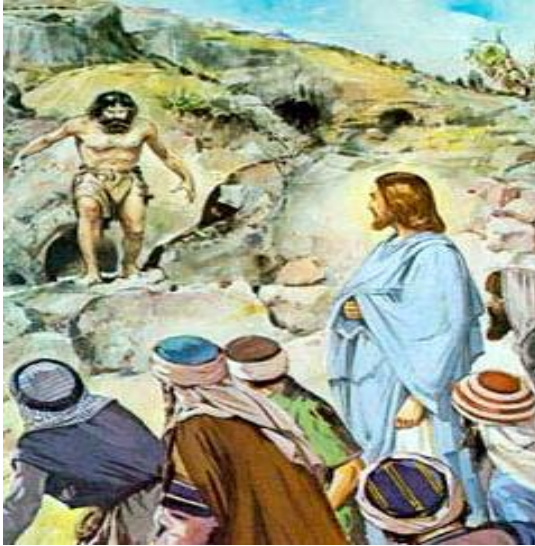


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- SCRIPTURE TEXTS FROM THE COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE.
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- **NCH** IS THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE: **“As the Deer with Fairest Lord Jesus” Hayes**

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: When we long for the special effects we think  
life should offer:

**MANY: it is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft,  
summer shower.**

One: When we our hearts are cracked by the  
drought of doubt:

**MANY: it is enough, for us, that God opens up  
the fountains of faith for us.**

One: When our senses are deadened by the sales  
pitches of our culture:

**MANY: It is enough, for us, that God wraps us  
in the silence of grace.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: NCH 275**

**“Come Now, Almighty God”**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

**In the dark world of lies and deceit, O God, we come to  
your light and your truth. Receive our praise and hear  
our prayers that we may be guided by your written  
Word and by the Word alive in the Spirit of Christ.  
Amen.**

**\*GLORIA: NCH 759**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,  
Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING: 1 Kings 19:1-15a**

EPISTLE READING: **Galatians 3:23-29** Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

\*GOSPEL READING: **Luke 8:26-39**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON:

\*HYMN OF PSALM 42: **"As the Deer"** (Insert)

PASTORAL PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: **NCH 775**

**And God will raise you up upon eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

INVITATION TO SHARE:

OFFERTORY: **"God Will Take Care of You"** Hughes

\*DOXOLOGY: **NCH 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**You have given us more than enough, Loving God, and  
so we take from the abundance which is ours, so that  
others might be blessed: with grace which cools  
fevered souls, with love which melts frozen hearts, and  
with hope which can feed and house and renew so  
many. In Jesus' name, we give and we pray. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: NCH 596 "Rock of Ages"**

**\*SENDING:**

**One: God gives us enough grace,**

**Many: so we may go to stand with all rejected  
by the world.**

**One: Jesus gives us enough hope,**

**Many: so we may fill those emptied by despair.**

**One: The Spirit gives us enough peace,**

**Many: so we may set free all imprisoned by fears  
and hate. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: NCH 809**

**God be with you, God be with you,  
God be with you till we meet again.  
O God be with you, God be with us,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**\*POSTLUDE: "Alla Marcia" Stephen Otis**