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New Year's Eve is a time to look back over the past year and to look forward to the year to come. As we look back and forward, we see that God has been with us in the past and will continue to be with us in the future.

The Order of Service

The Opening Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
Christian Worship #441



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Soon



hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your
earth re - ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing
like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that
bears us all a - way; We fly, for - got - ten,



storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home,
arm a - lone, And de - fense is sure.
you are God, To end - less years the same.
ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
as a dream Dies at the op'n - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

Please Stand

The Invocation

P: In these last hours of 2014, we gather for worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

The Call to Worship

P: O Lord, teach us your ways,
C: *(Spoken)* **That we may walk in your truth.**
P: You comfort us and help us day by day.
C: *(Spoken)* **We trust your loving care.**
P: You are the King of heaven and earth.
C: *(Spoken)* **We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia.**

The Confession and Absolution

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: Eternal God and Father, keep us mindful of the shortness and frailty of this life. Give us hearts of wisdom that we may cling in faith to Jesus, our Savior, and use the time of our pilgrimage on earth to serve him with joyful hearts, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

Please be Seated

We Review & Remember In Scripture and Song


1. We Remember the Birth of Jesus and Our Christmas Celebration

Introduction

Scripture Reading..... Luke 2:6-11

⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Congregation Hymn “Once in Royal David’s City”
Christian Worship #50, verses 1 & 2




1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y
2 He came down to earth from heav - en
3 But our eyes at last shall see him
4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble


Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
Who is God and Lord of all, And his
Through his own re - deem - ing love, For that
With the ox - en stand - ing by Shall we

moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
child, so dear and gen - tle, Is our Lord in
see him, but in heav - en, Set at God's right

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for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er mild,
was a stall; With the poor and mean and low - ly
heav'n a - bove, And he leads his chil - dren on
hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren crowned,



Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
To the place where he is gone.
All in white, his praise will sound.


2. We Remember Jesus Sacrificed for our Sins

Introduction

Scripture Reading..... John 19:30

³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

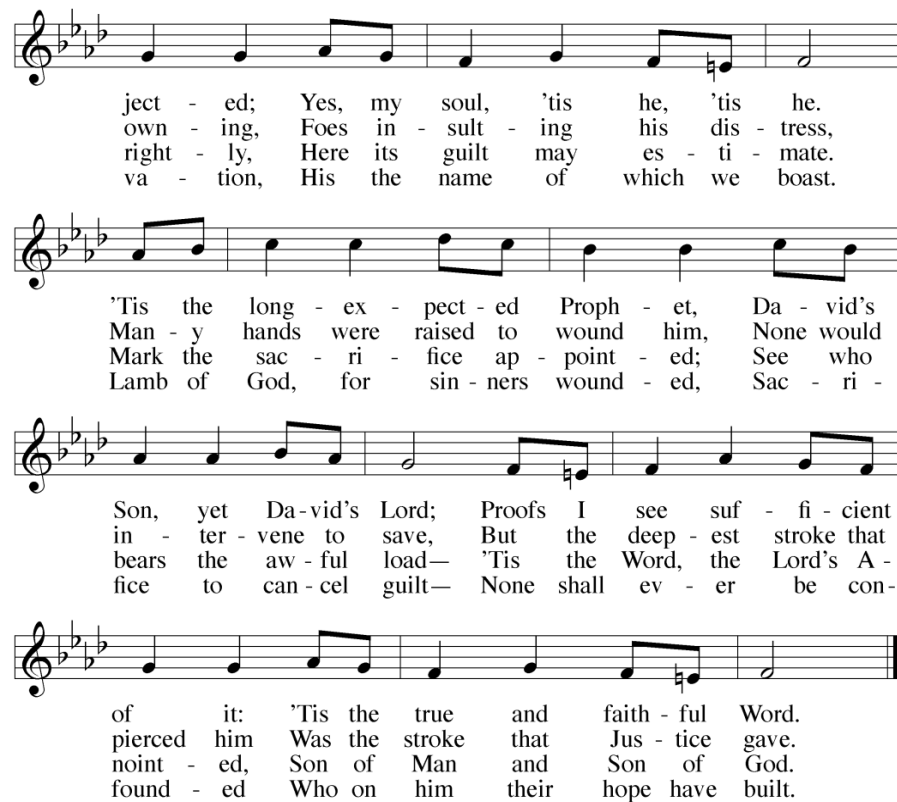
Congregation Hymn “Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted”
Christian Worship #127, verses 1-3



