

6 Henceforth myself to thee I
give,
With single heart and eye,
To walk before thee while I live,
And bless thee when I die.

169 L.M.
Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly
dove,
With light and comfort from
above;
Be thou our guardian, thou our
guide,
O'er every thought and step
preside.

2 The light of truth to us
display,
And make us know and choose
thy way;
Plant holy fear in every heart,
That we from God may ne'er
depart.

3 Lead us to Christ, the living
Way,
Nor let us from his pastures stray;
Lead us to holiness, the road
That we must take to dwell with
God.

4 Lead us to God, our final rest,
To be with him for ever blest;
Lead us to heaven, that we may
share
Fullness of joy for ever there.

329 C.M.
O For a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

2 Where is the blessedness I
knew,
When first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
Of Jesus and his word?

3 What peaceful hours I once
enjoyed,
How sweet their memory still;
But they have left an aching void
The world can never fill.

4 Return, O holy Dove, return,
Dear messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee
mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

5 The dearest idol I have
known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy
throne,
And worship only thee.

6 So shall my walk be close
with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Hymn: # 154 — *JESUS, THOU JOY OF LOVING HEARTS*

Daily Text and Prayer

Welcome

Hymn: # 225 — *I LOVE THE LORD, HE LENT AN EAR*

Bible Reading: John 14:18-27

Hymn: # 169 — *COME, GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HEAVENLY DOVE*

Meditation

Hymn: # 329 — *O FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD*

Prayer & Benediction

John 14:18-27

18 "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.

20 "At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

24 "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.

26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the

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Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, thou light of
men,
From the best bliss that earth
imparts,
We turn unfilled to thee again.

2 Thy truth unchanged hath
ever stood;
Thou savest those that on thee
call;
To them that seek thee thou art
good
To them that find thee, all in all.

3 We taste thee, O thou living
bread,
And long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the fountain-
head,
And thirst our souls from thee to
fill.

4 Our restless spirits yearn for
thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is
cast;
Glad, when thy gracious smile we
see,
Blest, when our faith can hold
thee fast.

5 O Jesus, ever with us stay;
Make all our moments calm and
bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away;
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.

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C.M.

I Love the Lord, he lent an ear,
When I for help implored;
God rescued me from all my fear,
Therefore I love the Lord.

2 Return, my soul, unto thy rest,
From God no longer roam;
His hand hath bountifully blest,
His goodness calls thee home.

3 What shall I render unto thee,
My Saviour in distress,
For all thy benefits to me,
So great and numberless?

4 This I will do, for thy love's
sake,
And thus thy power proclaim,
Salvation's sacred cup I'll take,
And call upon thy name.

5 Thou God of covenanted
grace,
Hear and record my vow,
While in thy courts I seek thy face,
And at thine altar bow.

So far we have looked at:

1. **First Steps** — making relationship with God a priority
2. **The Closer Walk** — a life of peace, direction and purpose
3. **Longing For Home** — recognizing our spiritual poverty
4. **Filling the Void** — turning to God to quench our soul's thirst