

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid LSB 500

1. Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind:
Come, pour Your joys on humankind
From sin and sorrow set us free
May we Your living temples be.

2. O Source of uncreated light,
The bearer of God's gracious might,
Thrice holy fount, thrice holy fire.
Our hearts with heav'nly love in spire
Your sacred, healing message bring
To sanctify us as we sing.

3. Giver of grace, descend from high
Your sev'nfold gifts to us supply
Help us eternal truths receive
And practice all that we believe
Give us Yourself that we may see
The glory of the Trinity.

4. Immortal honor, endless fame
Attend the almighty Father's name
The Savior Son be glorified,
Who for all humankind has died
To You, O paraclete, we raise
Unending songs of thanks and praise.

Confession: Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation— **whom shall I fear?**

The LORD is the stronghold of my life— **of whom shall I be afraid?**

With the living and eternal God as my goal and guide **fear and anxiety preempt no place in my life.** When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, **when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.** Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; **though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.** All the evil in the world is not able to destroy Him, **nor can it destroy anyone within His loving embrace. The very legions of hell lay siege to my soul,** only to be thwarted by a power far greater. One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, **to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.** For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; **he will hide me in the shelter of his**

tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. I have one primary and ultimate desire: **to abide within the love and acceptance of God. Within His tender care I know I am safe.** Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; **at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.** Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; **be merciful to me and answer me.** My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” **Your face, LORD, I will seek.** Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; **you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.** Thus I shall stand tall regardless of threatening enemies and the tyranny of evil. **I will counter the subtle voices of temptation with exclamations of praise to my God.** My God does hear when I cry out to Him. **He does not ignore my needs, nor is He indifferent to my desires.** Though my father and mother forsake me, **the LORD will receive me.** Teach me your way, O LORD; **lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,** for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence. He will not let me go even if my own family should turn against me. **He will sustain me and keep me on course through the dangers and pitfalls of this life.**

It is possible to know and experience God's love in this uncertain, tumultuous existence.

I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Forgive us, Lord, for all our thoughts, words and deeds which are contrary to your will.

Forgive us for our fears, anxieties and doubts.

Forgive us when we succumb to the temptations of the flesh, the devil and the world.

Forgive us for failing to love you with our whole heart, soul, strength and mind.

Forgive us for not loving neighbor as our self.

We seek your face and your mercy.

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

ABSOLUTION

Take courage, step out in faith, scorning consequences. Let God have His way with you.

Genesis 11:1–9 *The Tower of Babel* Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. 2 And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. 3 And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. 4 Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” 5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. 6 And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” 8 So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. 9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Acts 2:1–13 *Pentecost* When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. 7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, 11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” 12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blessed LSB 498

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest.
And make our hearts Your place of rest:
Come with Your grace and heav’nly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made.

2. To You, the Counselor, we cry.
To You, the gift of God Most High
The fount of life, the fire of love.
The soul's anointing from above.
3. In You, with graces sevenfold,
We God's almighty hand behold
While You with tongues of fire proclaim
To all the world His holy name.
4. Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
And shed Your love in ev'ry heart
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.
5. Drive far away our wily foe.
And Your abiding peace bestow
With You as our protecting guide
No evil can with us abide.
6. Teach us to know the Father, Son.
And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.
7. Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One.
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Sermon – *Beginnings #5 Diversity, Genesis 10 & 11*

Prayers

Holy Communion

Benediction

Pour Over Me, Stuart Townend

1. Your love,
Shining like the sun,
Pouring like the rain,
Raging like the storm,
Refreshing me again.
Ooh I receive Your love.
2. Your grace frees me from the past,
It purges every sin,
It purifies my heart,
And heals me from within,
Ooh I receive Your grace.

Chorus:

Pour over me, pour over me,
Let Your rain flood this thirsty soul.
Pour over me,
Your waves of love,
Pour over me.

3. I come and lay my burden down.
Gladly at Your feet,
I'm opening up my heart,
Come make this joy complete;
Ooh I receive Your peace.