1 Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, See him
2 Tell me, as you hear him groan - ing, Was there
3 If you think of sin but light - ly Nor sup -
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the

dy - ing on the tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re -
ev - er grief like his? Friends through fear his cause dis -
pose the e - vil great, Here you see its na - ture
ref - uge of the lost; Christ's the rock of our sal -

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ject - ed; Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.
own - ing, Foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress,
right - ly, Here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
va - tion, His the name of which we boast.

'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's
Man - y hands were raised to wound him, None would
Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed; See who
Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, Sac - ri -

Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I see suf - fi - cient
in - ter - vene to save, But the deep - est stroke that
bears the aw - ful load— 'Tis the Word, the Lord's A -
fice to can - cel guilt— None shall ev - er be con -

of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
pierced him Was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
found - ed Who on him their hope have built.

3. We Remember the Joy of Celebrating Easter

Introduction

Scripture Reading..... Matthew 28:5-8

⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." ⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Congregation Hymn "He's Risen, He's Risen" Christian Worship #143, verses 1,4,5



1 He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;

He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan he van - quished, his foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.

Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts his ban - ner on high;
For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,

And earth, sea, and moun - tain the prais - es pro - long.
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nev - er - more die.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.
Who now sits in glo - ry and ev - er shall reign.

4. We Remember Pentecost and the Work of the Holy Spirit in Us.

Introduction

Scripture Reading..... 1 Corinthians 12:3

³ Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Hymn**“Come, Oh, Come, Life-giving Spirit”**
Christian Worship #181, verses 1 & 5

1 Come, oh, come, life - giv - ing Spir - it, God from all e -
2 Show us, Lord, the path of bless - ing; When we tres - pass
3 With our spir - it, Lord, bear wit - ness That we are the
4 Prompt us, Lord, to come be - fore him With a child - like
5 Grant our hearts in full - est mea - sure Wis - dom, coun - sel,

ter - ni - ty! May your pow - er nev - er fail us;
on our way, Cast, O Lord, our sins be - hind you
saints of God Who re - ly up - on him sole - ly
heart to pray; Sigh for us, O Ho - ly Spir - it,
pur - i - ty, That we al - ways strive to please you,

Dwell with - in us con - stant - ly. Then shall truth and
And be with us day by day. Should we stray, O
When we're chas - tened by the rod; For we know, as
When we know not what to say. Then our prayer is
Work - ing for you will - ing - ly. Let the gos - pel

life and light Ban - ish all the gloom of night.
Lord, re - call; Work re - pent - ance when we fall.
chil - dren should, That the cross is for our good.
not in vain, And our faith new strength shall gain.
spread and grow, Bring - ing Sa - tan's o - ver - throw.

5. **We Remember the Preaching of God’s Word in our church, Those who were Baptized this Year, our Own Baptism, and the Lord’s Supper.**

Introduction

**Scripture Reading..... 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Titus 3:5-6;
1 Corinthians 11:23-28**

¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷ Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.

Congregation Hymn**“God is Here! As We His People”**
Christian Worship #532, verses 1-3

1 God is here! As we his peo - ple Meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us Of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come In the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of Church and King - dom, In an age of

praise and prayer, May we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace. Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; Here, as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

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What it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -
 Here the cross has cen - tral place. Here, in hon - es - ty of
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the
 Help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -



round us, All our var - ied skills and arts Wait the
 preach - ing, Here, in si - lence as in speech, Here, in
 Ser - vant Seek in wor - ship to ex - plore What it
 ca - tion, All we have to give, re - ceive; We who



com - ing of his Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 means in dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.
 can - not live with - out you, We a - dore you! We be - lieve!


