

## Processional Hymn No. 698

## God of the Ages

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;  
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,  
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.
3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
thy true religion in our hearts increase;  
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh thy people on their toil-some way;  
lead us from night to never-ending day;  
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

**Communion Hymn No. 616**

**Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast**

- 1**     Come, sinners to the gospel feast,  
let every soul be Jesus' guest.  
Ye need not one be left behind,  
for God hath bid all humankind.
- 2**     Do not begin to make excuse;  
ah! do not you his grace refuse;  
your worldly cares and pleasures leave,  
and take what Jesus hath to give.
- 3**     Come and partake the gospel feast,  
be saved from sin, in Jesus rest;  
O taste the goodness of our God,  
and eat his flesh and drink his blood.
- 4**     See him set forth before your eyes;  
behold the bleeding sacrifice;  
his offered love make hast to embrace,  
and freely now be saved by grace.
- 5**     Ye who believe his record true  
shall sup with him and he with you;  
come to the feast, be saved from sin,  
for Jesus waits to take you in.

**Communion Hymn No. 593**

**Here I Am, Lord**

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

***Refrain:***

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

**Communion Hymn No. 453**

**More Love to Thee, O Christ**

1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.  
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!
2. Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
now thee alone I seek, give what is best.  
This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!
3. Let sorrow do its work, come grief and pain;  
sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,  
when they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!
4. Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;  
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise;  
this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!

**Recessional Hymn No. 729**

**O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines**

1. O Day of peace that dimly shines  
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
delivered from our selfish schemes.

May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God's grace our warring world  
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,  
nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,  
a little child shall lead them all.

Then enemies shall learn to love,  
all creatures find their true accord;  
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
for all the earth shall know the Lord.