

Sunday, October 23rd

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements



***Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather here in anticipation,

People: seeking an encounter with our Holy God,

Leader: who comes among us when we least expect it,

People: who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,

Leader: who richly blesses us,

People: and calls us each by name.

Leader: Let us worship God together!

***Hymn # 2 – Come, Thou Almighty King**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Grace-filled God,

**we confess that we pursue our own needs,
neglecting the needs of others.**

**We pursue our own desires,
while slowly destroying the gifts of your creation.**

**We deflect the call to ministry,
ignoring the cries of those in need.**

**We are drawn to proclaim the gospel,
yet live it out only at our convenience.**

Have mercy on us, O God.

**Open our eyes to the truth of the gospel
that, whatever the time or wherever we are,
we may fully embody your love and justice for
all the world. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Choral Anthem

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Sermon: Wrestling with God

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third
day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn # 543 – God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response: Hymn # 606 – Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye
heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Postlude

THE TRIUNE GOD

2 Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:
might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.
wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.