



The Word of God

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN *Canticle Of The Turning*

1 My___ soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though_ I am small, my___ God, my all, you___
 3 From the halls of power to the for-tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re-

God of my heart is great, and my spir-it___ sings of the
 work great_ things in me, and your mercy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem-ber who holds us fast: God's_ mer-cy___ must de -

won - drous_ things that you bring to the ones who
 depths of the past to the end of the age to
 jus - tice___ tears ev - ery ty - rant___ from his
 liv - er___ us from the con - quer-or's crush - ing

wait. You fixed your sight on your
 be. Your ver - y name puts the
 throne. The hun - gry poor shall___
 grasp. This sav - ing word that our

ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you did not
 proud to shame, and to those who would for you
 weep no more for the food they can nev - er
 fore - bears heard is the prom - ise which holds us

2

spurn, so from east to west shall my
yearn, you will show your might, put the
earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - ery
bound, till the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a -

turn?
turn. My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
turn.
round.

fires of your jus-tice burn. Wipe a-way all tears, for the

dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn!

Lift Up Your Hearts 69

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

This is the day the Creator has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE *All creatures of our God and King* (H 400) vv. 5-6



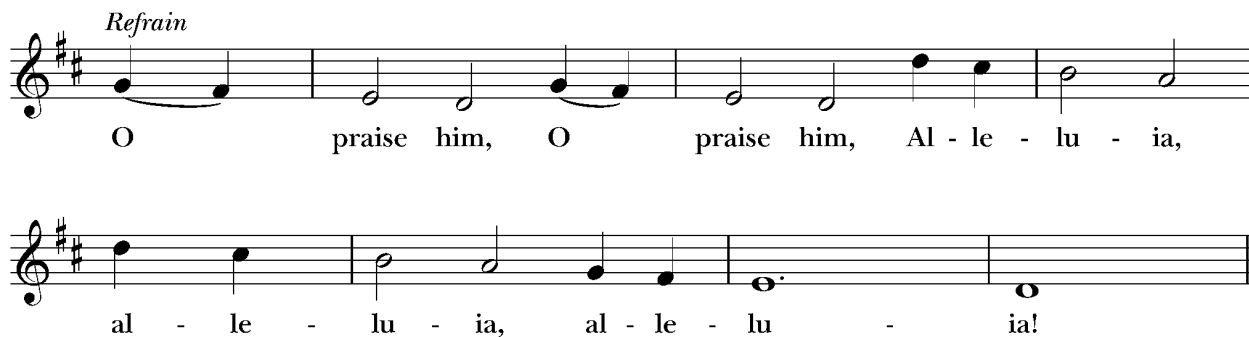
- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
- *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
- *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
- 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
- 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
- *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
- 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
- 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
- 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
- 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
- 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
- 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
- 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
- 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
- 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
- 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
- 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
- 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
- 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Creator be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you show your glory throughout your Creation, calling it very good: Grant us the fullness of your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden, may become partakers in your joy; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Remain seated.

¹Hear my teaching, O my people; *

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

²I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

³That which we have heard and known,

and what our forefathers have told us, *

we will not hide from their children.

⁴We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *

and the wonderful works he has done.

¹²He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

¹³He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

¹⁴He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

¹⁵He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

¹⁶He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

SECOND READING: Bayo Akmomolafe, "A Slower Urgency", <https://www.bayoakomolafe.net/post/a-slower-urgency> (2022).

The people sit.

A Reading from "A Slower Urgency" by Báýò Akómoláfé

Everywhere I was invited to speak, I offered an invitation to 'slow down', which seems like the wrong thing to do when there's fire on the mountain. But here's the point: in 'hurrying up' all the time, we often lose sight of the abundance of resources that might help us meet today's most challenging crises. We rush through into the same patterns we are used to. Of course, there isn't a single way to respond to crisis; there is no universally correct way. However the call to slow down works to bring us face to face with the invisible, the hidden, the unremarked, the yet-to-be-resolved. Sometimes, what is the appropriate thing to do is not the effective thing to do. Slowing down is thus about lingering in the places we are not used to. Seeking out new questions. Becoming accountable to more than what rests on the surface. Seeking roots. Slowing down is taking care of ghosts, hugging monsters, sharing silence, embracing the weird.

The Continuing Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Fairest Lord Jesus* (H 383) vv. 1-3

All stand.

