

Prelude
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Dr. Dave Faber, organ

Bach wrote this prelude based on a hymn tune that first appeared in 1539, likely written by Martin Luther to pair with his own text.

Hymn of Praise 39
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
FAITHFULNESS

Thomas Obadiah Chisholm was an ordained Methodist pastor, but he left the ministry after a year for health reasons, subsequently living a long and healthy life as an insurance salesman. Made popular by the Billy Graham crusades, “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” has found a place in mainstream hymnody.

Response of Praise 433
Sign Us with Ashes (stanza 5)
PHOENIX

Hymn of Preparation 451
Open My Eyes, That I May See
OPEN MY EYES

Offertory
Wayfaring Stranger
Traditional, arr. Welz
Gene Coburn, piano

This is an African American spiritual first recorded in the 19th century. The text is as follows:

*I am a poor wayfaring stranger,
While journeying through this world of woe,
Yet there's no sickness, toil or danger,
In that bright land to which I go.*

Doxology 618
O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High (stanza 6)
DEO GRACIAS

Hymn of Commitment 836
Abide with Me
EVENTIDE

Henry Francis Lyte, theologian and Anglican priest, wrote this text for a dear friend's funeral. There are three more original stanzas:

Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word,
But as Thou dwell'st with Thy disciples, Lord,
Familiar, condescending, patient, free.
Come not to sojourn, but abide with me.

Come not in terror, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for every plea.
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

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

Benediction Response 39
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (refrain)
FAITHFULNESS

Postlude
In Thee Is Gladness
J.S. Bach
Dave Faber, organ