

PRELUDE: Sonata in C Minor

Padre Antonio Soler

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

(The congregation's responses in bold)

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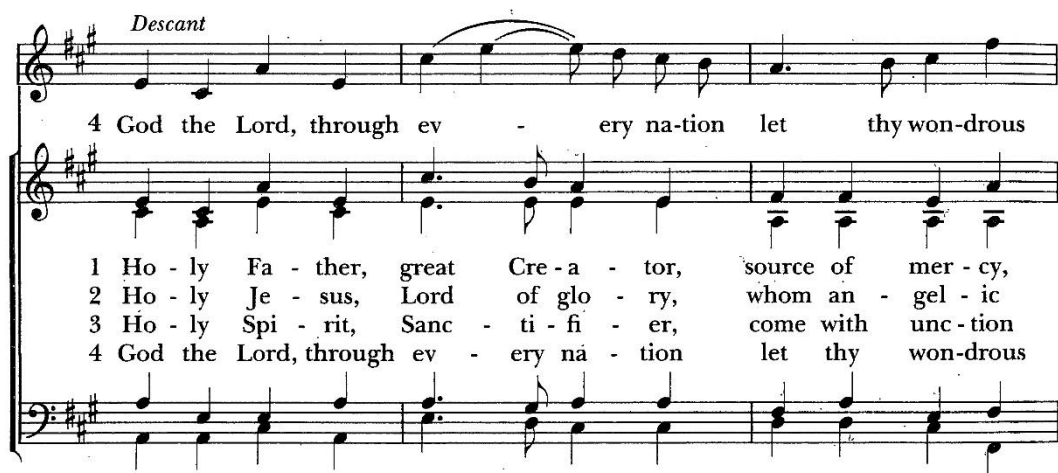
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CALL TO WORSHIP: Canticle 12 Song of Creation-Invocation vs 1-10 Doxology-Choir

The people, standing as able

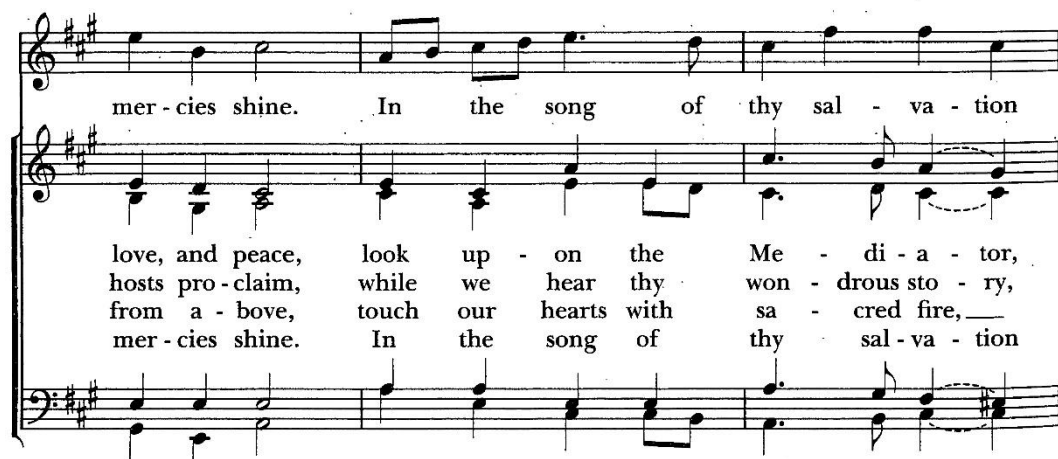
HYMN 368: Holy Father, great Creator

Descant



4 God the Lord, through ev - ery na-tion let thy won-drous

1 Ho - ly Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor, source of mer - cy,
2 Ho - ly Je - sus, Lord of glo - ry, whom an - gel - ic
3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, Sanc - ti - fi - er, come with unc - tion
4 God the Lord, through ev - ery na - tion let thy won-drous



mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion

love, and peace, look up - on the Me - di - a - tor,
hosts pro - claim, while we hear thy won - drous sto - ry,
from a - bove, touch our hearts with sa - cred fire, —
mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion

ev - ery tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,
 clothe us with his right - eous - ness; heaven - ly Fa - ther,
 meet and wor - ship in thy Name, dear Re - deem - er,
 fill them with the Sa - vior's love. Source of com - fort,
 ev - ery tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,
 great Je - ho - vah, form our hearts _____ and make them thine.
 heaven - ly Fa - ther, through the Sa - vior hear and bless.
 dear Re - deem - er, in our hearts thy peace pro - claim.
 Source of com - fort, cheer us with the Sa - vior's love.
 Great Je - ho - vah, form our hearts and make them thine.

