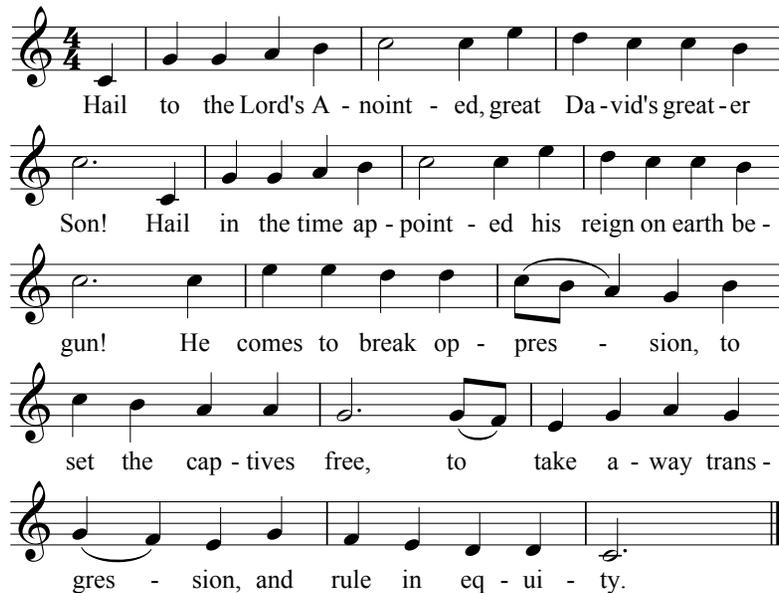


Advent I

Standing

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, all the earth! The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Rejoice greatly, shout for joy! See, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation.



Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er
Son! Hail in the time ap - point - ed his reign on earth be -
gun! He comes to break op - pres - sion, to
set the cap - tives free, to take a - way trans -
gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.

Words: James Montgomery (1821), alt.
Music: Melchior Teschner (1613). C. Gregor *Choralbuch* (1784).

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ST. THEODULPH

We praise you, the Lord God of Israel! You came to the help of your people and have set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, a descendant of your servant David.

You promised through your holy prophets long ago that you would save us from our enemies, from the power of all those who hate us.

You have shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and have remembered your holy covenant.

With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham, you promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve you without fear,

so that we might be holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.

By your tender mercy you cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us,

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The voice of the messenger echoes from the desert, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make a straight path on which he may come. Let us confess our sins, so that our crooked ways will be made straight and the rough ways smooth.

Sitting

Gracious Lord Jesus, you come to us with the good news of salvation, but too often we fail to notice. You come to us day by day, yet we close the doors of our hearts when it seems convenient to do things our own way. We ignore your presence and your leadership. We have failed to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Forgive us, merciful Lord. May we live so that the world will know that you have come. Amen.

Through John the Baptizer, we hear the Lord's promise: Turn away from your sins, and God will forgive your sins.



Voice: Lift up your heads, you might - y gates; be -
Choir: Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make
All: So, come, my Sov - 'reign, en - ter in; let

hold, the King of Glo - ry waits; the
 it a tem - ple set a - part from
 new and no - bler life be - gin; the
 King of Kings is draw - ing near, the
 earth - ly use for heavn's em - ploy, a -
 Ho - ly Spir - it guide us on, un -
 Sav - ior of the world is here.
 dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 til our glo - rious goal is won.

Words: Unknown.
 Music: Thomas Williams' *Psalmodia Evangelica* (1789).

L.M.
 TRURO

Eternal God, Ruler of all ages, graciously you come to us in order that we might come to you, through the merit of Jesus Christ, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Help us and all your children to respond to the call of your gospel with faith, love, and hope.

God of faith, you created humanity to serve and praise you; and even when we rebelled against you, you promised to send a Savior to redeem us from our sins.

Strengthen our faith in your saving work through Christ. As you chose the people of Israel to hear the promise of redemption through the prophets, may people today believe in your good will for all that you have made.

God of love, you fulfilled your promise of a redeemer in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may share your love with the sick and the afflicted, with the poor and the homeless, with the victims of injustice and discrimination, and with all who are experiencing times of trouble.

God of hope, you comfort us through our Savior's promise to return in glory at the end of time:

As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace, let us not despair. We long for you to inspire all the nations and peoples of the world to turn to cooperation and nurture, rather than to hatred and destruction.

God of faith, love, and hope, to you and to you alone we pray:

For you are our God, the only God, forever and ever. Amen.

Standing

First Part
 Ho - san-na! Bless-ed is he that comes!

Second Part
 Ho - san-na! Bless-ed is he that
 Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na!
 comes! Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na!
 Bless - ed is he that comes, he that comes in the name of the
 Bless - ed is he that comes, he that
 Lord! Ho - san - na! Bless - ed is he that
 comes in the name of the Lord!

comes! Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na!
 Ho-san-na! Bless-ed is he that comes! Ho-san-na! Ho-
 Ho-san-na! in the high-est! Ho-san-na!
 Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na in the high-est!
 Bless-ed is he that comes! Ho-san-na!
 Ho-san-na! Bless-ed is he that comes!
 Ho-san-na! Bless-ed is he that
 Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na!
 comes, he that comes in the name of the Lord!
 Bless-ed is he that comes, he that comes in the name of the
 Ho-san-na! Bless-ed is he that comes!
 Lord! Ho-san-na!

Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na!
 Bless-ed is he that comes! Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na! Ho-
 in the high-est! Ho-san-na!
 Ho-san-na in the high-est! Ho-san-na!
 Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na!
 Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na in the high-est! Ho-
 Ho-san-na in the high-est!
 Ho-san-na in the high-est!
 Ho-san-na in the high-est!

Words: Matthew 21:9.
 Music: Christian Gregor (1765). Ed. Ewald V. Nolte (1965).

Lord, you have kept the promise you made to our ancestors, and have come to the help of your servant people.

You remembered to show mercy to Abraham and Sarah and to all their descendants forever!

We praise you, Lord. You are enthroned in glory, yet you came and continue to come for all who will receive you. We praise you, for you are good, and your mercy endures forever.

To you be glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.

Praise to you, O Lord, we ren - der for your love in
 Je - sus shown; may that love, so strong and ten - der,
 bind us fast to him a - lone; now and ev - er,
 now and ev - er, gath - er us a - mong your own.

Words: Unknown. 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Music: Henry Thomas Smart (1867). REGENT SQUARE
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Advent 3 The Great “O” Antiphons

Standing

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

Lo! how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in
 sprung, of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the
 saints of old have sung. It came, a flow - eret bright, a -
 Vir - gin Moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 mid the cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.

Words: German carol (16th C.). Sts. 1, 2 tr. Theodore Baker (1894), alt. St. 3 tr. Harriet Krauth Spaeth (1875). 7.6.7.6.6.7.6.
 Music: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng* (1599). ES IST EIN ROS ENTSPRUNGEN

Sitting

Jesus is our Emmanuel, “God with us,” promised when our first parents became exiles from God and captives of sin. Because we desire him among us, we sing: “O come, O come, Emmanuel!”

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin hymn (12th C.). Tr. John M. Neale (1851).
Music: Thomas Helmore (1854). Based on plainsong phrases.

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VENI EMMANUEL

Jesus is the Word of God and Wisdom of the Father for all eternity. We sing the praises of him who existed before the world began: “Come, O Wisdom!”

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The Lord of might appeared amid flames of the burning bush on Mount Sinai. We ask him to make us worthy to enter the Promised Land. We call to him: “Come, O Lord of might!”

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Jesus is the Flower of Jesse’s root. No greater flower bloomed on the family tree of Jesse, King David’s father. Jesus would become the tree of life that brings us salvation, and so we pray: “Come, O Rod of Jesse’s stem!”

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Jesus is the Key of David. He came to unlock the prison of death and release us from the bonds of sin. We are grateful that he gave us freedom as we sing: “Come, O Key of David!”

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Jesus is the Daystar, the sun that brightens the world’s darkness. We will see him in splendor when he comes again. On that day he will cheer us, and so we sing: “Come, O Daystar!”

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Standing

Almighty God, who, having created all worlds and mankind, has profoundly pitied us; who has come to us that we might be saved, not of our merit, but of your unquenchable love; look on us who worship in comfort, in light and warmth, in health and prosperity, in pride and in presumption: For, having all glory,

you became incarnate in the dishonor of a defeated line of kings;

having all riches,

you became incarnate in the poverty of the working class;

having all illumination,

**you became incarnate in the darkness of night and
obscurity;**

having all wisdom,

**you became incarnate in the confounding simplicity of a
child;**

having all life,

you became incarnate in the emptiness of a virgin's womb;

having all power,

**you became incarnate in the weakest form of human life –
an infant.**

Help us to recognize our shame, our poverty, our darkness, our
foolishness, our emptiness, our weakness, that we may know our
need of you. And then,

become incarnate in us.

This Flow'r whose fra - grance ten - der with
sweet-ness fills the air, dis - pels with glo-rious
splen - dor the dark-ness ev - ery-where. True

man, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he
saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.

Words: German carol (16th C.). Sts. 1, 2 tr. Theodore Baker
(1894), alt. St. 3 tr. Harriet Krauth Spaeth (1875).
Music: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng* (1599).

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ES IST EIN ROS ENTSPRUNGEN

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Advent 4 Morning Prayer

Standing

Know that the Lord is coming and with him all his saints.

That day will dawn with a wonderful light.

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of the darkness, let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation – the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er;
born in our dark - ness, he be-came our broth - er -
if we have seen him, we have seen the
Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1968), alt. © Hope Publishing Company.
Music: *Paris Antiphoner* (1681).

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CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

For he strengthens the bars of your gates;

he blesses your children within you.

He grants peace within your borders;

he fills you with the finest of wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth;

his word runs swiftly.

He gives snow like wool;

he scatters frost like ashes.

He hurls down hail like crumbs –

who can stand before his cold?

He sends out his word, and melts them;

he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob,

his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

He has not dealt thus with any other nation;

they do not know his ordinances. Praise the Lord!

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and
to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, A - men, A - men.

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Sitting

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass; their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings. Lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!”

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.



Women My soul pro-claims with joy the great-ness of the
Women The Lord has fa-vored me; all a-ges will pro-
Men On those who fear the Lord his mer-cy will a-
Men The might-y are cast down, the low-ly ones are
All He comes to us to keep the prom-ise made be-



Lord; my spir-it will re-joice in him, my
claim that God has done great things for me, and
bide. He showed the strength of his right arm; the
raised; he fills the hun-gry with good things and
fore to A-bra-ham and all his heirs of



Sav-ior and my God.
ho-ly is his name.
proud are scat-tered wide.
sends the rich a-way.
mer-cy ev-er-more.

Words: Metrical psalm setting by Christopher L. Webber.
A New Metrical Psalter published by The Church Pension Fund. © 1986.
Music: Aaron Williams (1770).

S.M.
ST. THOMAS

Standing

Jesus Christ is the joy and happiness of all who look forward to his coming. Let us call upon him and say:

Come, Lord, and do not delay!

In joy, we wait for your coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Before time began, you shared life with the Father.

Come now and save us.

You created the world and all who live in it.

Come to redeem the work of your hands.

You did not hesitate to become man, subject to death.

Come to free us from the power of death.

You came to give us life to the full.

Come and give us your unending life.

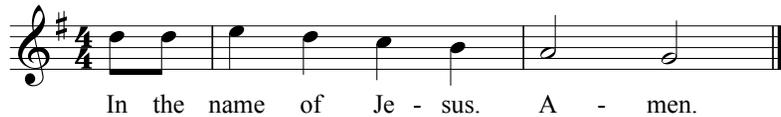
You desire all people to live in love in your kingdom.

Come and bring together those who long to see you face to face.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love, and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior, and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth.



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Advent 5 A Penitential Liturgy for Advent

Standing

The night is advancing, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

We are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.

