**Opening Hymn**

*God of grace and God of glory,*  
*on thy people pour thy power;*  
crown thine ancient Church's story;  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.  

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us*  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise:  
grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

*Cure thy children's warring madness,*  
bend our pride to thy control;  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

**Opening Prayer**

Grant, O God, that your holy and lifegiving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**National Anthem**

*O say can you see, by the dawn’s early light,*  
*what so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming,*  
o’er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
o’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

**First Lesson – Luke 1:46-55**

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm;; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from high places to the low, helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

**Second Lesson – Galatians 3:23-29**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

**Third Lesson – Matthew 17:14-21**

When they came to the crowd, a man came to him, knelt before him, and said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him.” Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to me.” And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.”
Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Hymn of Reflection

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The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Concluding Hymn

Refrain: We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion; We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.

Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord, And thus surround the throne, And thus surround the throne. [Refrain]

Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God; But children of the heav'nly King, But children of the heav'nly King, May speak their joys abroad, May speak their joys abroad. [Refrain]

The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets Before we reach the heav'nly fields, Before we reach the heav'nly fields, Or walk the golden streets. Or walk the golden streets. [Refrain]

Then let our songs abound, And ev'ry tear be dry; We're marching through Immanuel's ground, We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground, To fairer worlds on high, To fairer worlds on high. [Refrain]

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God.