

716 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

CW 716



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve to rise and fol - low you, for -
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve the truth for a - ges sealed, whose
3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve on roads they'd nev - er trod to
4 O Christ, th' a - pos - tles' Lord, the mar - tyrs' strength and song, the



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways for ven - tures bold and new:
words and works a - wak - ened faith, the ways of God re - vealed:
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim the near - er reign of God:
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King to whom the saints be - long:



grant us to hear your call to risk se - cur - i - ty and,
in - struct us now, we pray, by your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
send us on ways where faith tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, where
though gen - er - a - tions pass, our trib - ute still we bring, our



bound in heart and will to you, find per - fect lib - er - ty.
teach - er, be for all who seek their light, their life, their Lord.
love in - forms and hope sus - tains both life and min - is - try.
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, our lives an of - fer - ing.

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In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, glory to God, and peace to his people on earth, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Refrain*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of your apostles and prophets, you have proclaimed to us your saving will. Grant us faith to believe your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Numbers 27:15-23

¹⁵Moses said to the LORD, ¹⁶“May the LORD, the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community ¹⁷to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the LORD’s people will not be like sheep without a shepherd.”

¹⁸So the LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership, and lay your hand on him. ¹⁹Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence. ²⁰Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him. ²¹He is to stand before Eleazar the priest, who will obtain decisions for him by inquiring of the Urim before the LORD. At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in.”

²²Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole assembly. ²³Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the LORD instructed through Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

100A Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving

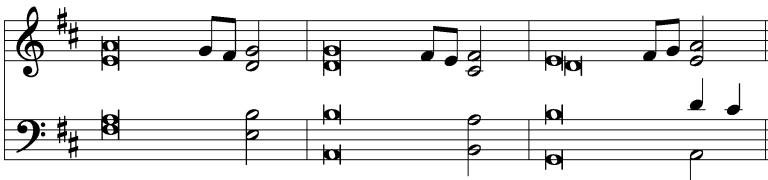
Psalm 100A

Refrain



En - ter his gates with thanks-giv - ing.

Tone



Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth.
Worship the LORD with / gladness;
come before him with / joyful songs.

Know that the / LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and / we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his / pasture. *Refrain*

Enter his gates with thanks- / giving
and his / courts with praise;
give thanks to him and / praise his name.

For the / LORD is good
and his love endures for- / ever;
his faithfulness continues through all gener- / ations.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 4:1-7

¹This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. ²Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. ³I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. ⁴My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.

⁶Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, "Do not go beyond what is written." Then you will not be puffed up in being a follower of one of us over against the other. ⁷For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

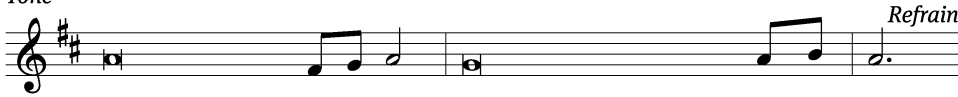
Gospel Acclamation Matthew 9:38



Refrain



Tone



Ask the Lord of the har - vest to send out workers into his har - vest field.

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Gospel

Matthew 9:35—10:8

³⁵Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

¹Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

“Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

897 Lord Jesus, You Have Come

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1 Lord Je - sus, you have come a teach - er sent from heav - en
 2 O bless - ed min - is - try of rec - on - cil - i - a - tion,
 3 Pre - serve this min - is - try while har - vest days are keep - ing;
 4 The ser - vants you have called and to your Church are giv - ing
 5 Bring those in - to your fold who still to you are stran - gers;



and by both word and deed God's truth to us have giv - en.
 that shows the way to God and brings to us sal - va - tion!
 and since the fields are ripe and hands are few for reap - ing,
 pre - serve in doc - trine pure and ho - li - ness of liv - ing.
 guard those who are with - in a - gainst of - fense and dan - gers.



You wise - ly have or - dained the ho - ly min - is - try
 Lord, by your gos - pel pure you bless and keep your fold,
 send work - ers forth, O Lord, the sheaves to gath - er in
 Your Spir - it fill their hearts and charge their words with pow'r;
 Press on - ward with your Word till pas - tor and his fold



that we, your flock, may know the truth that sets us free.
 you call, en - light - en, keep, you com - fort and up - hold.
 that not a soul be lost which you have come to win.
 what they should bold - ly speak, O give them in that hour!
 through faith in you, O Christ, your glo - ry shall be - hold.

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Sermon: Matthew 9:35-10:8 “Harvest Time Across the Land” Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He

ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

735 Before You I Kneel

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1 Be - fore you I kneel, my Mas - ter and Mak - er, to of - fer the
2 Be - fore you I kneel and ask for your good - ness to cov - er the
3 Be - fore you we kneel, our Mas - ter and Mak - er; es - tab - lish the



work of my hands. For this is the day you've giv - en your
work of my hands, for pa - tience and peace to shape all my
work of our hands, and or - der our steps to seek first your

ser - vant; I will re - jice and be glad
la - bor; your grace for thorns in my path.
king - dom in ev - 'ry small and great task.

for the strength I have to live and breathe, for each
Flow with - in me like a liv - ing stream; wear a -
May we live the gos - pel of your grace, serve your

skill your grace has giv - en me, for the needs and op - por -
way the stones of pride and greed, till your ways are dwell - ing
pur - pose in our fleet - ing days, then our lives will bring e -

tu - ni - ties that will glo - ri - fy your great name.
deep in me and a har - vest of life is grown.
ter - nal praise and all glo - ry to your great name.

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