

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

May 4, 2025

8:00 AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Henrik Sonntag, Pastor

120 N. Easton Road

Glenside, PA

215-884-3005

# GATHERING

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## THE PRELUDE

*Paen (A Song of Praise and Triumph)*

Craig Phillips

*Please stand as you are able.*

## EASTER GREETING

Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen. OR**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

# OPENING HYMN

No. 729 The Church of Christ, in Every Age

*Wareham*

## The Church of Christ, in Every Age

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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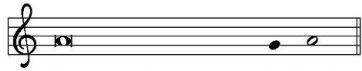
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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



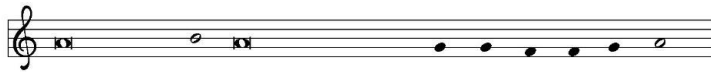
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

*All*



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD

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### THE FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM

Psalm 30

*The psalm is read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- I ed me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph I over me.

<sup>2</sup> **O LORD my God, I cried I out to you,  
and you restored I me to health.**

<sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O LORD, I from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down I to the grave.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing praise to the LORD, I all you faithful;  
give thanks in ho- I ly remembrance. R**

<sup>5</sup> God's wrath is short; God's favor I lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes I in the morning.

<sup>6</sup> **While I felt se- I cure, I said,  
"I shall never I be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup> You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong I as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was I filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup> **I cried to I you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with I my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down I to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or de- I clare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup> **Hear, O LORD, and have mer- I cy upon me;  
O LORD, I be my helper." R**

<sup>11</sup> You have turned my wailing I into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed I me with joy.

<sup>12</sup> **Therefore my heart sings to you I without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you I thanks forever. R**

## THE SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!"

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

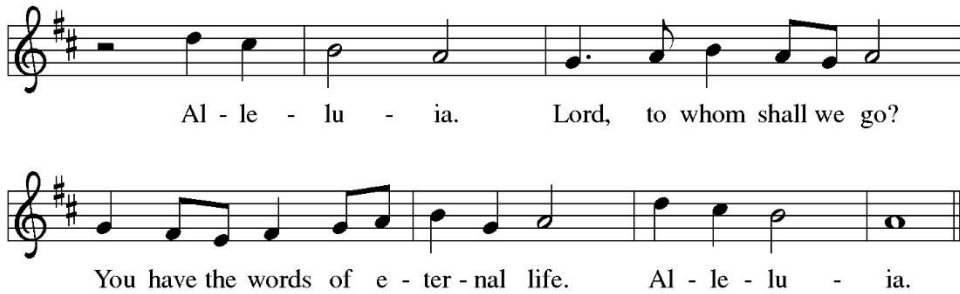
"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!"

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Twenty-first Chapter. **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came

and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Henrik Sonntag

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

No. 661 I Love to Tell the Story

*Hankey*

# I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the  
dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Please kneel or sit for the prayers:* This week's response is: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care especially Larry Miller and Alicia Simpson. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place (*specific ministries may be named*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places. May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able*

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*All greet each other with Christ's gesture of peace  
saying "Peace be with you."*

*Please be seated*

# MEAL

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## OFFERING

Organ selection

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY No. 692 We Are an Offering

*Offering*

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The music is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) on the first, third, and sixth staves. The lyrics are: 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.'

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
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THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

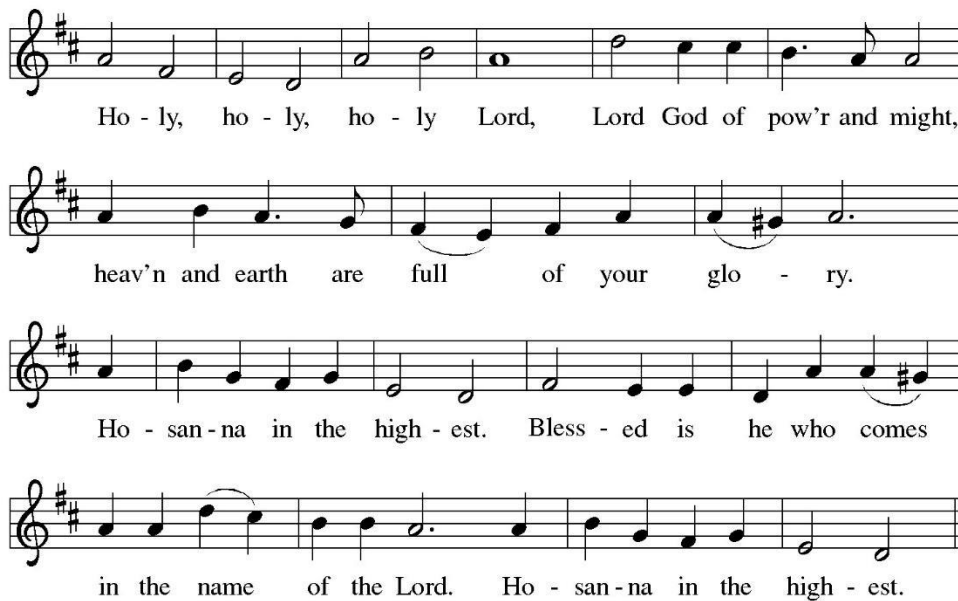
Concludes with ... **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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## THE SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*Please be seated.*

## THE COMMUNION

“Lamb of God”

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace

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Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER  
Concludes with **Amen**.

