



Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday of Easter

May 2nd, 2021

Westminster Presbyterian Church
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Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude *Récit* Pierre du Mage

Welcome and Call to Worship Dorothy Piatt and Lynne Clements

Opening Hymn **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** HYFRYDOL

Prayer of Confession

Sung Response

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Sung Response

Through north and south and east and west

May God's immortal name be blessed:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Till everywhere beneath the sun,

God's reign begins; God's will is done:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Passing the Peace

God's Word to Us

First Reading 1 John 4:7-21

Second Reading Acts 8:26-40

Sermon A Baptism of Belonging Dorothy Piatt

Blessing with Water

Anthem *Wade in the Water* African-American spiritual

Quartet: Nancy Paulson, Erika Herz, Steve Patek, Winston Barham arr. Bruce Trinkley

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Response

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Communion Response

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Sending Us Out

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude *Caprice sur les grands jeux* Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



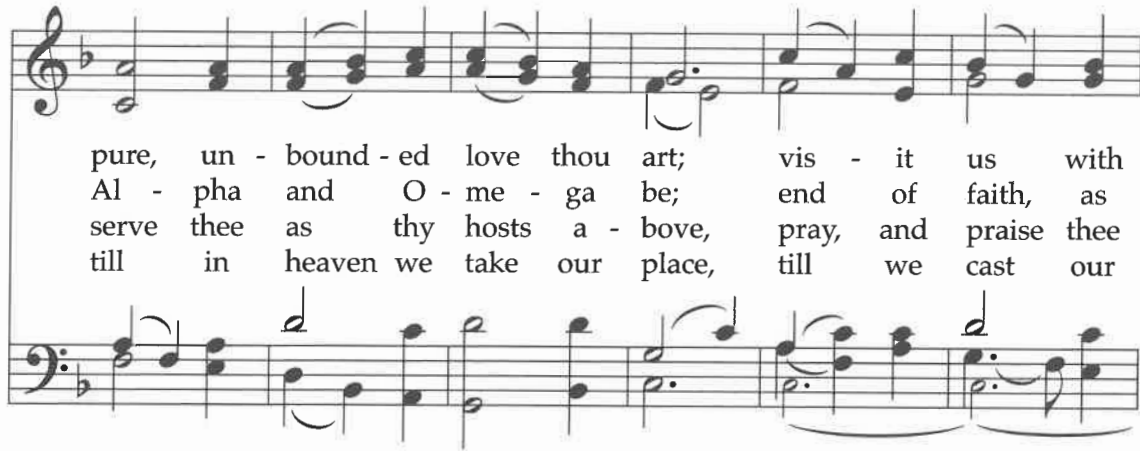
earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

A Prayer for Groups

God of groups,
You are within and beyond all of our
borders:
our names for you; our words about
you; our gatherings;
our stories about you.

We seek to praise but sometimes we
imprison.

May we always be curious about what
is beyond borders,
going there gently, knowing you have
always been there.

We ask this because we know that
you are within
and beyond
all our groups and our stories.
Amen.

— Pádraig Ó Tuama,
*Daily Prayer With the Corrymeela
Community*

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