

Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Special Music Sunday

May 7, 2023

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Welcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Trio No. 4: Soave - Vivace

Georg Philipp Telemann

Welcome and Announcements

Celebration of College Graduation

◆ Call to Worship

Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all you nations;

extol God, all you people.

For great is God's love towards us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Let us worship God.

◆ Hymn 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

verses 1-3

Call to Confession

Jesus taught us mercy by praying for the forgiveness of those who killed him. This miraculous grace assures us that no matter what we have done, no matter the words we have left unsaid, we can come to Christ with our honest confession.

Prayer of Confession

Christ, our way, our truth, our life,

you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully.

You have not simply told us how to live, you have shown us.

But still we do not follow.

We do not believe all you have said to us;

We do not trust the way you have shown us.

Help us, O God. Forgive us.

Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way,

and lead us into new life.

Silent Prayers

Kyrie *Missa brevis on "All Glory Be to God on High"* Georg Philipp Telemann
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

*If we are in Christ, we are a new people altogether;
the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.*

**In your great mercy, O God, raise us from the death of sin to newness of life
and make us your people, unburdened by the past, unfearful of the future,
and joyful in the eternal present, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria

*Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

Glory to God in the highest and on earth
peace to all those of good will.
We praise you. We bless you.
We worship you. We glorify you.
We give thanks to you
according to your great glory.
Lord God, Heavenly King,
God, the Father almighty.
Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For you alone are holy.
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

- ◆ Sharing of the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

God's Word to Us

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 2:1-10

NT p. 219

Gospel Lesson

John 14:1-14

NT p. 102

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

◆ Hymn 402

How Lovely, Lord

MERLE'S TUNE

Prayers of the Congregation

The Offering

Offertory

Psalm 117

Georg Philipp Telemann

Laudate Jehovah omnes gentes!

Praise the Lord, all you nations!

Laudibus efferte, omnes populi.

Extol God, all you peoples!

Quia valida facta est super nos misericordia ejus

For great is God's steadfast love towards us,

Et veritas Domini in aeternum.

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Halleluja!

Hallelujah!

◆ Presentation of the Bread and Cup

GTG No. 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Glory to God Hymnal, p. 35

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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

HS 72

...great is the mystery of faith...

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

HS 73

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music

Sonata in B Minor: Cantabile

Georg Philipp Telemann

Prayer after Communion

**Loving God, you have graciously fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.
 May we who have received this sacrament be strengthened in your service;
 may we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth;
 may we who have seen the greatness of your love
 see you face to face when you come again to reign.
 For you have made us your own people by the death and resurrection of your Son,
 our Lord, and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.**

◆ Hymn 529

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

◆ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Trio No. 4: Grave - Presto

Georg Philipp Telemann

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*The rose on the table is in celebration of the birth of Vivienne Taylor Johnston, born April 22.
 Her parents are Candace Spence's son, Chip Johnston, and fiancée, Anna Lowery.*

Participants in Worship

Adult Choir

Sopranos: Betsy Bloom, Carolyn Kelly, Ashton Nicewonger, Dana Patek, Nadine Roddy

Altos: Sara Chambers, Vivian Dillard, Erika Herz, Jane Edmister Penner, Nancy Verwest, Annie Zhao

Tenors: Winston Barham, Max Cook, Steve Patek, Dick Redding

Basses: Jim Allison, Bill Chambers, George Stetkevych, Steve Wilson

Violins: Amy Walder, Justin Esposito

Cello: Lynanne Wilson

Readers: Judy Sands, Bill Chambers, Dana Patek

What's Happening

at Westminster

Sunday, May 7

Special Music Sunday

9:30 a.m. Church School

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Final Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

12:30 p.m. Session Meeting in the Library

1 p.m. UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Feeding Families Service Project

Monday, May 8

1 p.m. The Courage to Grieve Series in Room 208

Tuesday, May 9

Noon Adult Lunch in the Library

7 p.m. Tuesday Evening Bible Study via Zoom

Friday, May 12

6 p.m. Westminster Softball Game at Darden Towe Park 3

7 p.m. Westminster Softball Game at Darden Towe Park 3

Sunday, May 14

Youth Sunday

9:30 a.m. Last Day of Church School

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with a Congregational Meeting after Worship