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of
2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher-ish,
 bloom-ing garb of spring: Je-sus is fair-er,
 twink-ling, star-ry host: Je-sus shines bright-er,

thee will I hon-or, thou, my soul's glo-ry, joy, and crown.
 Je-sus is pur-er, who makes the woe-ful heart to sing.
 Je-sus shines pur-er, than all the an-gels heaven can boast.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

All stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'

²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Aileen E. DiBenedetto

PROFESSION OF FAITH *from Gurukul Lutheran Theological College & Research Institute as provided in "Listen to the Voice of Creation."*

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *from Larry Bennett*

God of unchangeable power ... open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good to the honor of Your glorious name.

We pray for the church, that she may be a beacon of hope, responsibility, and stewardship for God's precious gift of creation. Lord, in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in authority, that they respect the environment, the poor and most vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the earth our common home, that through God's grace we be moved to protect, conserve, and sustain the world's well being for future generations. Lord, in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the gifts of science and technology that skills, methods, instruments, and machines be used for visionary, compassionate, and practical environmental care. Lord, in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all indigenous peoples that they may lead sacred, protected, and valued lives. May their voices be heard and honored in all environmental decisions. Lord, in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for refugees that have lost their homes, livelihood, and security due to climate or weather-related problems. Lord, in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people and creatures whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of the world. Lord, in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer.**

Awaken our praise and thankfulness for everything You have made. Give us the grace to perceive that all life is connected. Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN *from Liturgical Materials For Honoring God In Creation*

The Presider may say

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

Peace be with yourself.

Peace be with Creation.

Peace be with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

OFFERTORY HYMN *Earth and all stars* (H 412)



1	Earth and all stars,	loud rush - ing	plan - ets,	sing to the
2	Hail, wind, and rain,	loud blow - ing	snow - storms,	sing to the
3	Trum - pet and pipes,	loud clash - ing	cym - bals,	sing to the
4	En - gines and steel,	loud pound - ing	ham - mers,	sing to the
5	Class - rooms and labs,	loud boil - ing	test - tubes,	sing to the
6	Know - ledge and truth,	loud sound - ing	wis - dom,	sing to the



1	Lord _____	a new song!	O vic - to - ry,
2	Lord _____	a new song!	Flow - ers and trees,
3	Lord _____	a new song!	Harp, lute, and lyre,
4	Lord _____	a new song!	Lime - stone and beams,
5	Lord _____	a new song!	Ath - lete and band,
6	Lord _____	a new song!	Daugh - ter and son,



1	loud shout - ing	ar - my,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
2	loud rus - tling	dry leaves,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
3	loud hum - ming	cel - los,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
4	loud build - ing	work - ers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
5	loud cheer - ing	peo - ple,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
6	loud pray - ing	mem - bers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!

Refrain

He hath done mar - vel - ous things.

I, too, will praise him with a new song!

DOXOLOGY *From all the dwell below the skies v. 3 H 380*

Praise God from whom all Blessing flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above Ye Heavenly Hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

The Creator be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Creator.

Let us give thanks to the Loving God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

SANCTUS *Santo, santo, santo [Holy, holy, holy] (WLP 785)*

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora! Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say the words you are holy, Lord.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with [The blessed Virgin Mary, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, St, Mark,____ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Adapted from "Creation Care Prayers" The Church of England Environmental Programme, 27*

As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray en Español or or in English:

<i>People</i>	Our Father, who art in heaven
<i>Presider</i>	You are also at home in the air, soil, forests and oceans
<i>People</i>	hallowed be thy Name
<i>Presider</i>	By the care we take of your Creation
<i>People</i>	thy kingdom come,
<i>Presider</i>	All that you see is good
<i>People</i>	thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
<i>Presider</i>	Your will to till and care
<i>People</i>	Give us this day our daily bread.
<i>Presider</i>	That all may have enough to live life in fullness
<i>People</i>	And forgive us our trespasses,
<i>Presider</i>	Our greed, our exploitation, our lack of concern for other species and for future generations
<i>People</i>	as we forgive those who trespass against us.
<i>Presider</i>	By reconciliation with justice and peace.
<i>People</i>	And lead us not into temptation,
<i>Presider</i>	The temptation to equate dominion with exploitation
<i>People</i>	but deliver us from evil.
<i>Presider</i>	The evil of destroying your gift of creation
<i>People</i>	For thine is the kingdom,
<i>Presider</i>	Yours, Lord, not ours
<i>People</i>	and the power, and the glory,
<i>Presider</i>	In the cross and resurrection

People **forever and ever.**
Presider You are the beginning and you are the end.
 Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body

CELEBRATE 201 *Eat This Bread*

INVITATION

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Let us pray:

Silence

Lord Jesus, we thank you for feeding us spiritually with your Body and Blood, through which you have imparted to us your life. Teach us to live with grateful hearts. You have come to us anew today. May you continue to live in our souls; until in your good time we may see you face to face where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

