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*We embrace our call to love and serve Jesus Christ
as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.*

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A Service of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Song:** *Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

People: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

People: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Leader: Come now, all who thirst,

People: and drink the water of life.

Leader: Come now, all who hunger,

People: and be filled with good things.

Leader: Come now, all who seek,

People: and be warmed by the fire of love.

***Opening Hymn:** *For the Beauty of the Earth, vs 1,4,5*

Please be seated.

A Call to Confession (Liturgist)

Because we trust in God's mercy and love, we are bold to be honest with God and with ourselves about our lives. Let us confess our sin.

Unison Prayer of Confession (prayed aloud by all)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Silent Confession *Please take a moment for silent confession*

Asking for God's Forgiveness

Liturgist: Let us now ask God's forgiveness.

People: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.

People: Amen!

Sung Response to Confession:

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

*Passing the Peace of Christ, Sharing in Christ's Welcome

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

Liturgist: Let us stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

(Congregation shares peace with one another in the pew, over the phone, across the screen.)

Anthem

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Katherine Carroll

Children's Moment

Prayer for Illumination

Inspiring God, as we listen to your words, open our hearts to find fresh meaning and direction. May we hear something new while continuing to feel your presence among us.

Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

Message:

To the Least of These

Steve Wilson

Hymn of Affirmation:

Servant Song, vs 1,2,5,6

Sharing Our Life Together

The Lord's Prayer:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our
debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Offertory

Thanksgiving in Song:

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.*

*Sending Hymn:

For the Fruit of All Creation

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord.

O-pen the eyes of my heart;



I want to see you;

I want to see you;



to see you high and lift - ed up,



shin-ing in the light of your glo - ry.

Pour out your



pow-er and love

as we sing "Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

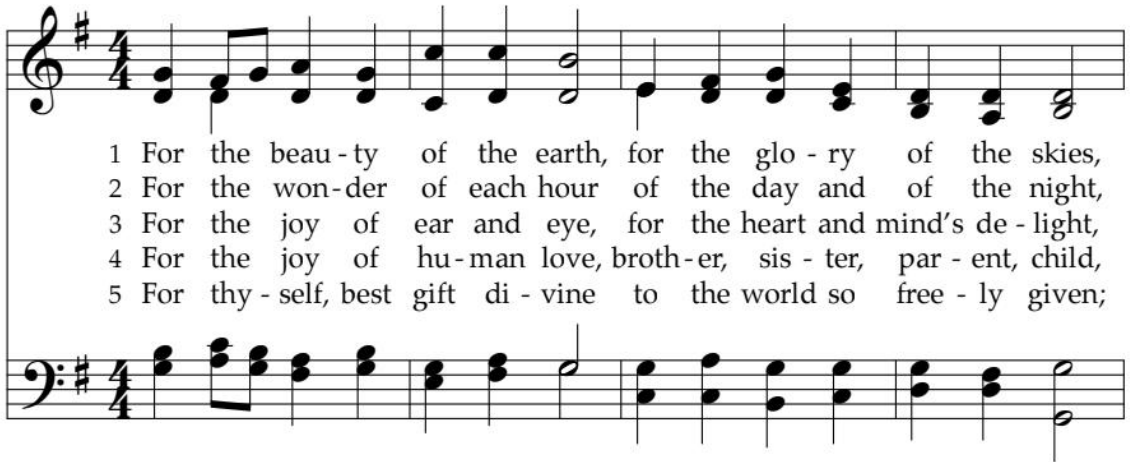


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

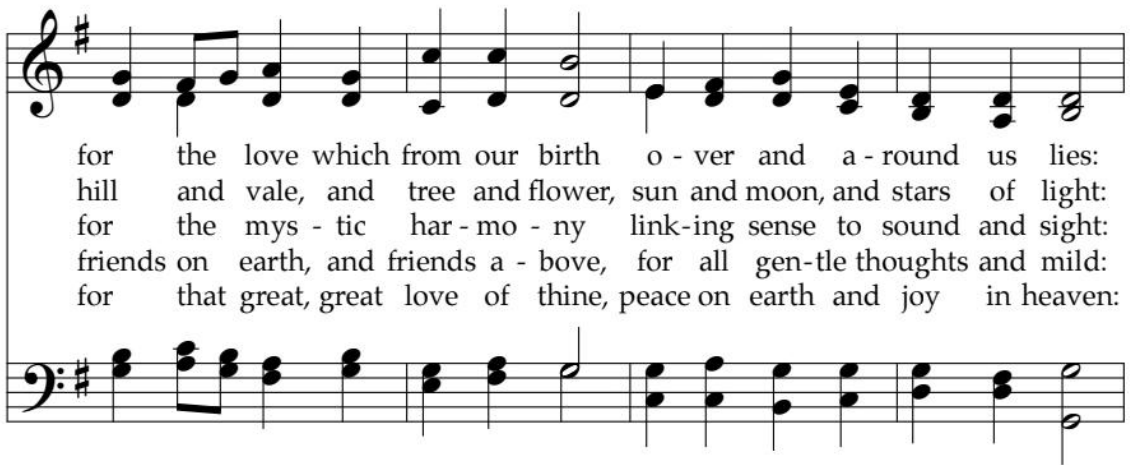
I want to see you.