6. We Remember the Lord's Help in Time of Sickness, Trouble or Temptation.

Introduction

Scripture Reading.....Romans 8:28, 31-32


²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.... ³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all — how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Congregation Hymn "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty
Christian Worship # 234, verses 1 & 2




1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -

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a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when
 fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and
 dore him! All that has life and breath,



he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 heed - less - ly fall - ing, has stayed you.
 mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear Now to his tem - ple draw
 Have you not seen All that is need - ful has
 What need or grief Ev - er has failed of re -
 Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can
 Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -



near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.
 do As with his love he be - friends you.
 gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

7. We Remember Those Who Now are Living in Heaven.

Introduction

Scripture Reading..... John 10:27-30

²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all ; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

Congregation Hymn**Amazing Grace**
Christian Worship #379, verses 1,2-4

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,

That saved a wretch like me! I
His Word my hope se - cures. He
I have al - read - y come; 'Tis
Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've

once was lost but now am found,
will grace has brought me safe thus far,
no less days to sing God's praise

Was blind but now I see.
As long as life en - dures.
And grace will lead me home.
Than when we'd first be - gun.

8. We Give Thanks and Rededicate Ourselves to Christ for the Coming Year.

Introduction

Scripture Reading..... Joshua 24:14-16

¹⁴ "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will

serve the Lord." ¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods!

Congregation Hymn**"Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly"**
Christian Worship #484

1 Broth-ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly Give to
2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, By the
3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice For the

God our all, our best— Ser - vice heart - y, thor-ough,
gift of Christ, his Son, What great good - ness he has
sake of Christ, your Son; Lo, our hope a - bides now

hon - est, With a liv - ing love im - pressed.
shown us, What high mar - vels he has done!
on - ly In the right - eous - ness he won.

All our du - ty, all our striv - ing, All our
Let us to him prompt-ly, free - ly, Yield our
Bless and save us; help and guide us; Watch to

time to him be - long; Praise him, then, with true de -
bod - ies and our souls, Thank-ful that his love pro -
com - fort and re - store Till in heav'n we rest re -

vo - tion; Come be - fore him with a song.
tects us, That his wis - dom all con - trols.
joic - ing, Prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

Offering & Offering Prayer

During the offering, we invite everyone to sign the Friendship Registers.

Please Stand

The Responsive Prayer

- P:** I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- C:** **Every day I will praise you and extol your name.**
- P:** It is fitting, O Lord, in the final hours of this year, to express our gratitude for the countless gifts of grace we have received from you.
- C:** **You have been faithful to your promises and loving toward all you have made.**
- P:** You clothe your creation with beauty; you feed even the birds and tell us that we are much more valuable than they.
- C:** **You know what we need, and you give us all good things.**
- P:** Clothing and food, safety and health, possessions and money, even life itself—all these come to us from your generous hand.
- C:** **We thank you for these blessings, and we ask that you continue to grant them to us.**
- P:** We thank you especially for your Word and Holy Supper, which strengthen our faith, shield us from temptation, and equip us for service.
- C:** **Increase our commitments to these precious gifts, so that we may continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**
- P:** Almighty and eternal God, you have been gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and rich in love. As you led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, so lead us by the light of your Word that we may live our lives to your glory and be prepared to die in your peace.
- C:** **We ask these things in the name of Jesus. In his name we began this year; in his name we bring it to a close. Amen.**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution *Christian Worship page #35*