I want to walk as a child of the light;
I want to see the bright-ness of God;
I want to fol-low Je-sus. God set the
I want to look at Je-sus. Clear Sun of
stars to give light to the world; the star of my
right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and show me the
life is Je-sus. In him there is no
way to the Fa-ther.
dark-ness at all; the night and the day are both a-
like. The Lamb is the light of the cit-y of
God: Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

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HOUSTON

Sitting

See, the Lord's hand is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. Rather, your iniquities have been barriers between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity. Your lips have spoken lies; your tongue mutters wickedness. No one brings suit justly; no one goes to law honestly. They rely on empty pleas; they speak lies, conceiving mischief and begetting iniquity. Their feet run to evil, and they rush to shed innocent blood. Their thoughts of iniquity, desolation, and destruction are in their highways. The way of peace they do not know, and there is no justice in their paths. Their roads they have made crooked; no one who walks in them knows peace.

Therefore, justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us; we wait for light, and lo! there is darkness; and for brightness, but we walk in gloom. We grope like the blind along a wall, groping like those who have no eyes; we stumble at noon as in the twilight, among the vigorous as though we were dead. We all growl like bears; like doves we moan mournfully. We wait for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us. For our transgressions before you are many, and our sins testify against us. Our transgressions indeed are with us, and we know our iniquities.

For once you were in darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of the light – for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part of the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

"Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," the
watch - men on the heights are cry - ing; "A -
wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise." Mid - night hears the
wel - come voic - es and at the thrill - ing
cry re - joic - es: "Where are the vir - gins,
pure and wise? The bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your
lamps with glad - ness take! Al - le - lu - ia! With
brid - al care and faith's bold prayer, to
meet the bride - groom, come, pre - pare.

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1599). Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1858), alt. Irregular
Music: Hans Sachs (1494-1576). Alt. Philipp Nicolai (1599). WACHET AUF, RUFT UNS DIE STIMME

Let us acknowledge our sins before God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as

ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

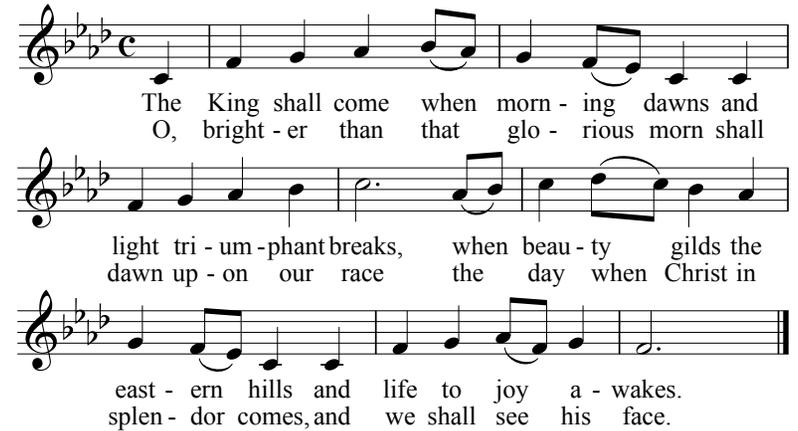
Standing

We proclaim our faith in the Light of the world:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
O, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall
light tri - um - phant breaks, when beau - ty gilds the
dawn up - on our race the day when Christ in
east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.

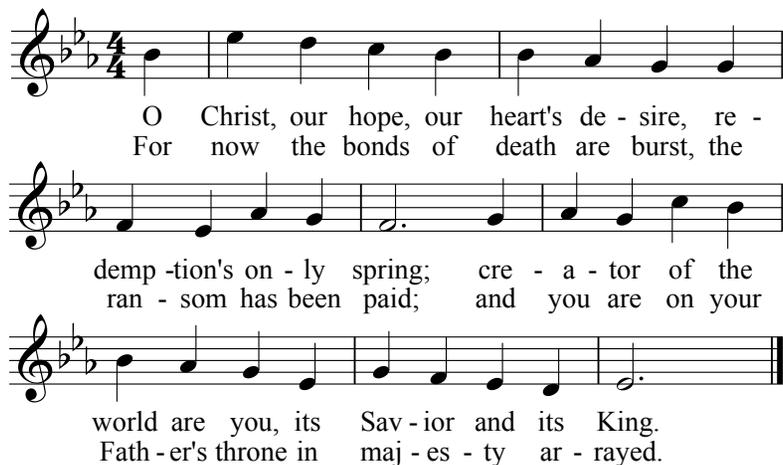
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C.M.
CONSOLATION

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Ascension

Standing



O Christ, our hope, our heart's de - sire, re -
For now the bonds of death are burst, the
demp - tion's on - ly spring; cre - a - tor of the
ran - som has been paid; and you are on your
world are you, its Sav - ior and its King.
Fath - er's throne in maj - es - ty ar - rayed.

Words: Latin (8th C.). Tr. John Chandler (1837), alt.
Music: Alexander Robert Reinagle (1836).

C.M.
ST. PETER

Sitting

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

That the King of Glory may come in.

Who is the King of Glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

That the King of Glory may come in.

Who is this King of Glory?

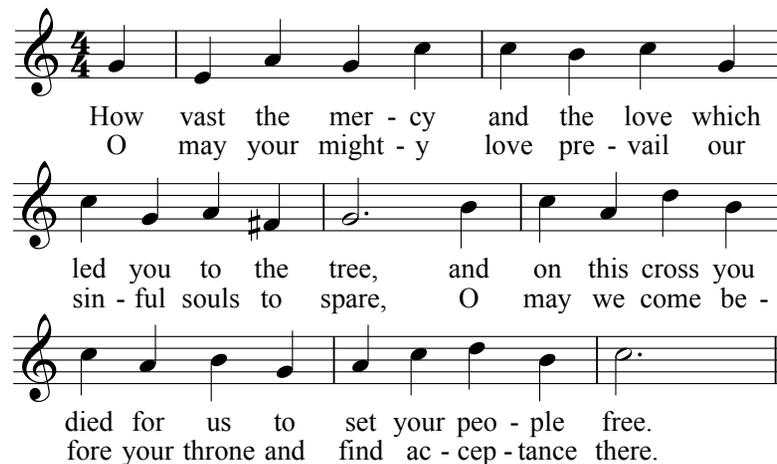
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory.

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,

and his kingdom rules over all.

God put this great power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule, authority, power, dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

To him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever.



How vast the mer - cy and the love which
O may your might - y love pre - vail our
led you to the tree, and on this cross you
sin - ful souls to spare, O may we come be -
died for us to set your peo - ple free.
fore your throne and find ac - cep - tance there.

Words: Latin (8th C.). Tr. John Chandler (1837), alt.
Music: William Croft (1708).

C.M.
ST. ANNE

Standing

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God. Let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Thus says the Lord, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty, I will give water as a gift from the

spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they shall be my children.”

Stand up and bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; the Lord is to be revered above all gods.

All au - thor - i - ty and pow - er, ev - ery sta - tus
All the na - tions owe him wor - ship, ev - ery tongue shall
and do - main, now be - longs to one who suf - fered
call him Lord; how are they to call up - on him
our re - demp - tion to ob - tain; an - gels, de - mons,
if his name they have not heard? There - fore go and
kings and ru - lers, o - ver all shall Je - sus reign!
make dis - ci - ples, preach his gos - pel, spread his Word.

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Music: Joachim Neander (1680).

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Epiphany

Standing

O God, when you began your wonderful work of creation, you chose first to create light.

But humanity resisted your truth and chose instead to walk in interior darkness.

In your goodness, you chose to rekindle a light in the person of your own Son.

To the Father who created light, to the Son who is our light, and to the Holy Spirit who enlightens all be glory and honor forever and ever.

Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to
you we raise; once re - vealed, when heav - en's star
brought the wise - men from a - far; branch of roy - al
Da - vid's stem in your birth at Beth - le - hem,
Word be - fore the world be - gan,
God re - vealed to us in man.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885). Rev. © 1982
Jubilate Hymns. (Admin. by Hope Publishing Company).
Music: George J. Elvey (1816-1893).

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ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Sitting

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer; for God thought, "If the people face war, they may change their minds and return to Egypt." So God led the people by the roundabout way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of the land of Egypt prepared for battle. The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Rise up in splendor! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: Your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow; for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of the nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.

We three Kings of O-ri-ent are, bear-ing gifts we tra -verse a-
far field and foun-tain, moor and moun-tain fol-low-ing yon-der
star. O star of won-der, star of night, star with roy -al

beau - ty bright, west - ward lead - ing, still pro -
ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

Words: John H. Hopkins, Jr. (1857), alt.
Music: John H. Hopkins, Jr. (1857), alt.

8.8.4.4.6. Ref.
KINGS OF ORIENT

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light – for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Now this is the message that we have heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say, "We have fellowship with him," while we continue to walk in darkness, we lie and do not act in truth. But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

Women
Morn - ing Star, my soul's true light, tar - ry
Men
not, dis - pel my night. Morn-ing Star, my soul's true
Women
light, tar - ry not, dis - pel my night. Je - sus

Men mine, in me shine; Women in me shine, Men Je - sus
All mine; fill my heart with light di - vine.

Words: Johann Scheffler (1657). Tr. Bennet Harvey, Jr. (1885).
Music: Francis Florentine Hagen (1836).

7.7.3.3.7.
HAGEN

Standing

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Light of our world, the true light,
which enlightens everyone.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Whoever walks in the dark does not know where he is going.

He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace according to your word

for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.

Then let us all with one ac - cord sing
prais - es to our heav - en - ly Lord, who

hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and
with his blood our life hath bought. No -
el, No - el, No - el, No - el,
born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Words: English carol.
Music: W. Sandy's *Christmas Carols* (1833).

Irregular with Refrain
THE FIRST NOEL

Now to him who can strengthen you, according to the gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith,

to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Lent 3

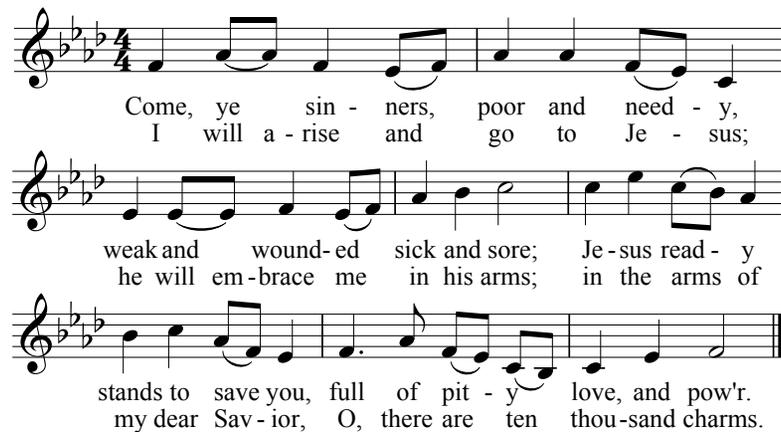
Standing

I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, says the Lord, but rather in the conversion of the wicked, that they may live.

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

Return to the Lord, your God, for gracious and merciful is he.

Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.



Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y,
I will a - rise and go to Je - sus;
weak and wound - ed sick and sore; Je - sus read - y
he will em - brace me in his arms; in the arms of
stands to save you, full of pit - y love, and pow'r.
my dear Sav - ior, O, there are ten thou - sand charms.

Words: Joseph Hart (1759). Refrain, anonymous.
Music: *Southern Harmony* (1835).

8.7.8.7.
ARISE

Sitting

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

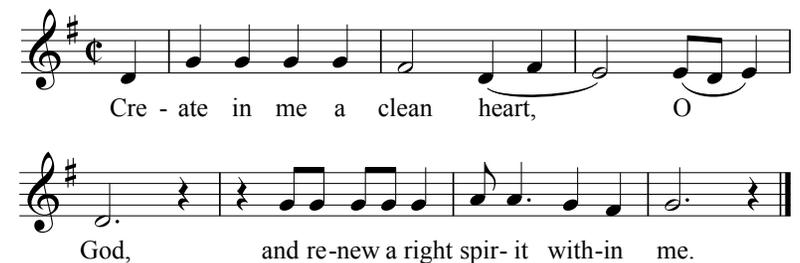
Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Then the Lord became jealous for his land and had pity on his people.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O
God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O
 God, and re-new a right spir- it with-in me.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O
 God, and re-new a right spir- it with-in me.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O
 God, and re-new a right spir- it with-in me.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O
 God, and re-new a right spir- it with-in me.

