

Service for the Lord's Day

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 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 in D Major: Allegro moderato* Antonio Ximenez

Welcome

Introit *Jesus Christ Is with Us* Congolese folk hymn
Jesus Christ is with us. Hallelujah, he is here!

Opening Prayer Aotearoa/New Zealand

◆ Call to Worship Canada

The whole world is in God's hands.

Everything that lives and breathes.

Everything that simply is. Everything.

From the farthest spaces, to the inmost places.

God is with us, and we are with God. Alleluia!

*As people of Christ, gathered at table with our siblings around the world
to remember whose we are, we praise God.*

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

◆ Hymn 14 **For the Beauty of the Earth** DIX

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession Scotland

*Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:
to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.*

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

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Silent Prayers

Sung Response

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

Glory to God hymnal no. 576
Philippines

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Forgiveness is forgetting bad things and remembering good things.
Forgiveness is accepting God's love. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*
Thanks be to God. Amen!

China

◆ Sung Response

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**
(Sung together once, and then twice in a round)

Glory to God hymnal no. 583
France

God's Word to Us

A Time for Children and Youth

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

OT p. 508

Anthem

Under the Sun

Nadine Roddy
Michael O'Connor

Under the sun, under the moon, may the Almighty stand beside you.
A pillar of cloud by day, a pillar of fire by night.
Lord of the earth, of the sea, of the air we breathe.

Second Reading

Isaiah 55:1-13

OT p. 644

◆ Hymn 78

You Thirsty Ones, Come
verse 1: choir, verses 2-5: all

HEAVEN'S RAIN

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

from the *Confession of Belhar*, South Africa

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with a message of reconciliation
in and through Jesus Christ and that the church is called to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world.**

**We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker
and is witness by both word and deed to the new heaven
and new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

**We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers
of sin and death, irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity
and will enable the church to live in a new obedience,
which opens new possibilities for society and the world.**

Prayers of the Congregation

Moment for Mission: Peace and Global Witness Offering

Offertory

Hamba Nathi

South African freedom song

Go with us, our Savior.
God go with us, God sit with us,
God lie with us, God wake with us.

◆ Presentation of the Bread and Cup

HS 82

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

Today's communion liturgy is adapted from Korea, Guatemala, and South Africa.

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.

Let us pray...

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

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are Holy, Lord!

... great is the mystery of faith

*we are the people of God scattered through the city
and, perhaps, broken to give nourishment to others.*

We receive this bread, broken, scattered, and made whole.

We drink this cup, thirsty, longing, willing to be poured.

GTG 595

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music

Come to the Feast

Marty Haugen

Ho, everyone that thirsts (come to the waters!),
Here is an end to hunger (come to the feast!);
And everyone who labors (come to the waters!),
All you who have no money (come to the feast!):
For this is life: the waters of the Jordan;
For this is life: the waters of your birth;
For this is life: the waters that renew you;
O come to the feast, O come to the feast.

Ho, everyone who seeks, hear me and share the riches;

And everyone who mourns, now is an end to sadness.

Let all who seek their God, heed now the One who calls you;

The everliving stream: drink deep the cup that saves you.

Prayer after Communion

Mexico

We give you thanks, O Lord, for all food that has arrived at our table from your generosity. Bless the people who have made it possible, from the cultivation of the earth until it arrived to us. Give bread to those who are hungry, and to those who have bread give us hunger for you. Amen.

- ◆ Hymn 80 **You Shall Go Out with Joy** THE TREES OF THE FIELD
(sung twice)
- ◆ Benediction Argentina
- Postlude *Trio in D Major: Rondo* Antonio Ximenez
- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

Liturgy for this World Communion Sunday is adapted from "Gifts in Open Hands" by Maren C. Tirabassi.

Anna Hennessy, violin | Lynanne Wilson, cello

What's Happening *at Westminster*

Sunday, October 1

World Communion Sunday, Peace & Global Witness Offering

9:30 a.m. Church School Hour

11 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary

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

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

Wednesday, October 4

5:30 p.m. Fellowship on Tap (off site)

Thursday, October 5

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Sunday, October 8

Stewardship Kickoff

9:30 a.m. Church School Hour

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Noon Stewardship Packet Pickup in the Gathering Place