**SENDING** \_\_\_\_\_

THE BLESSING

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THE SENDING HYMN

No. 991 Go to the World!

*Sine nomine*

# Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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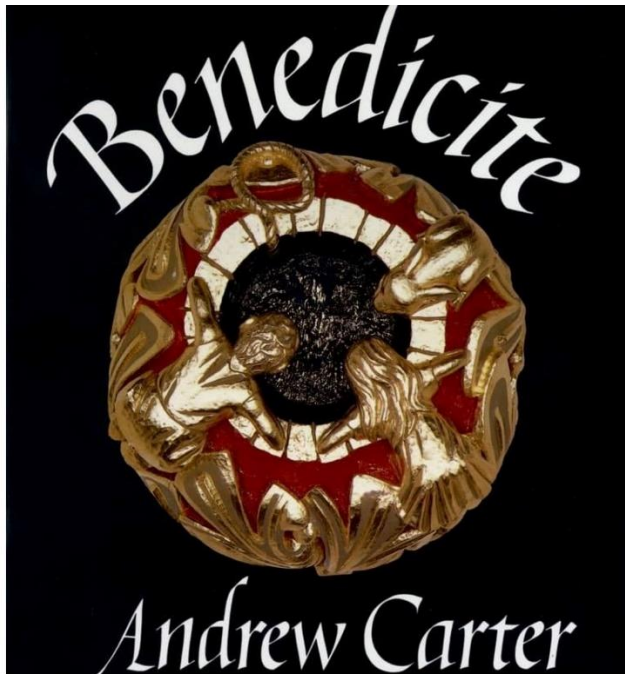
## PARISH NOTICES AND JOYS

Sending: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

*Fanfare*

William Mathias



SUNDAY MAY 5, 2025 AT 10:30  
PRESENTED BY THE CHANCEL  
AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

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*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen. OR**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

No. 835 All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

Verses 1, 2, 3 & 6

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

# All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and  
 2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
 3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the  
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor  
 grain: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear sis-ter wa-ter, use-ful,  
 throng: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear moth-er earth, so rich in  
 grieve: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis-ter moon and stars of night:  
 clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-  
 care, praise God in col-ors bright and rare:  
 fears; still make your song a-mid the tears:



lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
 waiting to hush our final breath:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
 fair is the night that leads us home.  
 Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
 and worship God with humble heart:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
 Alleluia.

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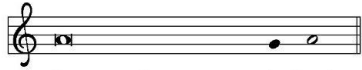
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# REETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

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For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



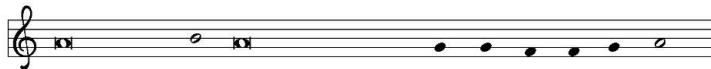
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Special Music Sunday with the  
presentation of Benedicite by Andrew Carter*

Composer Andrew Carter's work is inspired by the new Benedicite carvings at York Minster and commissioned by the British Federation of Youth Choir. *Benedicite* was first performed in Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, conducted by Philip Ledger in 1989.

BENEDICITE is simply the Latin title for 'All the world, praise the Lord.' The English Prayer Book takes thirty-three verses to say so; so, I chose a few of the old verses and added a sprinkling of new ones to make the following eleven movements:

### **No. 1 – O all ye works of the Lord, praise ye the Lord**

A dance of joy to the rhythm of trumpets and drums.

### **No. 2 – Green Things**

In a lilting five-four time, the old verse is amplified to include familiar plant forms like 'herbs and heathers.'

### **No. 3 – Sun and Moon**

An attempt to capture in sound the sense of silence and eternity, not to say human insignificance, that we feel when looking up into the heavens on a starry night.

### **No. 4 – Badgers and Hedgehogs**

In the first of three sections for the younger singers, some of the animals that Noah forgot to mention have a rumbustious time.

### **No. 5 – Ice and Snow**

Whilst we sleep, nimble Jack Frost darts round the village with his icicle brush. We shiver in winter's special beauty.

### **No. 6 – Whales and Water**

...is a drop in the ocean. Our voices and instruments can only hint at the vast unknown. But in the middle, I have transcribed into the strings the plaintive song of the majestic whale, recently captured on tape by the British Antarctic Survey.

