

# The Spiritual Discipline of Tithing



# Worship II

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### VOTUM AND SENTENCES

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

The Lord is my shepherd;

**I lack for nothing.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures,

**he leads me to water where I may rest;**

he revives my spirit;

**for his name's sake he guides me in the right paths.**

Psalm 23.1-3 (REB)

### SALUTATION

Galatians 1.3-5

### CONFESSION

**Our God, we often want to stay where it is comfortable:  
we cherish comfortable ideas, we cling to comfortable  
patterns. We give in to the desire to stay put, avoiding  
your challenges. Forgive us. Speak to us. Open our  
hearts and ready our hands to respond to your Spirit.  
Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Revelation 21.5

Believe this good news and go forth to live in peace. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### LESSON

Luke 21.1-4

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION (meditation or "wondering questions")

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Schumann, SM

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

O God, our creator, who calls us to grow and be transformed:  
**hear our prayer.**

That all people may find a dwelling place with us:  
**hear our prayer.**

That as even the smallest gift grows into abundance in God's  
kingdom, so may God's reign grow in us:  
**hear our prayer.**

That we may give generously, from a full heart, we pray:  
**hear our prayer.**

That God's word may grow in us, giving life and hope to the  
world:  
**hear our prayer.**

Gather us into your church; teach us to sense your presence so  
we will grow strong in love and service. This we ask for your  
sake. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Romans 15.13

# We Give Thee But Thine Own

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Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*

1. We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be: All  
2. May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive, And  
3. To com - fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe, To  
4. The cap - tive to re - lease, To God the lost to bring, To  
5. And we be - lieve Thy word, Though dim our faith may be: What-



that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first - fruits give.  
tend the lone and fa - ther - less Is an - gels' work be - low.  
teach the way of life and peace - It is a Christ - like thing.  
e'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it un - to Thee.