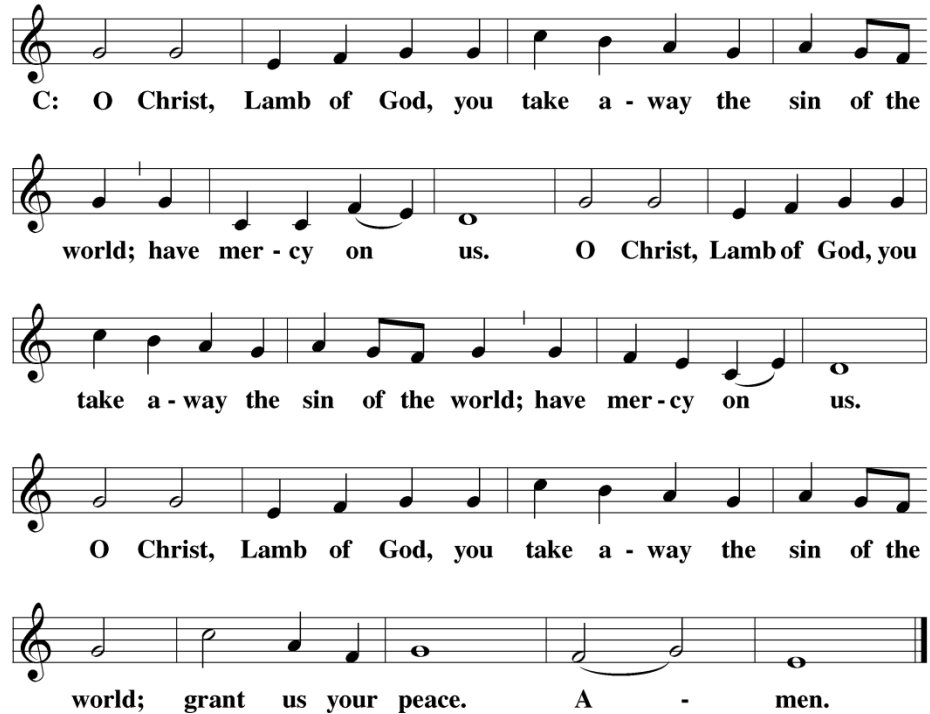
- P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

- P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O Christ, Lamb of God *Christian Worship page 35*



Please be Seated

The Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore,

we practice “close communion.” We invite all who are members of St. Paul’s or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord’s Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul’s, please feel free to contact the pastor.

The Distribution Hymn “Help Us, O Lord, For Now We Enter”
Christian Worship #70

1 Help us, O Lord, for now we en - ter Up -
2 May ev - 'ry plan and un - der - tak - ing Be -
3 And may this year to me be ho - ly; Your
4 Je - sus, be with me and di - rect me; Je -
5 And grant, Lord, when the year is o - ver, That

on an - oth - er year to - day. In you our
gin this year, O Lord, with you; When I am
grace so fill my ev - 'ry thought That all my
sus, my plans and hopes in - spire; Je - sus, from
it for me in peace may close. In all things

hopes and thoughts now cen - ter; Re - new our cour - age
sleep - ing or am wak - ing, Help me, dear Lord, your
life be pure and low - ly And truth - ful, as a
tempt - ing thoughts pro - tect me; Je - sus, be all my
care for me and cov - er My head in time of

for the way. New life, new strength, new hap - pi -
will to do. In you a - lone, my God, I
Chris - tian's ought. So make me while I'm liv - ing
heart's de - sire; Je - sus, be in my thoughts all
fear and woes. So may I, when my life is

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ness We ask of you— oh, hear and bless.
live; You on - ly can my sins for - give.
here Your faith - ful ser - vant through the year.
day And nev - er let me fall a - way.
done, Ap - pear with joy be - fore your throne.

Please Stand

Thank the Lord Christian Worship page #36

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.

He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Thanksgiving Prayer Christian Worship page #36

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The Blessing..... *Christian Worship page #37*

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Please be Seated

The Closing Hymn..... **“The Old Year Has Passed Away”**
Christian Worship #71



1 The old year now has passed a - way; We thank you,
2 We pray you, O e - ter - nal Son, Who with the
3 Take not your sav - ing Word a - way, Which lights and
4 Oh, help us to for - sake all sin, A new and
5 Where - in as Chris - tians we may live Or die in



O our God, to - day That you have kept us
Fa - ther reigns as one, To guard and rule your
cheers our souls each day. A - bide with us and
ho - lier life be - gin! For - give the old year's
peace that you can give, To rise a - gain when



through the year When dan - ger and dis - tress were near.
Chris - ten - dom Through all the a - ges yet to come.
keep us free From er - ror and hy - poc - ri - sy.
sins, and bless The new year with true hap - pi - ness,
you will come And en - ter your e - ter - nal home.

6 There shall we thank you and adore
With all the angels evermore.
Lord Jesus Christ, increase our faith
To praise your name through life and death.

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