Silent Prayer

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Lord Je - sus, think on me and
 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that,
 purge a - way my sin; from
 when the flood is past, I
 earth - born pas - sions set me free and
 may th'e - ter - nal bright - ness see and
 make me pure with - in.
 share thy joy at last.

Words: Synesius of Cyrene (c. 410). Tr. Allen W. Chatfield (1876).
 Music: William Damon's *Psalms* (1579).

S.M.
 DAMON

Lord, may your people turn again to you and serve you with all their hearts. With confidence we have asked for your help; may we now know your mercy and love in our lives.

Father of infinite mercy and compassion, we recognize the truth of your persistent love and acceptance. We recognize our frailties and limits in finding the inner harmony and personal integrity for which our human hearts so ardently yearn. By the power of your Spirit, help us to turn to your Son, Jesus, ever present in the community of faith, for the reconciling power he alone can give. Heal the wounds and hurts that divide us. Renew our minds and hearts as people bound to you in covenant. Let us experience a genuine inner conversion from the paralysis of sin so that with all your saints we may live in the freedom of your children, acknowledging the dominion of Jesus' power in our lives. May we find in confession and forgiveness an experience of worship in spirit and truth, so that we may

ever proclaim our eucharistic praise of your healing acceptance and transforming love.

Standing

I then shall live as one who's been for-
 giv - en; I'll walk with joy to
 know my debts are paid. I know my
 name is clear be - fore my Fa - ther;
 I am his child, and I am not a - fraid.
 So great - ly par - doned, I'll for - give an -
 oth - er; the law of love I
 glad - ly will o - bey.

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FINLANDIA

Father, bless our living of this Lenten season.

**Let the great day at its end flood all the days between with
Easter hope, so that our observance may not darken into
gloom but may remain bright with its promise.**

The Father of mercies has given us an example of unselfish love in the sufferings of his only Son.

**Through our service of God and neighbor, may we receive
countless blessings.**

We believe that by his dying Christ destroyed death forever.

May he give us everlasting life.

He humbled himself for our sakes.

May we follow his example and share in his resurrection.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till
all the world a-dore his sa-cred name. *Fine*
So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: praise
to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry! *D. C.*

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Lent 4

Standing

Delay not your conversion to the Lord, put it not off from day to day.

**Let us search and examine our ways that we may return to
the Lord.**

If my peo-ple's hearts are hum-bled, if they pray and
Then my eyes will see their sor-row, then my ears will
seek my face, if they turn a-way from e-vil,
hear their plea; if my peo-ple's hearts are hum-bled
I will not with-hold my grace. I will hear their
I will set their na-tion free. If my peo-ple's
prayers from heav-en; I will par-don ev-ery sin.
hearts are hum-bled, if they pray and seek my face;
If my peo-ple's hearts are hum-bled,
if they turn a-way from e-vil,
I will sure-ly heal their land.
I will not with-hold my grace.

Words: Claire Cloninger (1986). Based on 2 Chronicles
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Music: John Zundel (1870).

8.7.8.7.D.
BEECHER

Sitting

Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. Take words with you and return to the Lord; say to him, "Take away all guilt; accept that which is good, and we will offer the fruit of our lips." I will heal their disloyalty; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily, he shall strike root like the forests of Lebanon. His shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive tree, and his fragrance like that of Lebanon. They shall again live beneath my shadow, they shall flourish as a garden; they shall blossom like the vine, their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

Your word, O Lord, endures forever; it is firm as the heavens. My soul weeps for sorrow; strengthen me according to your words. A lamp to my feet is your word, a light to my path.

Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us a - part.
Trees do bend, though straight and tall;
so must we to oth - ers' call.
Long have I wait - ed for your com - ing
home to me and liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

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Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

The kindness of God leads us to repentance.

Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord. Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow.

Cleanse me of sin that I may be purified; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am the dark world's
light; look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and
all your day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found in
him my star, my sun; and in that Light of
life I'll walk, till trav - 'ling days are done.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1846).
Music: John B. Dykes (1868).

C.M.D.
VOX DILECTI

Standing

Our God acts not by caprice but by careful design. Thus all the important acts of salvation have followed a period of purification and preparation.

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

Before the covenant with the human race was made to Noah, a period of rain separated the just from the unjust.

For forty days and forty nights heavy rain poured down on the earth.

Before the covenant was given on Mount Sinai, Moses underwent a period of preparation.

Moses passed into the midst of the cloud as he went up on the mountain; and there he stayed for forty days and forty nights.

Before the prophet Elijah could commune with God, he had to undergo a period of pilgrimage.

He got up, ate, and drank; then, strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God.

Before the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus experienced a period of testing in the desert.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

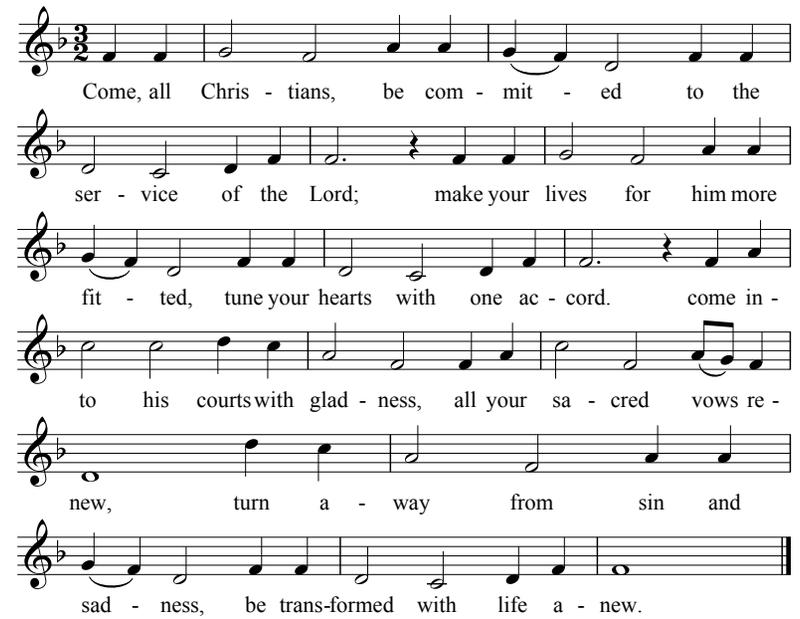
Before his return to the Father, the risen Lord prepared the disciples for the church's mission.

He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking to them about the kingdom of God.

Now we are gathered to celebrate another period of forty days, a period of preparation whose goal is the glory of Easter.

Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us;

while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.



Come, all Chris - tians, be com - mit - ed to the
ser - vice of the Lord; make your lives for him more
fit - ted, tune your hearts with one ac - cord. come in -
to his courts with glad - ness, all your sa - cred vows re -
new, turn a - way from sin and
sad - ness, be trans - formed with life a - new.

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Music: Traditional American melody. *The Sacred Harp* (1844).

8.7.8.7.D.
BEACH SPRING

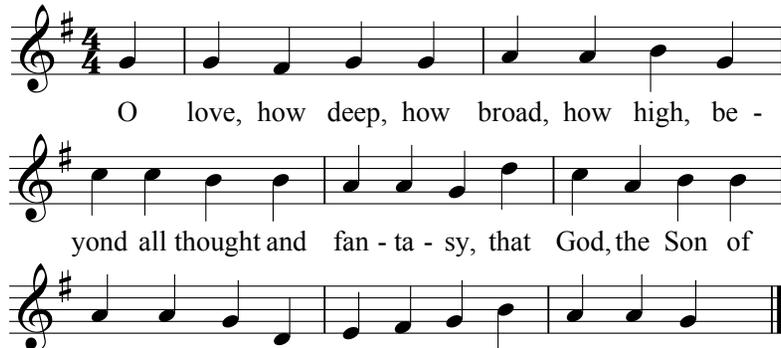
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Maundy Thursday

Standing

And thus the forty-day trek nears an end. We enter into The Three Days – the time set aside to observe the mysteries of Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection.

As Christians, we believe that Christ died, rose, and will return for us. This is our confession of faith.



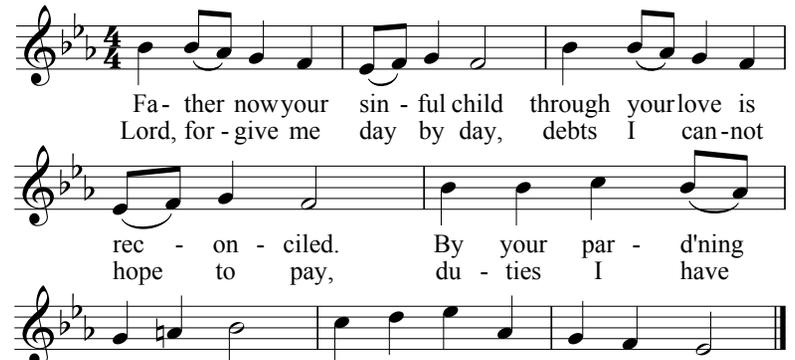
O love, how deep, how broad, how high, be -
yond all thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.

Words: Latin (15th C.). Tr. Benjamin Webb (1854), alt.
Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1567).

L.M.
TALLIS CANON

Ash Wednesday found us face to face with our own sin. The Lenten journey has provided a season of repentance, a turning back to that which is good and right.

Tonight we complete the season of repentance and celebrate God’s incredible mercy through his forgiveness of our sins. Though the season itself is ending, our repentance and God’s forgiveness are perpetual.



Fa - ther now your sin - ful child through your love is
Lord, for - give me day by day, debts I can - not
rec - on - ciled. By your par - d'ning
hope to pay, du - ties I have
grace I live, dai - ly still I cry, "For - give."
left un - done, e - vils I have failed to shun.

Words: Josiah Conder (1836), alt.

Music: Herrnhut (c. 1735). John Thommen (1745), C. Gregor *Choralbuch* (1784).

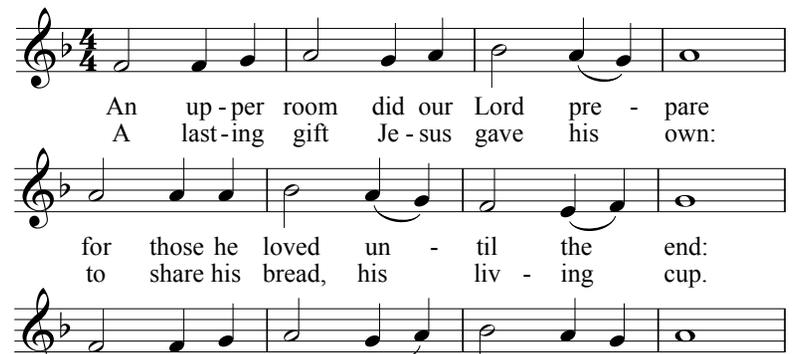
7.7.7.7. Trochaic
HERRNHUT

On this night, we commemorate Christ’s sharing of himself through the symbols of bread and wine.

A loaf of bread. A cup of wine. Simple elements with profound meaning.

Mandatum: “Do this in remembrance of me.”

Bread broken, the sign of Christ’s body given for us. A cup poured, the sign of a new covenant of grace.



An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare
A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own:
for those he loved un - til the end:
to share his bread, his liv - ing cup.
and his dis - ci - ples still gath - er there,
What - ev - er bur - dens may bow us down,

to cel - e - brate their Ris - en Friend.
he by his cross shall lift us up.

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Music: Lowell Mason.

L.M.
HAMBURG

Mandatum: "Love one another as I have loved you."

Through our love for others, no one can deny we are disciples of Christ.

The King of Glory stooped to the level of a servant as he washed the feet of his friends.

No one can deny the selfless love of Jesus Christ.

With Christ as our example, can we not, too, assume the servant role? May the love of Christ be mirrored in our actions in the city, workplace, and home.

Let our actions speak volumes. Through good works and love for neighbor, let all know we are children of God.

For the heal - ing of the na - tions,
You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten

Lord, we pray with one ac - cord; for a just and
your great name on hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing

e - qual shar - ing of the things that earth af -
in your like - ness, bring the life of Christ to

fords. To a life of love in ac -
mind; that by our re - sponse and ser -

tion help us rise and pledge our word.
vice earth its des - tin - y may find.