This is God's Table, all who are drawn here are welcome.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN *God the sculptor of the mountains* (WLP 746)

1. God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mil-ler of the sand,
 2. God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the sea,
 3. God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,
 4. God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the wheat,

God the jewel-er of the heav-ens, God the pot-ter of the land:
 God the pil-lar of the dark-ness, God the bea-con of the free:
 God the ta-ble turn-ing pro-phet, God the res-ur-rect-ed Truth:
 God the reap-er of the har-vest, God the source of all we eat:

you are womb of all cre-a-tion, we are form-less; shape us now.
 you are gate of all de-liv'-rance, we are sight-less; lead us now.
 you are pres-ent ev-ery mo-moment, we are search-ing; meet us now.
 you are host at ev-ery ta-ble, we are hun-gry; feed us now.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER from "Prayers of Intercession for Creation Time 2012" in *Churches Together in Britain and Ireland*

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen

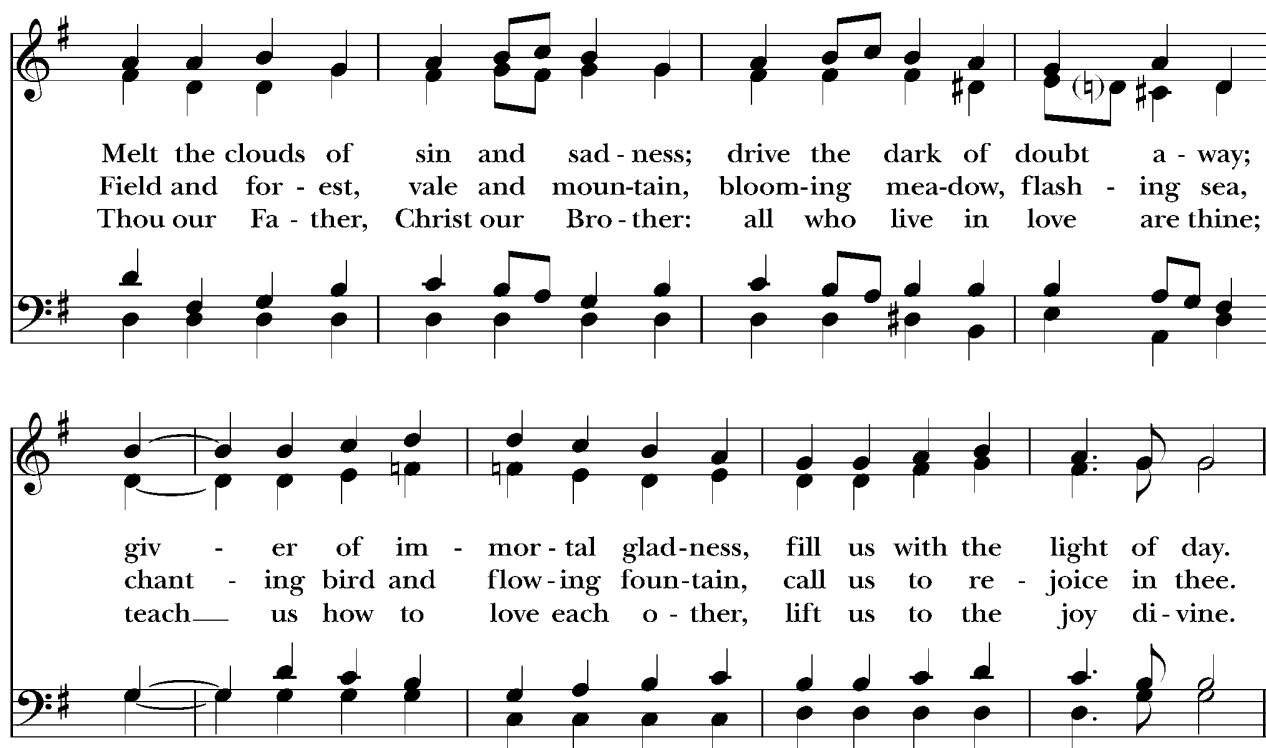
BLESSING

Go forth now to care for God's world. Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge. Sacrifice where necessary. Live in harmony with all creation. Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all. And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always. *Amen*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* (H 376) vv. 1-3

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way;
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Bro-ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o-ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

DISMISSAL

This service here has ended, and it is time for our service in the world to begin. ... So go with the power and the love of Christ. [Alleluia, alleluia.]

Thanks be to God. [Alleluia, Alleluia.]

The number of "alleluia's" are determined by our young members each week.

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