

“Enter the Year with God”

OPENING HYMN

Help Us, O Lord, for Now We Enter|70 vs. 1-3

**1 Help us, O Lord, for now we enter Upon another year today.
In you our hopes and thoughts now center; Renew our courage for the way.
New life, new strength, new happiness We ask of you—oh, hear and bless.**

**2 May ev’ry plan and undertaking Begin this year, O Lord, with you;
When I am sleeping or am waking, Help me, dear Lord, your will to do.
In you alone, my God, I live; You only can my sins forgive.**

**3 And may this year to me be holy; Your grace so fill my ev’ry thought
That all my life be pure and lowly And truthful, as a Christian’s ought.
So make me while I’m living here Your faithful servant through the year.**

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

ALL: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake.**

HYMN

O Lord, Our Father, Thanks and Praise| CW 72 vs.4

**Our faithful God, we cry to you: Still bless us with your favor,
Blot out all our iniquity, And hide our sins forever.
Grant us a happy, good new year And, when the hour of death draws near,
A peaceful, blest departure.**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN

O Lord, Our Father, Thanks and Praise| CW 72 vs.3

**O Holy Spirit, thanks and praise In this new year we render,
For you have led our eyes to see Your truth in all its splendor
And thus enkindled from above Within our hearts true faith and love
And other Christian virtues.**

M: Let us pray. Eternal Son of God, you were called Jesus, a name that proclaims you to be the Savior of all people. Give us strength in the new year to live each day to the honor of your name; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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FIRST LESSON

“Enter the Year with Courage”

Joshua 1:1-9
(pew Bible page 331)

HYMN

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me| CW 439

**1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life’s way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.**

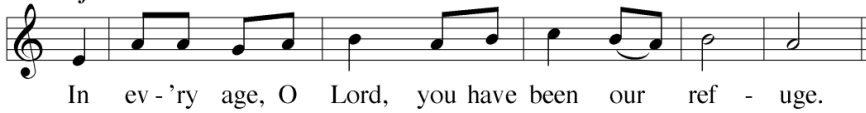
**2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;
For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.**

**3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home,
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.**

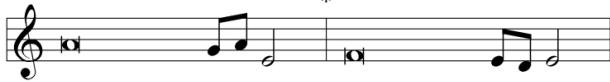
PSALM OF THE DAY “Enter the Year ‘Numbering Our Days Aright”

Psalm 90

Refrain



Psalm tone



throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,*
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,*
or like a watch in the night.

Refrain

You have set our iniquities before you,*
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

You turn mortals back to dust.*
You sweep them away in the sleep of death.

The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength,*
yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

Teach us to number our days aright,*
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Refrain

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,*
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

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

Refrain

PSALM PRAYER

M: Eternal God and Father, keep us mindful of the shortness and frailty of this present 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: Amen.

SECOND LESSON “Enter the Year with Humility”

James 4:13-17
(pew Bible page 1884)

HYMN

With the Lord Begin Your Task| CW 478 vs.1-2, 4

**1 With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For his aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev’ry morn with Jesus rise, And, when day is ended,
In his name then close your eyes; Be to him commended.**

**2 Let each day begin with prayer, Praise and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev’ry care; He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter’s might, With his presence cheer you.**

**4 If your task is thus begun With the Savior’s blessing,
Safely then your course will run, Naught your soul distressing.
Good will follow ev’rywhere While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.**

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GOSPEL LESSON “Enter the Year with the Savior”

Luke 2:21
(pew Bible page 1591)

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HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love | CW 76

1 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee
Bow in deep humility.

2 Jesus! Name decreed of old,
To the maiden mother told—
Kneeling in her lowly cell—
By the angel Gabriel.

3 Jesus! Name of priceless worth
To the fallen here on earth
For the promise that it gave,
"Jesus shall his people save."

4 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n
Under all the mighty heav'n
Whereby all, to sin enslaved,
Burst their fetters and are saved.

5 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we, too,
Flee, O God, in faith to you.

OFFERING

Our guests are not expected to participate in this offering. Peace members have committed themselves to supporting this ministry with their time, talents and treasure.

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PRAYER

M: 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.**

M: It is fitting, O Lord, for us to express our gratitude for the countless gifts of grace we have received from you in the year now drawn to a close.

C: **You have been faithful to your promises and loving toward all you have made.**

M: 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.**

- M:** 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 in this new year.**
- M:** 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.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

- M:** 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 end the old year and begin the new. Amen.**

LORDS 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.**

THE SACRAMENT

M: 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 body 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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

HYMN

When All the World Was Cursed| CW 20 vs. 3

**Behold the Lamb of God, Who bears the world's transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes The devil's dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy Will full atonement win.**

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**To Shepherds as They Watched by Night| CW 53
Where Shepherds Lately Knelt| CW 54
Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising| CW 42**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: O Christ Jesus, true Light of the world, we thank you that you have brought light and life to our sin darkened race. In you alone is hope and salvation. Give each of us the strength through your Word and sacraments to let our light shine before men throughout this New Year. We pray in your name, O Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

M: 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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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CLOSING HYMN

Help Us, O Lord, for Now We Enter|70 vs. 4-5

4 Jesus, be with me and direct me; Jesus, my plans and hopes inspire;
Jesus, from tempting thoughts protect me; Jesus, be all my heart's desire;
Jesus, be in my thoughts all day And never let me fall away.

5 And grant, Lord, when the year is over, That it for me in peace may close.
In all things care for me and cover My head in time of fear and woes.
So may I, when my life is done, Appear with joy before your throne.