons and daugh - ters!

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Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547
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On the Birth of a Child

Precious child,

Wonder of creation,

You are proof of Divine love,

Witness to our Maker's Glory,

Witness to the blessed partnership

Between us and G-d.

What makes me worthy of you?

What makes me able to gently guide you on your sacred path,

Your own journey to wisdom, charity, righteousness and Torah?

Father of the universe,

Mother of creation,

Be my guide and teacher,

As I father/mother/parent this new life,

This precious gift.

Give me humility, compassion and wisdom

To teach Torah and Mitzvot

Through my actions and my life,

So that we become each other's blessings.

Gracious G-d, be my partner in raising this child,

For this gift is not mine.

It is ours to nurture, to grow,

And to give back to the world.

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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!