## The Call to Worship

The Psalm Rejoice in All Your Works (Psalm 104)

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath, every eye that searches through the dark for light— All creation looks to you for its breath and for its food. From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

Oh rejoice in all your works, King of Heaven, King of Earth! Every creature you have made declares your praise. We rejoice in all you've made, God of all-sustaining grace! With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!

Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest, every heart that waits in hope to be made glad—All creation looks to you for its breath and for its food. From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied. *Chorus* 

May the pond'rings of my heart, and the song upon my lips, with the chorus of creation join in praise: To the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains, to the Son who over all creation reigns! *Chorus* 

The Invocation

The Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism #87-88

Leader: What are we to believe concerning the resurrection?

Leader and People: We are to believe that at the last day there shall be a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust: when they that are then found alive shall in a moment be changed; and the selfsame bodies of the dead which were laid in the grave, being then again united to their souls forever, shall be raised up by the power of Christ.

The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ, and by virtue of his resurrection as their head, shall be raised in power, spiritual, incorruptible, and made like to his glorious body; and the bodies of the wicked shall be raised up in dishonor by him, as an offended judge.

Leader: What shall immediately follow after the resurrection?

Leader and People: Immediately after the resurrection shall follow the general and final judgment of angels and men; the day and hour whereof no man knows, that all may watch and pray, and be ever ready for the coming of the Lord.

## The Song

## We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored. He has done great things, we will say together. We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God. We are not consumed by the flood. Upheld, protected, gathered up. Chorus

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid. For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. *Chorus* 

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one. And from the garden to the grave bind us together, bring shalom. *Chorus* 

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The Scripture Reading

Acts 24

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## The Song

Abide with Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile, and though rebellious and perverse meanwhile, Thou hast not left me, as I oft left Thee. On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour. What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless, ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness. Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory? I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes, shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee. In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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The Evening Prayer

The Sermon

Rev. Earl Adams

God, the Giver of Good Gifts

James 1:16-18

The Hymn No. 32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The Benediction

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