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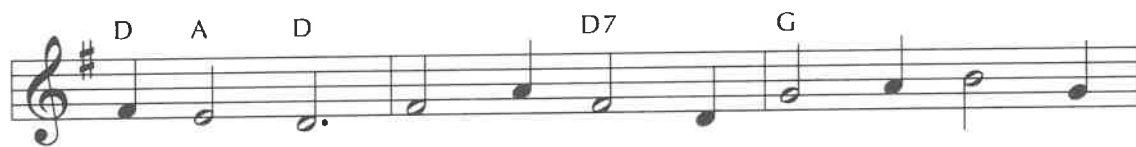
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Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 394



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



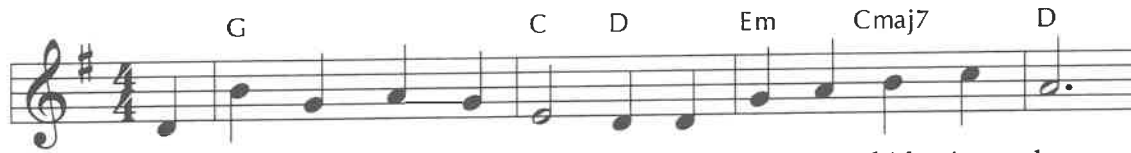
help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

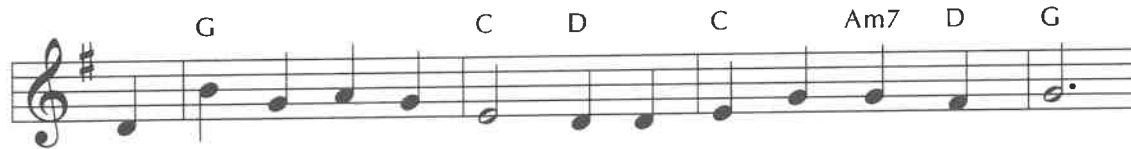
Although this ancient text has often been used at church dedications, the first stanza clearly refers to the people of God and the second to the place where they meet. The stately and soaring tune is aptly named for the edifice where the composer served as organist and is buried.

How Lovely, Lord

(Psalm 84)



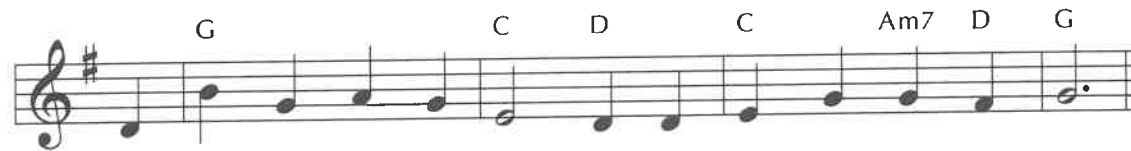
1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
 2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
 3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;



my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.
 is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.
 you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.



The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;
 I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord
 The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,



and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.
 than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.
 and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

The author of this text, a Presbyterian minister and educator, was humming this tune as he began to create a paraphrase of Psalm 84 that would emphasize the beauty and peace of God's house. The tune is named for the composer's oldest sister, who was his first piano teacher.

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 529



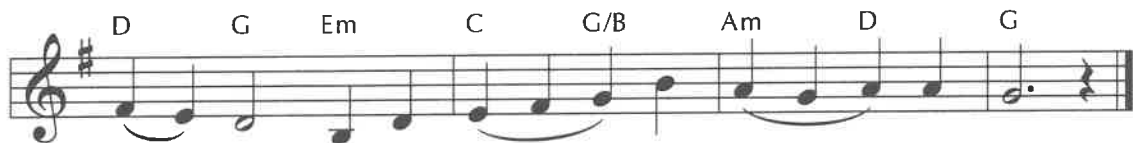
1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This communion text calls attention to the inherent sacramental nature of all meals and the communal dimensions of all human interaction. The tune, originally composed for an anthem setting of this text, honors the institution where the composer was trained and later taught.