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Music: Traditional French Melody.

8.7.8.7.8.7.
PICARDY

And so The Three Days begin.

This liturgy was written by Robert Nickel and edited by Rev. Dr. Matthew Knapp.

Missionaries

Standing

We are called to be God's ser - vants, work - ing in his
world to - day; tak - ing his own task up - on us,
all his sa - cred words o - bey. Let us rise, then,
to his sum - mons, ded - i - cate to him our all,
that we may be faith - ful ser - vants,
quick to an - swer now his call.

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Music: Franz Josef Haydn (1797).

8.7.8.7.D.
AUSTRIAN HYMN

We recognize that we are called into being and have been sustained only by the incomprehensible grace of God.

**Jesus leads us onward in the high mission of the church.
We proclaim the gospel to all nations by word and deed,
that people everywhere may find new life in God.**

We hear your call. We pledge the best of our labors that your glory may be known in all the earth.

Jesus said, "You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name."

When we lift our pack and go,
In the hands out - stretched to greet,
when we seek an - oth - er coun - try,
through the o - pen doors of strang - ers
mov - ing far from all we know,
there is love we yet can meet
when we long to jour - ney free -
and be - lieve the Christ is there -
God is in the oth - er place,
God is in an - oth - er's face,
in the faith we trav - el by, God is
in the oth - er place.

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7.8.7.7. with Refrain
LEONARD

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

Sitting

Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its name bap - tize and teach." That the world may trust your mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us prom - ise - life a - bun - dant meant for each - give us wit - ness to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - all new fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty; with the Spir - it's gifts em - ty; with the Spir - it's gifts em - pow - er us for the work of min - is - try. pow - er us for the work of min - is - try.

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Music: *The Sacred Harp* (1844).

8.7.8.7.D.
BEACH SPRING

Missionaries standing

Let us pray for our missionaries:

Light and Desire of all nations, watch over your messengers by land, sea, and air. Accompany the word of their testimony concerning your atonement with demonstration of the Spirit and of power. You know where they dwell, and where they labor, and that they are running with perseverance the race set before them. Strengthen them in the hour of temptation, and preserve

them in times of danger and distress. Let them find comfort in the fellowship and intercessions of the churches which have sent them forth in obedience to your call. May the fire of your love awaken and preserve among them, and us, the spirit of all those witnesses who did not hold their lives too dear to lay them down. Bless us all, and make of us a blessing. Amen.

All standing

Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a
 We have no mis - sion but to serve in
 car - ing church that longs to be a
 full o - be - di - ence to our Lord, to
 part - ner in Christ's sac - ri - fice, and
 care for all, with - out re - serve, and
 clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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 Music: William Knapp (1738).

L.M.
 WAREHAM

Now Master, you may let your servant go in peace according to your word,

for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.

Je - sus, still lead on till our rest be won;
 Je - sus, still lead on till our rest be won;
 and al - though the way be cheer - less, we will
 heav'n - ly lead - er, still di - rect us, still sup -
 fol - low calm and fear - less; guide us by your
 port, con - sole, pro - tect us, till we safe - ly
 hand to the prom - ised land.
 stand in the prom - ised land.

Words: Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf (1721). Recast
 Christian Gregor (1778). Tr. Jane L. Borthwick (1846), alt.
 Music: Adam Drese (1698). Alt. Freylinghausen (1704).
 Reimann (1747). C. Gregor *Choralbuch* (1784).

5.5.8.8.5.5. Trochaic
 SEELINGBRÄUTIGAM

I looked, and there was a great multitude – no one could count all the people! They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood in front of the throne and of the Lamb, holding palm branches in their hands. They called out in a loud voice, “Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb!”

Praise, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever!

In the name of Je - sus. A - men.

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Moravian Music Sunday

Standing

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the
 God of all cre - a - tion, the God of pow'r, the
 God of love, the God of our sal - va - tion. My
 soul with com - fort rich he fills, and ev -'ry grief he
 gent - ly stills: to God all praise and glo - ry!

Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1675). Tr. Frances E. Cox (1864), alt. 8.7.8.7.8.8.7.
 Music: Pre-Reformation melody. Bohemian Brethren's *Gesangbuch* (1566), alt. MIT FREUDEN ZART

Let us give thanks to the Father, who has enabled us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

In him all things in heaven and on earth were created.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, to which indeed we were called in the one body.

Above all, may we clothe ourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Lord Je - sus, you are wor - thy for all on earth to
 And I, un - wor - thy sin - ner, when kneel - ing at your
 praise; our hymns in glad thanks - giv - ing in
 feet, can see that my re - demp - tion in
 grat - i - tude we raise; for all you did on
 you is now com - plete: in faith I now would
 Cal - va - ry when suf - f'ring on the tree - the
 serve you through all my earth - ly days, and
 world from sin's do - min - ion most
 then in heav'n - ly glo - ry my
 won - drous - ly set free.
 hal - le - lu - jahs raise.

Words: Albert H. Frank (1989). © 1989 by Albert H. Frank.
 Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzog*, Württemberg (1784).

7.6.7.6.D.
 ELLACOMBE

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for every good gift. On this day especially we thank you for your creative gifts to us, which cause us to enrich our lives and experience through science and art, literature and drama, words and music.

For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work; at the works of your hands we sing for joy.

We thank you especially for your gifts to the Moravian Church: devotion to the Savior, simplicity, our strong sense of community and fellowship, and our long-standing dedication to spreading your gospel.

We thank you for musical heritage, through which we draw closer to you and to one another.

Inspire and bless those who write and compose, those who play and sing, those who lead and teach.

As you have helped us through the centuries to sing our faith, so move within each one of us today, that all our gifts may unite in your service.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,

in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

Lamb of God, you shall re - main for - ev - er
of our songs the on - ly theme; for your bound - less
love, your grace and fa - vor, we will praise your
sav - ing name; that for our trans - gres - sions you were
wound - ed shall by us in no - bler strains be sound - ed,

when we, per - fect - ed in love,
once shall join the church a - bove.

Words: Christian Renuus von Zinzendorf (1749). Tr. John Swertner (1778), alt. 10.7.10.7.10.7.7. Trochaic
Music: Herrnhut (c. 1735). C. Gregor *Choralbuch* (1784). COVENANT

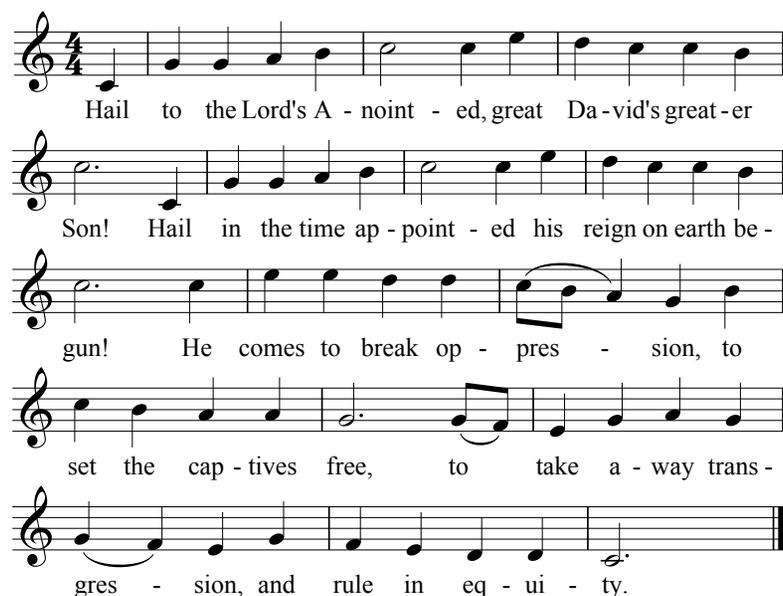
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Palm Sunday

Standing

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, all the earth! The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Rejoice greatly, shout for joy! See, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation.



Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er
Son! Hail in the time ap - point - ed his reign on earth be -
gun! He comes to break op - pres - sion, to
set the cap - tives free, to take a - way trans -
gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.

Words: James Montgomery (1821), alt.
Music: Melchior Teschner (1613). C. Gregor *Choralbuch* (1784).

7.6.7.6.D. Iambic
ST. THEODULPH

We praise you, the Lord God of Israel! You came to the help of your people and have set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, a descendant of your servant David.

You promised through your holy prophets long ago that you would save us from our enemies, from the power of all those who hate us.

You have shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and have remembered your holy covenant.

With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham, you promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve you without fear,

so that we might be holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.

By your tender mercy you cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us,

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The voice of the messenger echoes from the desert, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make a straight path on which he may come. Let us confess our sins, so that our crooked ways will be made straight and the rough ways smooth.

Sitting

Our sovereign Redeemer, we join the people of Jerusalem offering our own shouts of praise and celebration at your coming. Although we welcome you today with the multitude on Palm Sunday, we confess we have also stood with the condemning crowd on Good Friday. Our thoughts, words, and deeds have cried, "Crucify!" We turn to you for help and forgiveness, gracious Savior; not because we deserve it, but because you are forgiving. Save us from our sinful ways, and restore us to a life of loyalty to you. Amen.

Through John the Baptizer, we hear the Lord's promise: Turn away from your sins, and God will forgive your sins.

"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That
 an - cient song we sing, for Christ is our Re -
 deem - er, the Lord of heav'n our King. O
 may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and
 voice, and in his bliss - ful
 pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Words: Unknown.
 Music: Henry Smart (1836).

7.6.7.6.D.
 LANCASHIRE

Eternal God, Ruler of all ages, graciously you come to us in order that we might come to you, through the merit of Jesus Christ, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Help us and all your children to respond to the call of your gospel with faith, love, and hope.

God of faith, you created humanity to serve and praise you; and even when we rebelled against you, you promised to send a Savior to redeem us from our sins.

Strengthen our faith in your saving work through Christ. As you chose the people of Israel to hear the promise of redemption through the prophets, may people today believe in your good will for all that you have made.

God of love, you fulfilled your promise of a redeemer in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may share your love with the sick and the afflicted, with the poor and the homeless, with the victims of injustice and discrimination, and with all who are experiencing times of trouble.

God of hope, you comfort us through our Savior's promise to return in glory at the end of time:

As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace, let us not despair. We long for you to inspire all the nations and peoples of the world to turn to cooperation and nurture, rather than to hatred and destruction.

God of faith, love, and hope, to you and to you alone we pray:

For you are our God, the only God, forever and ever. Amen.

Standing

First Part
 Ho - san-na! Bless-ed is he that comes!
Second Part
 Ho - san-na! Bless-ed is he that
 Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na!
 comes! Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na!

Bless - ed is he that comes, he that comes in the name of the

Bless - ed is he that comes, he that

Lord! Ho - san - na! Bless - ed is he that

comes in the name of the Lord!

comes! Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na!

Ho- san- na! Bless-ed is he that comes! Ho - san-na! Ho-

Ho-san-na! in the high-est! Ho - san-na!

san-na! Ho - san-na in the high - est!

Bless-ed is he that comes! Ho - san-na!

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Ho - san-na! Bless-ed is he that

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in the high est! Ho - san-na!

san-na in the high - est! Ho- san-na!

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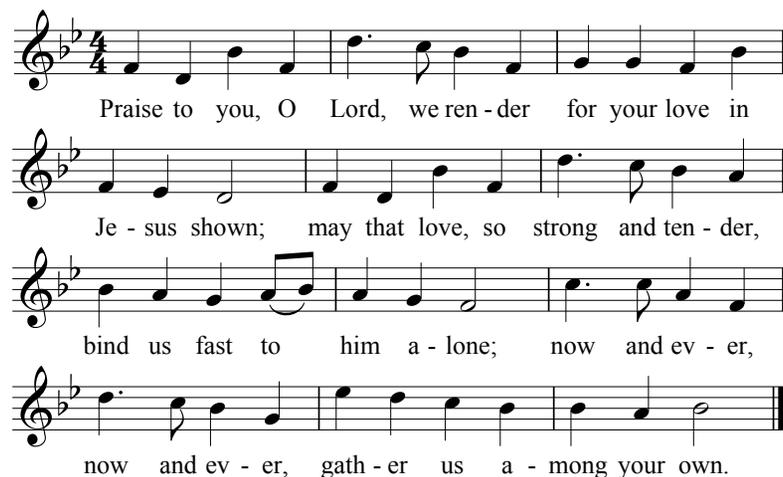
Words: Matthew 21:9.
 Music: Christian Gregor (1765). Ed. Ewald V. Nolte (1965).

