

# God the Preserver of Man 2024 12 15

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Sunday, December 15, 2024

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## SUNDAY SERVICE DETAILS

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**HYMNS: 236, 540, 123**

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Hymn 236

### **Hymn 236**

IRVING C. TOMLINSON

(236)

### **HANOVER**

WILLIAM CROFT

O peace of the world, O hope in each breast,  
O Bethlehem star that ages have blest,  
A day of fresh promise breaks over the land,  
Gaunt warfare is doomed, and God's kingdom at hand!

From cannon and sword shape tillers of soil,  
No more let dire hate man's spirit despoil,  
Let Truth be proclaimed, let God's love be retold,  
That men of good will may their brethren uphold.

As stars in their courses never contend,  
As blossoms their hues in harmony blend,  
As bird voices mingle in joyful refrain,  
So God's loving children in concord remain.

Our God is one Mind, the Mind we adore;  
Ineffable joy His love doth outpour;  
Let nations be one in a union of love,  
God's bountiful peace, all earth's treasures above.

## **Scriptural Selection**

1. Ps. 91:1, 2

- 1 HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

2. II Kings 6:1 the sons, 2, 8-12, 14-17

- 1 the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we

dwell with thee is too strait for us.

- 2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye.
- 8 ¶ Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my camp.
- 9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.
- 10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.
- 11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us *is* for the king of Israel?
- 12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that *is* in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.
- 14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.
- 15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?
- 16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them.
- 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

### 3. I Sam. 17:47

- 47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle *is* the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.

### 4. Ps. 91:3, 4, 11

- 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

### 5. Ps 29:11

- 11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

**Hymn #540**

540, the same lyrics as Hymn 208

**Hymn 207–212**

**MOTHER'S EVENING PRAYER**

MARY BAKER EDDY

(207)

**MORECAMBE**

FREDERICK C. ATKINSON, ARR. BY A. F. CONANT

(208)

**BENEDICTION (ELLERS)**

EDWARD J. HOPKINS

(209)

**EXPECTATION**

ANDREAS P. BERGGREEN

(210)

**LIMPSFIELD**

ANDREW FREEMAN

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(211)

**PRESENCE**

PERCY WHITLOCK

(212)

**SONG 22**

ORLANDO GIBBONS

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O gentle presence, peace and joy and power;  
O Life divine, that owns each waiting hour,  
Thou Love that guards the nestling's faltering flight!  
Keep Thou my child on upward wing tonight.

Love is our refuge; only with mine eye  
Can I behold the snare, the pit, the fall:  
His habitation high is here, and nigh,  
His arm encircles me, and mine, and all.

O make me glad for every scalding tear,  
For hope deferred, ingratitude, disdain!  
Wait, and love more for every hate, and fear  
No ill,—since God is good, and loss is gain.

Beneath the shadow of His mighty wing;  
In that sweet secret of the narrow way,  
Seeking and finding, with the angels sing:  
“Lo, I am with you alway,”—watch and pray.

No snare, no fowler, pestilence or pain;  
No night drops down upon the troubled breast,  
When heaven’s aftersmile earth’s tear-drops gain,  
And mother finds her home and heav’nly rest.

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**Soloist - Gwen Eagleton**

*"Bring us peace"*

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Hymn 123

**Hymn 123**

“K” IN RIPPON’S SELECTION, 1787

*Adapted*

(123)

**ADESTE FIDELES**

18TH CENTURY

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word.  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who to God for your refuge have fled:

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My gracious, omnipotent hand;

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

**Benediction**

Ps 121:7, 8

- 7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
- 8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

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