For the Beauty of the Earth

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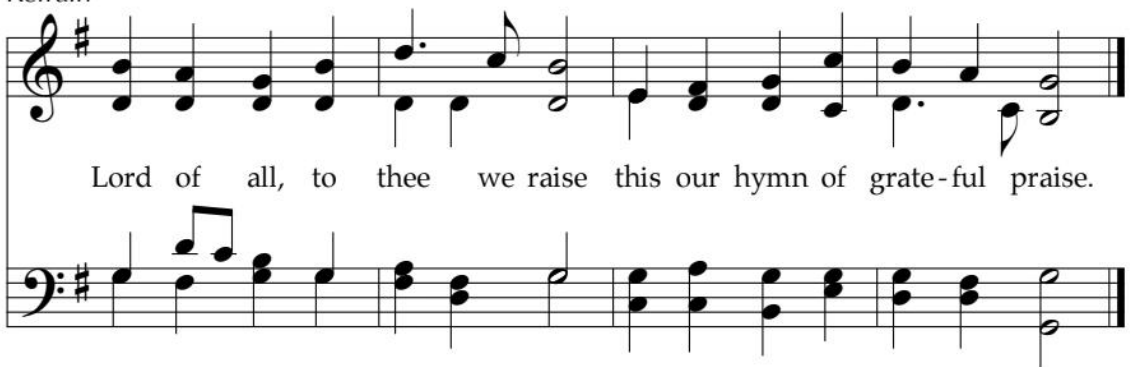


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine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

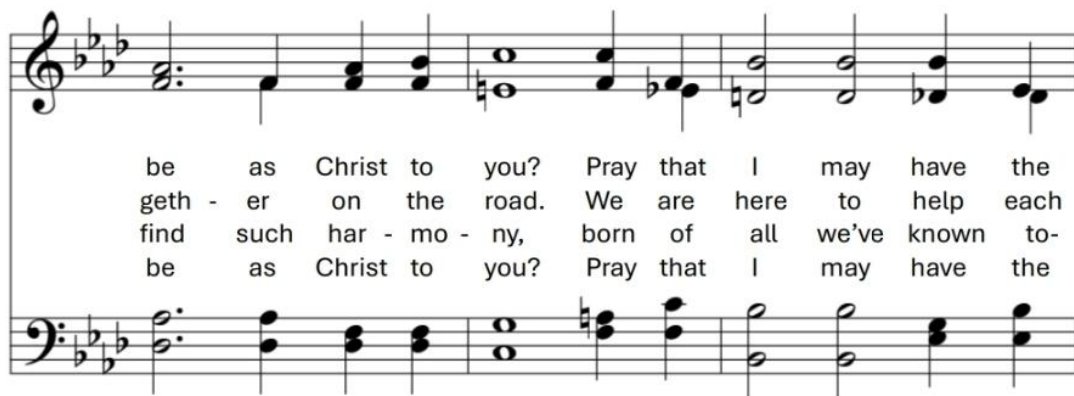


Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Servant Song



Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall
Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -
be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the



grace to let you be my serv - ant too.
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
grace to let you be my serv - ant too.

For the Fruit of All Creation

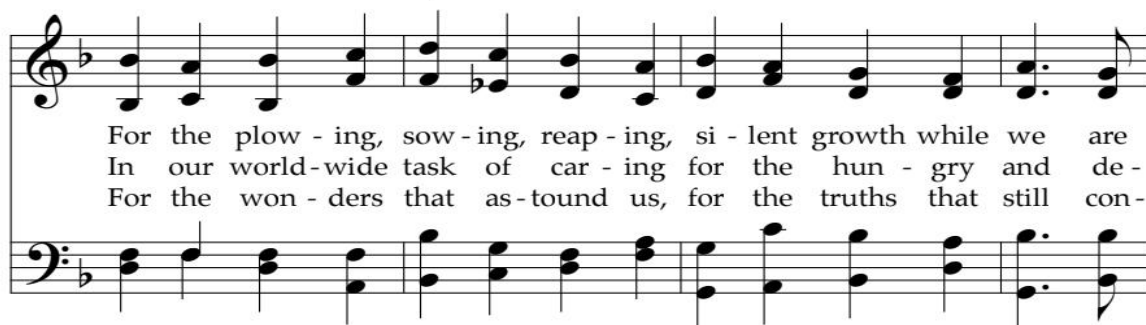
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1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.