Lord, you have kept the promise you made to our ancestors, and have come to the help of your servant people.

You remembered to show mercy to Abraham and Sarah and to all their descendants forever!

We praise you, Lord. You are enthroned in glory, yet you came and continue to come for all who will receive you. We praise you, for you are good, and your mercy endures forever.

To you be glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.



Praise to you, O Lord, we ren-der for your love in
Je - sus shown; may that love, so strong and ten - der,
bind us fast to him a - lone; now and ev - er,
now and ev - er, gath - er us a - mong your own.

Words: Unknown.
Music: Henry Thomas Smart (1867).

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REGENT SQUARE

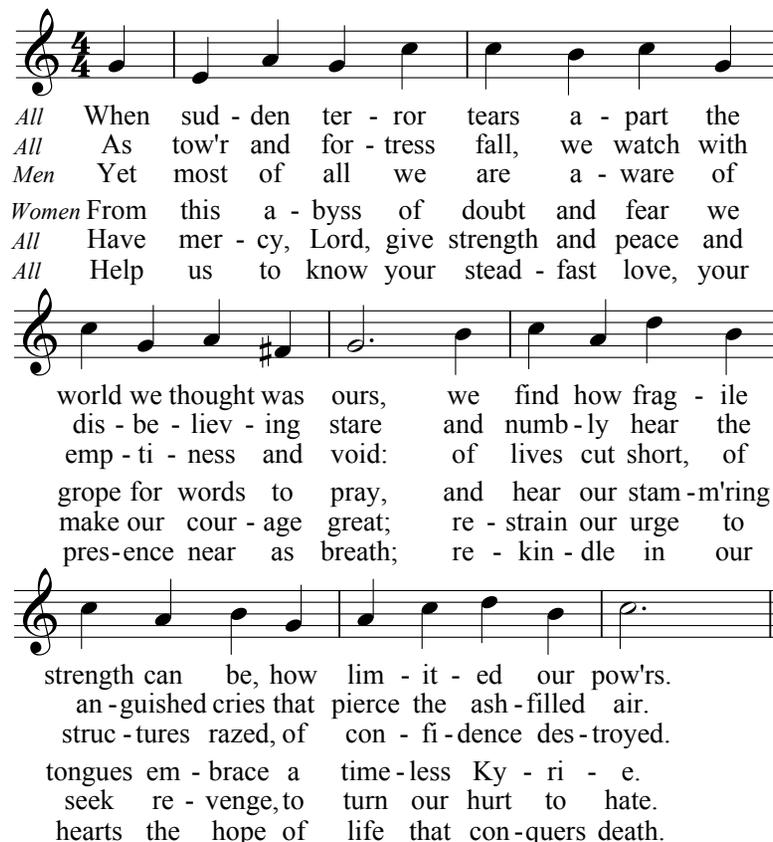
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Peace

Standing

Blessed are the peacemakers; for they will be called the children of God.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.



All When sud - den ter - ror tears a - part the
All As tow'r and for - tress fall, we watch with
Men Yet most of all we are a - ware of
Women From this a - byss of doubt and fear we
All Have mer - cy, Lord, give strength and peace and
All Help us to know your stead - fast love, your
world we thought was ours, we find how frag - ile
dis - be - liev - ing stare and numb - ly hear the
emp - ti - ness and void: of lives cut short, of
grope for words to pray, and hear our stam - m'ring
make our cour - age great; re - strain our urge to
pres - ence near as breath; re - kin - dle in our
strength can be, how lim - it - ed our pow'rs.
an - guished cries that pierce the ash - filled air.
struc - tures razed, of con - fi - dence des - troyed.
tongues em - brace a time - less Ky - ri - e.
seek re - venge, to turn our hurt to hate.
hearts the hope of life that con - quers death.

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Music: William Croft (1708).

C.M.
ST. ANNE

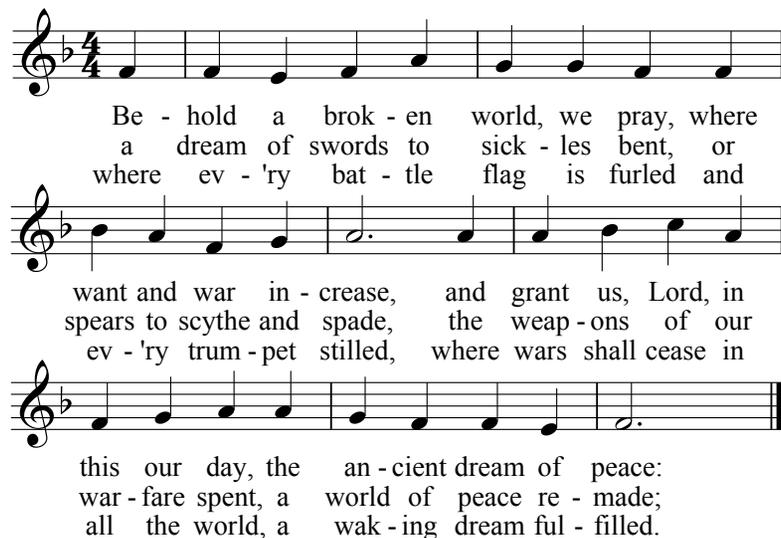
Sitting

In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.



Be - hold a brok - en world, we pray, where
a dream of swords to sick - les bent, or
where ev - 'ry bat - tle flag is furled and
want and war in - crease, and grant us, Lord, in
spears to scythe and spade, the weap - ons of our
ev - 'ry trum - pet stilled, where wars shall cease in
this our day, the an - cient dream of peace:
war - fare spent, a world of peace re - made;
all the world, a wak - ing dream ful - filled.

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Music: Abridged from John Daye's *Psalter* (1562).

C.M.
ST. FLAVIAN

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Father, forgive them; they know not what they do.

Where there is injury, let me sow pardon.

Do not be unbelieving, but believe.

Where there is doubt, let me sow faith.

Hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Where there is despair, let me sow hope.

You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

Where there is darkness, let me sow light.

You will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy.

Where there is sadness, let me sow joy.

God encourages us in our every affliction so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction with the encouragement with which we ourselves have received from him.

Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.

In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him.

Grant that I may not so much seek to be understood as to understand.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

Grant that I may not so much seek to be loved as to love.

Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

It is in giving that we receive.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, our lives are torn by war, our own private battles, and great world conflicts. Our presence here shows our desire to be peaceful people. Strengthen our efforts to live in harmony, loving one another in peace.

Standing

For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
Lead us, Fath - er, in - to free - dom, from des - pair your
one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
world re - lease; that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of
all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.

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REGENT SQUARE

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Children

Standing

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

He satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

The merciful goodness of the Lord endures forever on those who fear him, and his righteousness on children's children.

On those who keep his covenant and remember his commandments and do them.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

Gra - cious Sav - ior, gen - tle Shep - herd, chil - dren all are dear to
Taught to say your ho - ly prais - es, which on earth your chil - dren
you; may your lov - ing arms en - fold them in your
sing, with their lips and hearts, sin - cere - ly glad thank
care their whole life through; fond - ly tend and safe - ly
of - frings may they bring, then with all the saints in
keep them in your mer - cy strong and true.
glo - ry join to praise their Lord and King.

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8.7.8.7.8.7.
SILAS, NEW

Sitting

Source of Life, we are created in your image. By your design, you knit us together in the womb. Although we are many, you know us as individuals. Veiled from those around us, our inmost being shines in your sight.

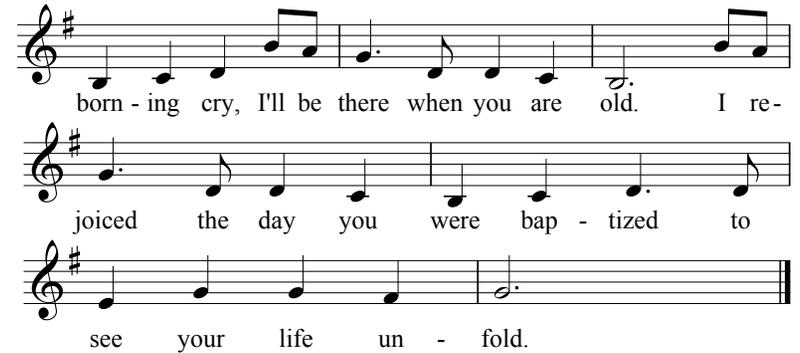
As children of God, we praise you because we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

You brought us forth into this world to lead a life of service in your name. The days ordained for us were written in your book before even one of them came to be.

The magnitude of your power is incomprehensible to our simple minds. You are our Creator. We will ever praise you.



I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are old. I re-joyced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell. I was there to hear your



born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are old. I re-joyced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.

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God forged with us an everlasting covenant.

His word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path.

When we are small, the world is a simple place. In adolescence, the world becomes complex and confusing. Daily we are presented with situations in which we must choose one path or the other.

God granted us the gift of free will, a gift which offers us the freedom of choice. Although others around us may offer advice, we occasionally find ourselves choosing the wrong path. We quickly learn that all choices have consequences.

Adolescence is filled with turmoil. Doubt and despair arise within us. We question our purpose, our faith, our future. Nothing seems clear, and often we find that lashing out seems to be our only defense in making sense of a senseless time.

Your covenant is ever-present to provide guidance during our struggles. Through prayer, we seek clarity of thought and learn that simplicity replaces complexity, understanding replaces confusion, certainty replaces doubt, and hope replaces despair.

Now in the days of youth when life is filled with
 choice, when hope and doubt touch ev - 'ry hour, when
 all thoughts find a voice. We turn, O God, to
 you for guid-ance and for grace. In all our days, in
 all our ways, help us to seek your face.

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 Music: Franklin L. Sheppard (1915).

S.M.D.
 TERRA BEATA

Children are the future of the church. Through youth, God provides the church with enthusiasm, courage, vision, and hope. Without these, the church withers and becomes stagnant.

Help us, O Lord, to acknowledge and celebrate the faith of our children. We desire to be their solid foundation in order that they may build lives of faith, service, and joy, setting an example for all believers in speech, life, love, faith, and purity.

For all who pursue the high calling of ministry to young lives, we bow in prayer:

Gracious God, you desire that all people would come to know you. We pray for those ministries in the church which provide instruction, training, and care of the young. Help our teachers, counselors, and youth leaders to understand that their work is truly a divine calling. Help all of those who have this privilege and responsibility to awaken young hearts to your truth. Grant them the

wisdom and compassion that nurtures faith. May those who receive their care be blessed by the holy ambition to become faithful followers of the Savior. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.

"Bless All Those Who Nurture Children"
 Words: John A. Dalles (1993, modified 1994). Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1824).
 HYMN TO JOY (8.7.8.7.D.)

Bless all those who nur - ture chil - dren, shar - ing knowl - edge,
 show - ing love; who by faith - ful words and ac - tions
 lead young lives to God a - bove! Bless all those whose
 voice and pres - ence, deep de - vo - tion, dig - ni - ty,
 mo - ti - vate the church to rev - 'rence,
 guid - ing Christ's com - mu - ni - ty!

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Standing

Source of all Life, we offer our praise and thanksgiving for the gift of children. You create them in your image and breathe into them the Breath of Life.

Like a mother, you comfort and sustain them. Like a father, you offer them compassion and goodness. As parents, relatives, caregivers, teachers, counselors, and friends, make us ever-mindful that children thrive in a Christ-centered environment.

If children live with criticism,

they learn to condemn.

If children live with hostility,

they learn to fight.

If children live with fear,

they learn to be apprehensive.

If children live with pity,

they learn to feel sorry for themselves.

If children live with ridicule,

they learn to feel shy.

If children live with jealousy,

they learn to feel envy.

If children live with shame,

they learn to feel guilty.

If children live with encouragement,

they learn confidence.

If children live with tolerance,

they learn patience.