### **No. 7 – Butterflies and Moths**

The youngsters remind us and themselves that life is fragile and transient, wafted away on the breeze. So, we enjoy and give thanks for a myriad of colorful moments.

### **No. 8 – Thunder and Lightning**

Over a short repeating bass line, a storm threatens, and the frightening elemental powers give way to the calm water of ...

### **No. 9 – Spirits and Souls**

In a brief reference to earlier music, we think of all those absolutely smashing people of our own generation who are good to know, and of those of earlier times whose lives can serve as a model. Not least of course ...

### **No. 10 – Grannies and Grandads**

### **No. 11 – O let the earth bless the Lord**

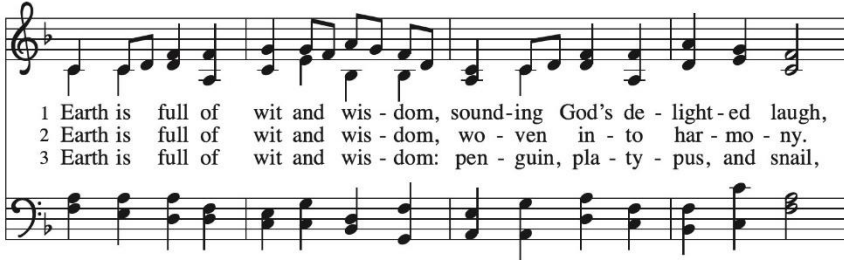
The world has come full circle, and the final hymn of praise recalls the opening fanfares.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

No. 1064 Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom

*Holy Manna*

## Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom



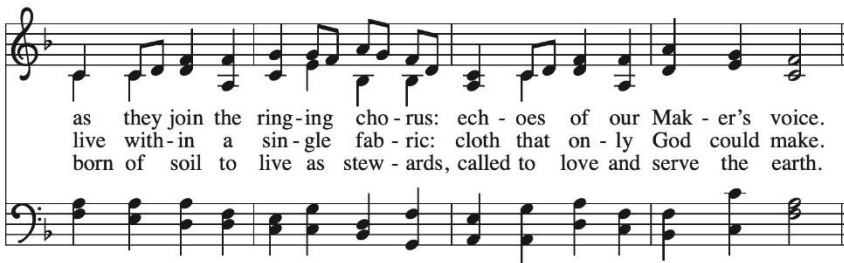
1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound-ing God's de - light-ed laugh,  
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.  
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.  
Ev - 'ry crea-ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.  
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice  
Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake  
In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring-ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.  
live with-in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.  
born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Please kneel or sit for the prayers:* This week's response is: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care especially Larry Miller and Alicia Simpson. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places especially Monica, mother of Saint Augustine. May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able*

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*All greet each other with Christ's gesture of peace  
saying "Peace be with you."*

*Please be seated*

# MEAL

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## OFFERING

*Canzone Lilla*

Ajibola Rivers

Ajibola Rivers, cello

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY No. 692 We Are an Offering

*Offering*

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. It consists of six lines of music. The first line begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure. The lyrics 'We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an' are written below the staff. The second line continues the melody with similar note values and a triplet, with lyrics 'of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our'. The third line features a triplet of eighth notes and a quarter note, with lyrics 'lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,'. The fourth line has a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note, with lyrics 'all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.'. The fifth line returns to eighth and quarter notes, with lyrics 'We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:'. The sixth line concludes with a triplet of eighth notes and a quarter note, with lyrics 'we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.'.

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an

of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,

all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

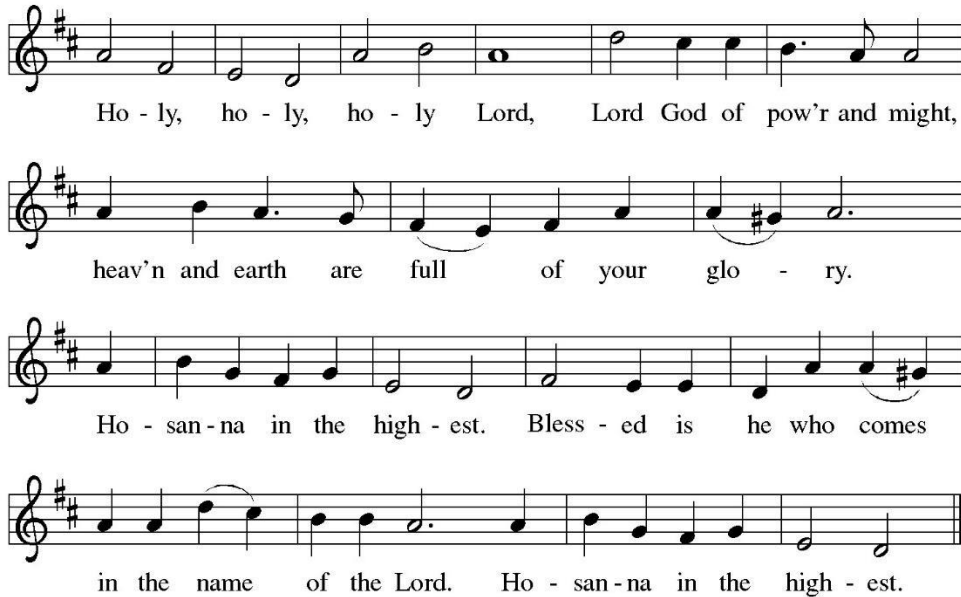
Concludes with ... **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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## THE SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*Please be seated.*

## THE COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace

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Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER  
Concludes with **Amen**.