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

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

Monday, October 9

6:30 p.m. UKirk Dinner and Discussion in Common Grounds

Tuesday, October 10

Noon Adult Potluck Luncheon in the Library

4 p.m. Tuesday Bible Study in the Lower Lounge

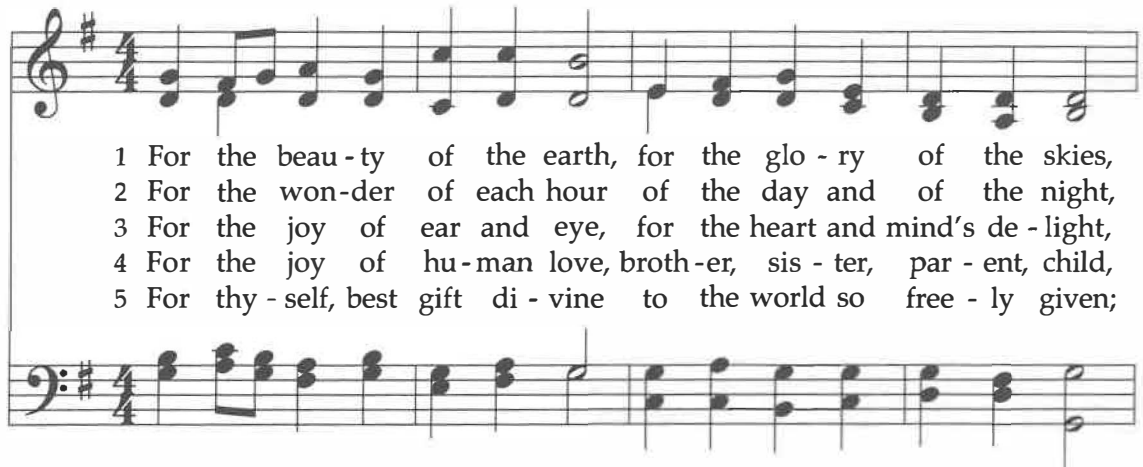
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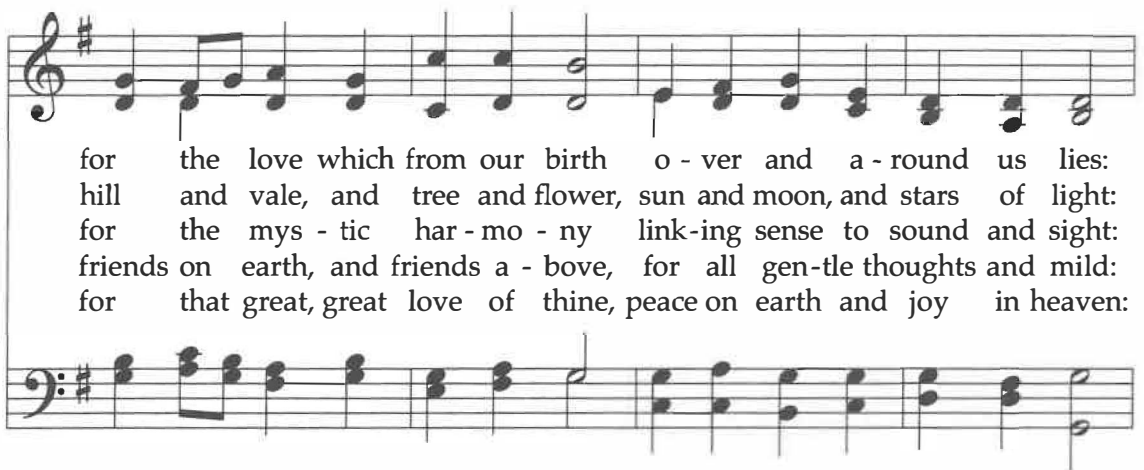


For the Beauty of the Earth

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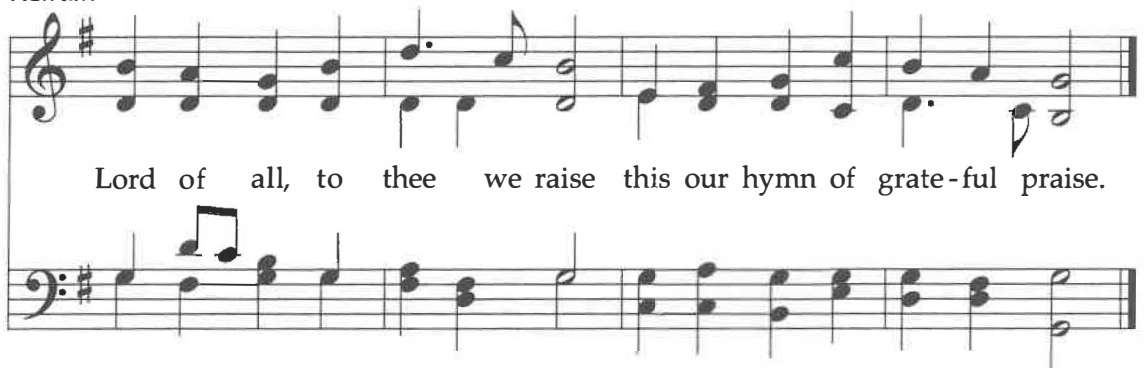


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

You Thirsty Ones, Come

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1 You thirst - y ones, come to the spring! Have you no mon - ey?
 2 Why do you work and earn and spend on that which is not
 3 This food de - lights and sat - is - fies, the food your God can
 4 Re - turn while God may still be found, and call while God will
 5 My word like heav - en's snow de - scends; it falls like heav - en's



Come, buy wine and milk; come, buy and eat with - out a
 bread? O lis - ten now and come to me; eat what is
 give; in - cline your ear and come to me; O hear that
 hear; now let the wick - ed quit their ways while yet the
 rain; it wa - ters all the thirst - y earth and shall not



price or sum, with - out a price or sum.
 good in - stead; eat what is good in - stead.
 you may live; O hear that you may live.
 Lord is near, while yet the Lord is near.
 go in vain, and shall not go in vain.

This text is a paraphrase of Isaiah 55:1-11 and was created by a co-editor of the 1997 Canadian Presbyterian hymnal, *The Book of Praise*. The tune composed for it includes an additional line of music, allowing the final line of text to be repeated, meditated on, and savored.

You Shall Go Out with Joy

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The Trees of the Field

Em B7 Em B7 Em

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

G C G D

the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -

B N.C. Em B7 Em

fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the

B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em

trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

D7 N.C. G C G D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

* D7 G D7 G

the trees of the field will clap their hands;

C G D

the trees of the field will clap their hands

B7 Em B7 Em

while you go out with joy.

*Clap hands.

This text paraphrases Isaiah 55:12, which is generally understood to describe a "second exodus," this time from Babylon rather than from Egypt. This release of God's people and their return to their own land gives rise to a joyful celebration involving all creation.