If children live with praise,

they learn appreciation.

If children live with acceptance,

they learn to love.

If children live with approval,

they learn to like themselves.

If children live with recognition,

they learn it is good to have a goal.

If children live with sharing,

they learn generosity.

If children live with honesty,

they learn truthfulness.

If children live with fairness,

they learn justice.

If children live with kindness and consideration,

they learn respect.

If children live with security,

they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.

If children live with friendliness,

they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

We give you thanks for children, which bring us joy.

May our joy be complete with the knowledge of your presence.

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VIKTORIA (5.5.5.4.D.)

Won - der of won - ders, life is be - gin - ning,
Lord of cre - a - tion, dy - ing and liv - ing,
frag - ile as blos - som, strong as the earth.
Fa - ther and Mo - ther, Part - ner and Friend.
Shaped in a per - son love has new mean - ing.
Lov - er of chil - dren, lift all our lov - ing
Par - ents and peo - ple sing at their
in - to your king - dom world with - out
birth.
end.

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Veterans Day

Standing

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
Lead us, Fath - er, in - to free - dom, from des - pair your
one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
world re - lease; that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of
all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
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care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.

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8.7.8.7.8.7.
REGENT SQUARE

Sitting

Would that today we knew the things that made for peace, but they are hidden from our eyes. We have sought peace in the wake of terrible suffering, hoping to find some release for our anger and some relief from our fears.

Would that today we knew the things that make for peace.

We have sought peace in the clash of weapons, returning fire for fire in pursuit of our enemies.

Would that today we knew the things that make for peace.

We have sought peace in the clash of words, naming as evil those we despise and intend to destroy.

Would that today we knew the things that make for peace.

We have sought peace by building higher walls around ourselves and our things of value.

Would that today we knew the things that make for peace.

We have sought peace by preparing for war, certain that once our enemies are vanquished, our future will be secure.

Would that today we knew the things that make for peace.

Let us seek peace in the manner of Christ Jesus, who taught us to love our enemies . . .

to work for justice, to build bridges of understanding, to do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

Would that today we knew the things that make for peace. Lord, reveal them plainly to us and to those around us, that peace may prevail on earth among your children in every land.

God, teach us peace - mak - ing, jus - tice and love.

Blessed by Christ's teach - ing, we're lift - ed a - bove

all thought of ven - geance or en - vy or hate.

Help us, your chil - dren, sha - lom to cre - ate.

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10.10.10.10.
SLANE

Loving God, the framers of our Declaration of Independence claimed that you have endowed us with inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Yet there are those who would take these from us. Today we remember all those who have served in our country's armed forces. They have fought to preserve the freedoms you have granted us and have labored to prevent our foes from prevailing. For the men and women who serve in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard,

we ask your blessing.

For the family members who have made great sacrifices in order to make it possible for their service members to be on watch at home or around the world or to go into harm's way,

we ask your blessing.

For the families who grieve the death of a member who went in harm's way, never to return,

we ask your blessing.

Jesus tells us that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. For all those veterans who have been willing to lay down their lives for us,

we ask your blessing.

For the veterans of past wars who bear scars on their bodies and in their spirits,

we ask your blessing.

For veterans who came home but could no longer "fit in" with their families or communities,

we ask your blessing.

"We Cannot Measure How You Heal" 8.8.8.8.D.
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The pain that will not go a - way, the guilt that
clings from things long past, the fear of what the fu - ture
holds, are pres - ent as if meant to last. But pres - ent
too is love which tends the hurt we nev - er hoped to
find, the pri - vate ag - o - nies in - side, the mem - o -
ries that haunt the mind.

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Standing

Keep all our veterans in your care today. Grant them the peace they sought to preserve for others. As we honor our veterans, we also pray for peace. Teach all your people the ways of peace, that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom will not have done so in vain. We pray all these things in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

From war's a - larms, from
Re - fresh your peo - ple
dead - ly pes - ti - lence, be your strong arm our
on their toil - some way, lead us from night to
ev - er sure de - fense; your true re - li - gion
nev - er - end - ing day; fill all our lives with
in our hearts in - crease, your boun - teous
heav'n - born love and grace, and songs of
good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
praise we'll lift be - fore your face!

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10.10.10.10.
NATIONAL HYMN

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Ash Wednesday

Standing

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.



O Sa - vior of our fall - en race,
re - mem - ber, Lord of life and grace,
For from the Fa - ther's throne you came,

O Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's face,
how once, to save our fall - en race,
his ban - ished chil - dren to re - claim;

O Son who shared the Fa - ther's might be -
you put our hu - man ves - ture on and
and earth and sea and sky re - vere the

fore the world knew day or night,
came to us as Ma - ry's son.
love of him who sent you here.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th C. Tr. Gilbert E. Doan (b. 1930).
Music: Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947).

L.M.
GONFALON ROYAL

God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment but turn to him and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love – the discipline of Lent – help us to wage our spiritual warfare.

Therefore, commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

Sitting

Silent Prayer and Examination of Conscience

Most holy and merciful Father:

We confess to you, to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done; and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

we confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

we confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

we confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

we confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

we confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Sav - ior now with con - trite hearts
we ap - proach your throne of love,
ask - ing par - don for our sins,
peace and com - fort from a - bove.
You once suf - fered on the cross
to a - tone for sin - ners' guilt;
may we nev - er, Lord, for - get
that for us your blood was spilled.

Words: John Beck Hammer (1871), alt.
Music: Joseph Parry (1879).

7.7.7.7.D.
ABERYSTWYTH

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.



Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing with more fer - vent
love for you; may our eyes be ev - er turn - ing
to be - hold your cross a - new; till in glo - ry,
part - ed nev - er from the bless - ed Sav - ior's side,
grav - en in our hearts for - ev - er,
dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

Words: Girolamo Savonarola (1452-1498). Tr. Jane F. Wilde 1826-1896), alt. 8.7.8.7.D. Trochaic
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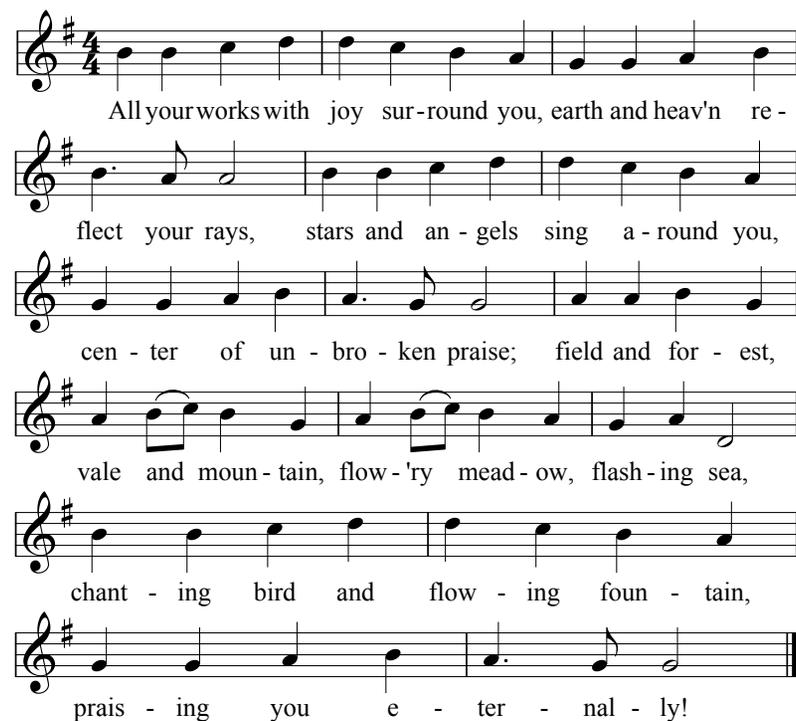
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Marriage

(The hymns in this liturgy may be sung, recited,
or omitted at the direction of the liturgist.)

Standing



All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heav'n re -
flect your rays, stars and an - gels sing a - round you,
cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise; field and for - est,
vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain,
prais - ing you e - ter - nal - ly!

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1907), alt. 8.7.8.7.D.
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1824). Arr. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt. HYMN TO JOY

In the beginning was God – creating, giving birth to the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and in darkness. But God spoke into the emptiness, and light appeared: the dawn of our beginnings. God kept creating – flowers, trees, seeds, and fruit: things that blossom and things that grow. God created more – life that crawled and life that swam, life that sprang on hooves, and life that soared on wings!

The sun, the moon, the stars burst forth as light; the skies and the earth were filled with life – plants, creatures, and birds of every kind. And God rejoiced saying: It is good!

From the midst of this earth came yet another creature, created in God's image. There in the bounty of the garden God crafted humanity – male and female. God breathed into them life-giving breath. God looked upon these creatures with love and said: It is good! Then God rested, seeing and loving what had been done, setting free this creation with all its potential for good and evil.

Gracious God, thank you for the goodness of creation – for the variety, the beauty, and the delicate complexity of life, your creation! Forgive us for the times we have not appreciated or cared for all you have given to us. Open our eyes; restore our hearts; and bring us back into relationship with you, the earth, and all of life.

Al-ways giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing,
 ev - er blessed, well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,
 o - cean depth of hap - py rest! Lov - ing Fa - ther,
 Christ our broth - er, let your light up - on us shine;
 teach us how to love each oth - er,
 lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1907), alt.
 Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1824). Arr. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

8.7.8.7.D.
 HYMN TO JOY

Sitting

We are gathered today to celebrate love – the love of God and the love of his people.

God of relationships, you have put within our hearts a longing that only you can satisfy. Yet we need each other to learn of your steadfast love throughout all generations.

From the beginning, God made us male and female and blessed the coming together of husband and wife so that the two should become one.

Today we celebrate the coming together of two people whom we hold dear as they forge a bond of love with you, Creator God, at the core.

Come to a wed - ding, come to a bless - ing,
 Thanks for the love that holds us to - geth - er -
 come on a day when hap - pi - ness sings!
 par - ent and child, and lov - er and friend:
 Come rain or sun, come win - ter or sum - mer,
 thanks to the God whose love is our cen - ter,
 cel - e - brate love and all that it brings.
 source of com - pas - sion, know - ing no end.

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 Music: Gaelic melody.

5.5.5.4.D.
 BUNESSAN

Eternal God, Creator of our first home, and our only true Rest, we gather as your family to celebrate our diverse homes and ask your blessings on them.

Today we celebrate the creation of a new family and a new home.

You called Sarah and Abraham to go out from their homeland and begin a new nation in covenant with you. In their old age, you gave them a child whose name meant laughter. In our homes, may we live with their trust and courage, their humor, their sense of mission.

Increase our faith, and give us grace to answer your call.

You strengthened Ruth and Naomi, in the face of grief and bitterness, to remain loyal to each other and to journey to a new life.

Encourage us and give us grace to support each other.

When you came to earth, Incarnate God, you had no place to lay your head. God of the stable, bless the homeless, and bring them to a place of shelter.

Keep us aware and give us grace to be family to others.

Rejoicing Savior, you sanctified the marriage by your presence at Cana in Galilee. You restored life and health and balance in the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Be a holy guest within our homes, filling our ordinary days with newness of life and mutual joy.

Grant us the grace to recognize you as the Christ among us and to be open to your miracles of change.

Suffering God, from the cross you cared for your loved ones, saying to Mary: Woman, behold your son! and to the disciple: Behold your mother! And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. Bless all families and enable them to form new bonds of love.

Comfort us in our brokenness, and give us grace to claim our relationship as your children.

Life-giving Spirit, you came in power to form and guide the church, a family with varied gifts and graces. Grant that church and home may model for each other the nurturing of individuals and the growth of community.

Bless and guide us, Triune God, and enable us to support and love each other.

Lord, bless our homes with peace and love and laugh - ter,
with un - der - stand - ing and with loy - al - ty.
May we to - geth - er fol - low Christ the Mas - ter
and know the bless - ing of his sov - 'reign - ty.

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Graduation

Standing

Pastor: We praise you, Lord! We give thanks to you with our whole heart!

Cong.: **Great are your works, full of honor and majesty and studied by all who delight in them.**

Pastor: The works of your hands are faithful and just.