**SENDING** \_\_\_\_\_

THE BLESSING

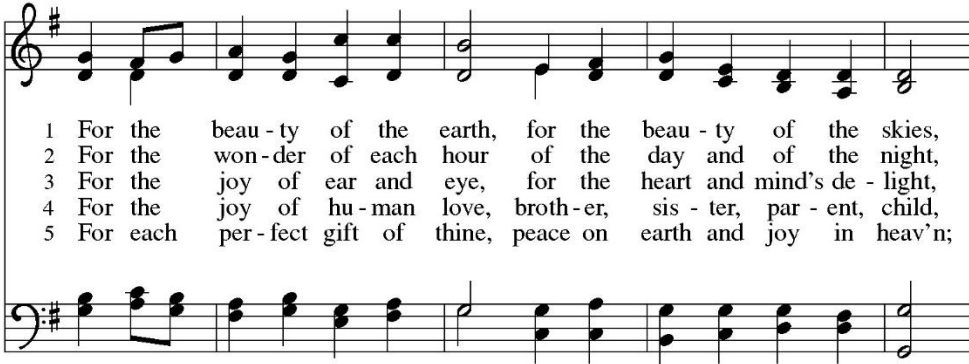
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THE SENDING HYMN

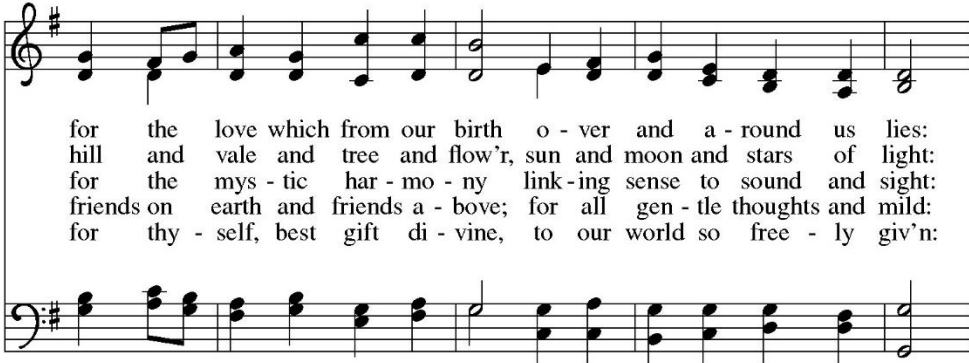
No. 879 For the Beauty of the Earth

*Dix*

# For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty 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 each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, 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 thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



*Refrain*  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.  
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

*Please be seated for the announcements.*

# PARISH NOTICES AND JOYS

Sending: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

*Fanfare*

William Mathias

### **SINGERS:**

#### **Sopranos**

Betsy Berglund  
Susan Duffy  
AnnaLisa Mariani  
Pam McDowell  
Violet Moyer  
Julie Sullivan  
Caroline VanPelt

#### **Altos**

Cyndee Folk  
Pat Lackman  
Celia O'Leary  
Laurie Pellicore  
Starr Shiffer  
Misty Wagner

#### **Tenors**

Paul Anderson  
Geoff Bolinski  
Michael Harrington  
Larry Hoenig

#### **Basses**

Peter Gkonos  
Steve Sheehan  
Benjamin Sonntag  
Eric Shiffer  
Harry VanPelt

### **Children's Choir**

Zion Bond  
Emerson Corsey  
Maku DuPree-Ekpaji  
Noah DuPree-Ekpaji  
Adam Erat  
Emma Erat  
Dominick Garcia  
Julie Garcia  
Lucy Garcia  
Griz Gerlach  
Camryn Guckavan  
Aubrey Moseng  
Leah O'Neal  
Emma Plugfelder  
Claire Picado  
Gabriel Picado  
Franklin Wang

### **Instrumentalists**

Colleen Hood – bassoon  
Rob Skoniczin – trumpet 1  
Mike Franchetti – trumpet 2  
Alberta Douglas – violin 1  
Nina Vieru Zubaidi – violin 2  
Kyrán Littlejohn, Jr. – viola  
Ajibola Rivers – cello  
Bill Wozniak – percussion  
Mary Elizabeth Campbell - organ