Cong.: **Your precepts are trustworthy.**

Pastor: Our reverence for you is the beginning of wisdom.

Cong.: **You are to be praised forever.**

Musical score for page 91, featuring a single melodic line in 3/2 time with lyrics. The lyrics are: Praise the source of faith and learning who has sparked and stoked the mind with a passion for discerning how the world has been designed. Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray.

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NETTLETON

Pastor: All-knowing Creator, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, we praise you for the wisdom, power, and love displayed in the natural universe and in humanity, whom you have placed within it to care for it and nurture it.

Cong.: **All glory to you, omniscient God!**

Pastor: Light of the world, we praise you for being the eternal truth.

Cong.: **All glory to you, Christ our teacher!**

Pastor: Revealer of the deep things of God, we praise you for your gifts of awe and wonder which lead us on the path of true wisdom.

Cong.: **All glory to you, Holy Spirit!**

Musical score for page 92, featuring a single melodic line in 3/2 time with lyrics. The lyrics are: God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art and the breadth of humanity know only partial truth impart. Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.

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NETTLETON

Sitting

Pastor: *(The names of the graduates are read)*, we are blessed to have been part of your journey.

Cong.: **We have seen you grow and develop into young adults with skills and abilities that we have proudly watched you acquire. We rejoice that you have been a part of us and are with us now as we recognize you this day.**

Pastor: Some of you, as parents and teachers, have been instrumental in their growing – teaching and sharing with them your beliefs and knowledge, moments of encouragement and growth, and experiences of the responsibilities of life.

Cong.: **We have shared with them what God has shared with us, the hope for life, the blessing and knowledge we have in this world where we live. We have tried to share with them the love and concern for life the Almighty gives.**

Pastor: You, our graduates, have learned and grown. Soon you will celebrate your accomplishments as a class of young adults. We pray that you will remember our witness and sharing, that you will develop your skills for the betterment of this world, and that you will witness with us what you have received from the Lord.

Graduates: **We have learned, yet we know there is more of life to be discovered. We have grown, and we will continue to grow until our life comes to its end. We can never forget the witness you have given. We thank you for all you have shared.**

Cong.: **Our responsibilities have been to parent, to teach, to guide, and to live by example. We embraced these responsibilities and, with God’s help, strived to serve to the best of our abilities. We recognize, though, that there were times**

when our efforts should have been more focused or more sincere. The past is past, and our relationship with you is in transition. We now must learn to relate to you in a new way, as adult to adult.

Graduates: **We have struggled these last years for new identities. Now we join you in the struggle for new relationships.**

Cong.: **The church also recognizes your new status. In years past, when you were younger, many people attempted to offer you the building blocks for the construction of your religious commitment. The faith we offered you was described in lofty words but demonstrated by us in often faulty ways. Now we ask you to search with us for ways to make our lives more relevant to the ideals we have described and our churches more effective in their sacred work.**

Graduates: **We will grow; we will develop; and with God’s wisdom and Spirit, we pray that we can use our abilities to serve in the care of our communities and for all humankind.**

Pastor: There is a promise God has given, that he will be with us “to the close of the age,” that he will be our God and we his people, that nothing, except our rejection of him, can keep us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Cong.: **It is a promise we have been given, a promise we pray that we will honor and remember always, as we grow and develop the skills given by the God who gives us life.**

Graduates: **We acknowledge and claim God as Father, Savior, and Sustainer. We now publicly dedicate ourselves to the joys, the privileges, and the duties of Christian adulthood. As**

adults, we join you in the journey to realize the full personhood and mature relationships to which God calls us.

As two cur - rents in a riv - er fight each
oth - er's un - der - tow till con - verg - ing they de -
liv - er one co - her - ent stead - y flow, blend, O
God, our faith and learn - ing till they
carve a sin - gle course while they join as one re -
turn - ing praise and thanks to you their source.

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8.7.8.7.D.
BEACH SPRING

Standing

Pastor: Before you were even formed, God knew you.
While in your mother's womb, God named you.
At your birth, God's breath filled you with life.
Today we celebrate what you have become at this moment in time. And so we pray:

Cong.: **God of our beginnings, we thank you for the gifts of these graduates – their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity, their open speech and encouraging words. Their contributions have blessed and challenged us, and we have become a richer and more diverse**

community because of them. As they step forward into the world that waits, comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your divine presence. Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as disciples in a world that needs their spirit. Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness while they help to lead future generations into the warmth and promise of your light. We ask this blessing upon each of them. Amen.

Sons and daugh - ters must de - part, friends will go on
In the hands out - stretched to greet, through the o - pen
oth - er jour - neys, on - ly con - stant is the
doors of strang - ers there is love we yet can
heart that can trust its God to be - God is in the
meet and be - lieve the Christ is there - God is in the
oth - er place, God is in an - oth - er's face, in the faith we
trav - el by, God is in the oth - er place.

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7.8.7.7. with Refrain
LEONARD

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Service to Humanity

Standing

The cit - y is a - live, O God, with sound of hus - tling
feet, with rap - id change and flash - ing lights that
pulse through ev - ery street; but oft there's in - hu -
man - i - ty be - hind the bright fa - cade, and
thongs with emp - ty, hun - gering hearts cry
out for help, O God.

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Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave

you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?”

And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

O God, in - spire your church to - day to
take Christ's ser - vant role, to love the world, to
hear its claims, to sense its yearn - ing soul, to
live with - in the mar - ket - place, to serve both weak and
strong, to lose it - self, to
share its dream, to give the world its song.

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Sitting

God is love. In the desire to help us share in this love, God sent his son into the world to come to our aid and in gentle kindness to help those who are weak, sick, or unfortunate. In his great love for all of us, Christ said that whatever we do for the least among us, we do for him. He called those who show mercy “blessed of the Father” and promised them eternal life. Let us therefore pray for the Lord’s richest blessings on all forms of service to humanity and those who labor for it.

Lord, teach us to serve our sisters and brothers.

Almighty God, for our sake, your son was poor and came not to be served but to serve. Grant that we too may love our brothers and sisters and help them in their need.

Lord, teach us to serve our sisters and brothers.

By your redeeming work, you made a new world where we have become neighbors to each other and are enabled to love one another. Grant that we may strive toward a way of life in keeping with the Gospel.

Lord, teach us to serve our sisters and brothers.

You want all people to share in the blessings you have brought. Stir the hearts of many among your people, so that, moved by your love, they may gladly devote themselves to assisting those in need and in misfortune.

Lord, teach us to serve our sisters and brothers.

Enkindle the hearts of those who lead and those who serve in the ministries of this community with the fire of the Holy Spirit, that they may have visions and blessings in abundance to minister in new ways, to bring the love of Christ to others, and so build up your kingdom.

Lord, teach us to serve our sisters and brothers.

O, Lord, our God, in you every good work has its beginning. Grant that our service to humanity be done to the glory of your name and for the good of this community, our churches, and all your people.

May those who labor be filled with the joy of your presence, O Lord. May those who are served be touched by the Gospel.

"Blest Are They"
Words: David Haas (b. 1957)

Music: David Haas (b. 1957)
Arr. David Haas and Michael Joncas (b. 1951)
BLEST ARE THEY

Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
her - it the earth. Blest are they who
hun - ger and thirst; they shall
have their fill.
Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are
you, ho - ly are you. Re - joice and be
glad! Yours is the king - dom of
God!
Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
pure of heart, they shall see God!

Re - jice and be glad! Bless - ed are
 you, ho - ly are you. Re - jice and be
 glad! Yours is the king - dom of
 God!

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Unity in the Body of Christ

Standing

We are urged to live a life worthy of the calling that we have received.

To be completely humble, gentle, and patient – bearing one another in love.

In addition to these virtues, we are called to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Forgive us Lord when we have ignored this calling and followed our own paths. Your cross has made us worthy.

Help us ac-cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept-ed
 Let your ac-cept-ance change us, so that we may be
 us; teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each
 moved in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to
 per-son to em-brace. Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and
 do the truth in love; to prac-tice your ac - cept - ance un -
 bring us to be - lieve we are our - selves ac -
 til we know by heart the ta - ble of for -
 cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.

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7.6.7.6.D.
 MUNICH

Sitting

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

There is one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

We are the living and dynamic body of Christ knit together in our diversity to do wondrous things in His service.

Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, ho - ly
 God has called you out of dark - ness in - to
 na - tion, cho - sen race; called as God's own spe - cial
 his most mar - velous light; brought his truth to life with
 peo - ple, roy - al priests and heirs of grace: know the
 in you, turned your blind - ness in - to sight. Let your
 pur - pose of your call - ing, show to all his might - y
 light so shine a - round you that God's name is glo - ri -
 deeds; tell of love which knows no
 fied; and all find fresh hope and
 lim - its, grace that meets all hu - man needs.
 pur - pose in Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Words: James E. Seddon (1915-1983), para. 1 Peter 2:9-12.
 Music: John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813.

8.7.8.7.D.
 NETTLETON

Silent Reflection

Topics for reflection may be suggested by the liturgist.

Come, great God of all the a - ges,
 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra - tion,
 make your earth - ly mis - sion known; speak through
 house - hold of the one true God, in com -
 ev - ery deed and per - son, let your way and
 mit - ment and re - joic - ing let us go where
 will be shown. Guide the church to true com -
 Christ has trod; as we act in faith and
 mit - ment, give di - rec - tion now, we ask;
 rev - erance, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see;
 fit us for the work of build - ing,
 place us in the church tri - um - phant,
 ded - i - cate us to the task.
 now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Mary Jackson Cathey (1926-).
 Music: Cyril V. Taylor (1907-1991).

8.7.8.7.D.
 ABBOT'S LEIGH

To each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers so as to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

From Generation to Generation

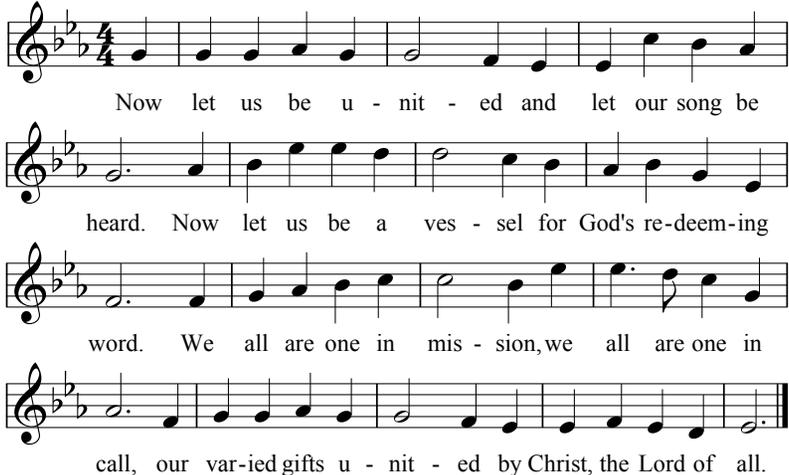
Standing

until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of the world in its deceitful scheming.

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.



Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be
heard. Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re-deem-ing
word. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in
call, our var-ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Go now in peace and have courage. Hold fast to that which is good; return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, and honor all people. Love and serve the Lord your God rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Blessed Savior, and the Holy Spirit be with you and abide in you both now and forever. Amen.

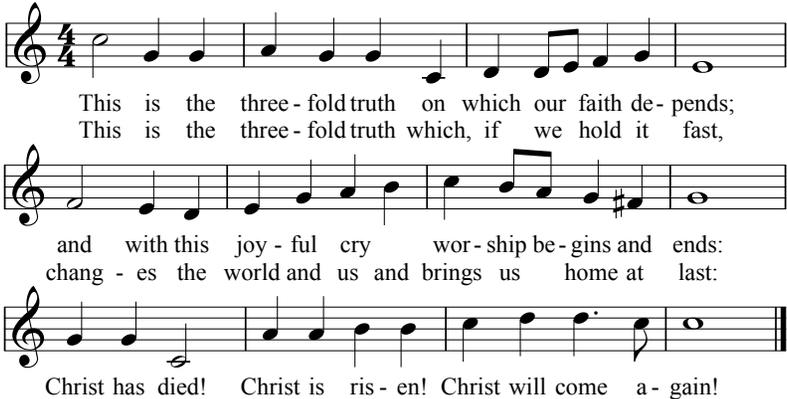
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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

From generation to generation we will recount God's praise.

Yesterday, today, and for all eternity, Jesus Christ and him crucified shall remain our confession of faith.



This is the three - fold truth on which our faith de - pends;
This is the three - fold truth which, if we hold it fast,
and with this joy - ful cry wor - ship be - gins and ends:
chang - es the world and us and brings us home at last:
Christ has died! Christ is ris - en! Christ will come a - gain!

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Sitting

Heavenly Father, you are faithful and just. You have promised that if we confess our sins, we will be forgiven and purified from all unrighteousness. With this in mind, we now humbly bow before you.

Silent Prayer

From the sin of unbelief,

preserve us in hope.

From all neglect and defilement of body and spirit,

uphold us in love.

From all self-righteousness,

deliver us with truth.

From neglect of our responsibilities,

mold us with faithfulness.

From ingratitude and selfishness,

secure us in grace.

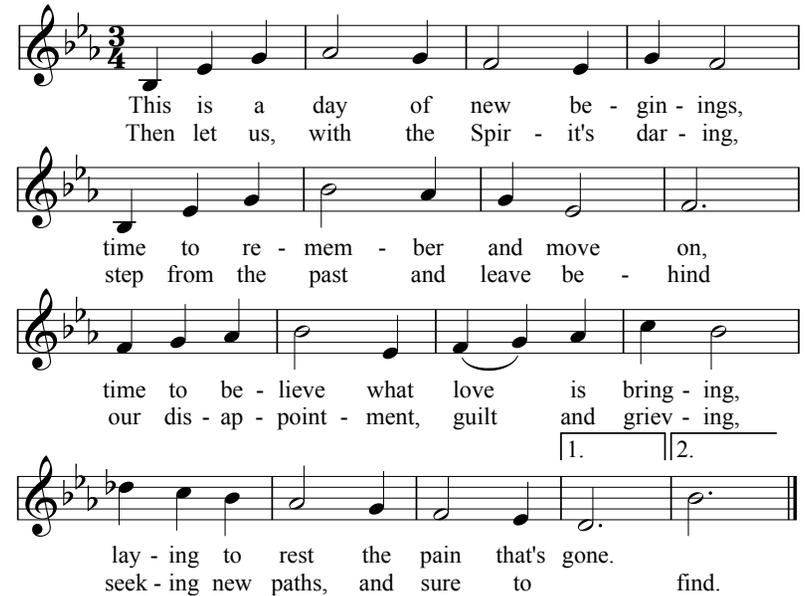
From anger, fear, and envy,

grant us your peace.

From indifference to your meritorious life and death,

transform us by your cross.

Thus says the Lord: I am the God who blots out your transgressions for my own sake and will not remember your sins. Go and sin no more.



This is a day of new be - gin - ings,
Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
time to re - mem - ber and move on,
step from the past and leave be - hind
time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt and griev - ing,
1. lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
2. seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.

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9.8.9.8.
BEGINNINGS

Almighty God, Redeemer and Sustainer, we offer our thanks and praise for the holy lives of all your servants, who have shown forth as lights in the world through the testimony of their faith. We thank you for calling your servant John Hus,

who was an instrument of reformation and renewal. He remained faithful even unto a martyr's death.

We thank you for calling your servant Lukas of Prague,

who reminded us that from God, we receive grace; from Christ, salvation; and from the Holy Spirit, gifts. To all of this, our response is faith, hope, and love.

We thank you for calling your servant John Comenius,

who led the Church through days of darkness and peril. He taught that all truth is your truth.

We thank you for calling your servant Nicholas Von Zinzendorf,

who renewed our Church with a passion for your Son. He zealously shared the love of Christ with those whom the world deemed unworthy.

We thank you for calling your servant Rebecca Protten,

whose witness reminds us that the injustice of this world cannot stand against Christ's love. She believed that the gospel of Jesus Christ is for all.

We thank you for all who have walked before us.

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses – all the saints who have gone before us. Their work on earth is complete, and ours has just begun. As the journey continues, we will join with them in the Church Triumphant, and those yet unborn will carry on the mission of building God's kingdom.

We thank you for calling us.

We rise to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

O Christ the same, through all our sto-ry's pag-es,
O Christ the same, se-cure with-in whose keep-ing

our loves and hopes, our fail-ures and our fears;
our lives and loves, our days and years re-main,

e-ter-nal Lord, the King of all the a-ges,
our work and rest, our wak-ing and our sleep-ing,

un-chang-ing still a-mid the pass-ing years:
our calm and storm, our plea-sure and our pain,

O liv-ing Word, the source of all cre-a-tion,
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor-rows,

who spread the skies, and set the stars a-blaze,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal-va-tion,
O Christ the same, be-yond our brief to-mor-rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes-ter-days.
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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LONDONDERRY AIR

Standing

Those who have walked before us laid the groundwork for our journey and provided models for our life's work. Heavenly Father, you provide blessings to strengthen us on our journey and to help us remain focused on our call to servanthood. Through simplicity,

may our souls reflect your light and give voice to the joy we feel through your presence.

Through humility,

may we be reminded that our purpose is to serve.

Through fellowship,

may we rejoice in our relationships and reach out to those who are needful in mind, body, or spirit.

Through love of children,

may we recognize and nurture the future of your Church on earth.

Through witness,

may others come to know you.

Through faithfulness,

may others see the joy and comfort that only you can provide.

Through ecumenical passion,

may we embrace similarity and respect diversity.

Through worldwide unity,

may we create global awareness of your love and forgiveness.

Through acts of obedience,

may we be continually mindful that we are undeserving of your incredible grace and mercy.

Gracious Lord and God, may the blessings you have given our Church strengthen us on our mission. From generation to generation, the journey continues as we boldly proclaim to all nations: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
Go preach the cross where Christ re -
Go live the word of God's re -
for I am with you till the
news life's worth, bap - tiz - ing as the sign of
deem - ing grace. Go seek God's pres - ence in each
age shall end, when all the hosts of glo - ry
our re - birth. Al - le - lu - ia!
time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!
cry, "A - men," Al - le - lu - ia!

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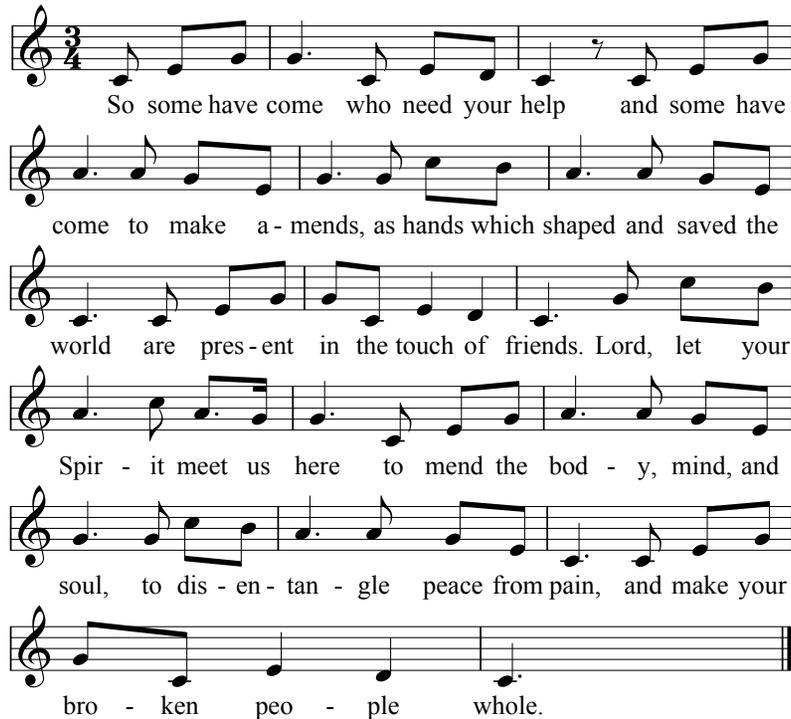
10.10.10. Alleluias
ENGELBERG

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Healing

Standing

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. The prayer of the faithful will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up.



So some have come who need your help and some have
come to make a-mends, as hands which shaped and saved the
world are pres-ent in the touch of friends. Lord, let your
Spir - it meet us here to mend the bod - y, mind, and
soul, to dis - en - tan - gle peace from pain, and make your
bro - ken peo - ple whole.

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LAMB OF GOD

Sitting

*The liturgist may invite the congregation
to share names of those for whom we may pray.*

Silent Prayer

Let us pray for all who suffer, that all in pain, grief, or any kind of suffering find strength and peace in Christ. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those whose hearts are broken and whose hope has vanished, that their trust in God's promises may be renewed in Christ. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for recovery from sickness, that God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of the suffering, may mercifully hear our prayers and grant the healing power so that sickness may be turned to health and sorrow to joy in Christ. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the needs of all those living with terminal illness, that God's never-failing love may enfold them; that all who care for them may be strengthened in that ministry; and that the church may be to them a place of refuge where Christ is made known. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who serve in the professions of healing, that God may guide physicians and nurses and all those called to practice the arts of healing. Strengthen them by your spirit so that the health of all people may be promoted and Christ glorified. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the ministry of family and friends. Give strength, gentleness, patience, and faithfulness to family members and friends. Let their love be in you, and by their ministry of love, let your love be known. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all those who depend upon our prayers. Blessed Lord, we ask your loving care and protection for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit and who desire our prayers. Take from them all fears and help them put their trust in you, that they may feel your strong arms around them. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.



We can - not meas - ure how you heal or an - swer
 ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer, yet we be - lieve your grace re -
 sponds where faith and doubt u - nite to care. Your hands, though
 blood - ied on the cross, sur - vive to hold and heal and
 warn, to car - ry all through death to life and cra - dle
 chil - dren yet un - born.

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Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil may be invited to come forward. Otherwise, the liturgy continues below.

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Praise to you, almighty God and Father. You sent your Son to live among us and to bring us your salvation.

Blessed be God, the Father.

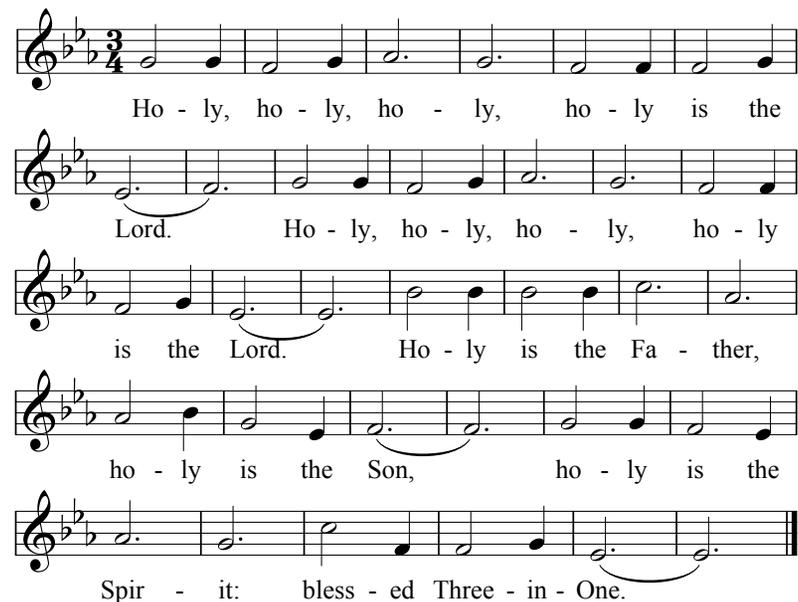
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, incomparable Son of the Father. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity, and you came to heal all our illnesses.

Blessed be God, the Christ.

Praise to you, Holy Spirit, our defender and consoler. You heal our sickness with your mighty and life-giving power.

Blessed be God, the Spirit.

Holy and blessed Trinity, sustain your servants with your presence; drive away their sickness of body, mind, and spirit; and give them that victory of life and peace which will enable them to serve you now and evermore.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the
 Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
 is the Lord. Ho - ly is the Fa - ther,
 ho - ly is the Son, ho - ly is the
 Spir - it: bless - ed Three - in - One.

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