Words: Alexander Viets Griswold (1766-1843), alt.

Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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The people, seated through the Second Reading

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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, S 236: Canticle 13, Benedictus es, Domine

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
— for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____
3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Descant
5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -
5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

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hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of
depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to
hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!
high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Season of Creation

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Creator God, to put wealth to use in relieving the suffering of others; so that we might hold fast to the love that endures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

The people, seated through the Second Reading

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Reader A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.
Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:
"Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"
("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")
"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."
For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.
Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?
Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?
O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Spoken in unison after the asterisk in verse one.

THE RESPONSE: Psalm 79:1-9, *Deus, venerunt*

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- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 **They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the
air, ***
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.**
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.**
- 5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?**
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.**
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.**
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.**
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Reader A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people, standing as able through the Gospel Reading

HYMN 691: My faith looks up to thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887). Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

THE GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

*******All children are now invited to follow the Cross to Children's Chapel.*******

The people, seated

SERMON: The Rev. E. Weston Mathews

The people, standing as able through the Exchange of the Peace

THE NICENE CREED

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The people, standing as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Glenn our Governor, James our Representative, Tim and Mark our Senators, Donald our President, the justices and judges of the federal courts, Richard our delegate, Jennifer our Senator to the state legislature, and the justices and judges of the commonwealth courts.

People *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Leader In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Emmanuel, Alexandria. We pray for the St. Francis Creche School, the Diocese of Ezo including Bishop Isaac and Mama Nora, our Sherborne Deanery partners in England including the Ezo Link Team, the Scouts, and the Recovery Community of St. Francis. We give thanks for yesterday's priestly ordination of the Rev. Joy Warburton at St. John's Church in McLean. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

People *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Open the hands of your people to reach out in love to those around the world who are in fear for their lives, who face turbulent conditions caused by us and by nature, and whose daily lives are made difficult by their circumstances: people in the United States of America, United States federal workers and veterans, people of Holy Family Church and Mills River, NC, Sudan, South Sudan, Afghanistan, China, Gaza, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, the Palestinian Authority, Qatar, Russia, Ukraine, and the West Bank.

Are there others?

The People may add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader We ask you to care for: Pepin, Jennifer, Helen, Dan, Park, Ken, Andy, Nick & Gina, Randy, Jeff Sr., Hugh Sr., David, Jessica, Clara Sue, and Dut. We give thanks for the Altar Flowers, given to the glory of God by the Sanders Family, in celebration of our husband and father, Jeff, on his birthday (SEP 21.) We pray also for Franciscans who are preparing for Holy Baptism, including Allen Bobbitt, son of David Bobbitt and Wayne Chen; Parker Robinson, son of Amber & Matt Robinson; Grace Czekaj, daughter of Katie Czekaj; Jaclyn Chappel, daughter of Alexandra & Scott Chappel; Judy Weston and Brice Weston, children of Kristin Weston; Charlotte Bowden, daughter of Mattie & Duncan Bowden.

Are there others?

The People may add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people, kneeling as able

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God,
we confess that 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.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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

EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND LIFE TRANSITIONS

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*Eucharist is an ongoing participation in and renewal of our Baptism. Come forward at the invitation of the ushers to share in this sacrament. For those not wishing to partake in this sacrament, we invite you to come forward for a blessing, by kneeling, folding your arms across your chest. **Gluten free host is available. Signify your desire for this form of bread by placing your right-hand palm down on top of your left.***

The people, seated, the alms plates are passed by the usher.

OFFERTORY: Praise to the Lord

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PRESENTATION: HYMN 380 (vs. 3): Doxology

*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.*

The people, standing as able through the Fraction

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer C)

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

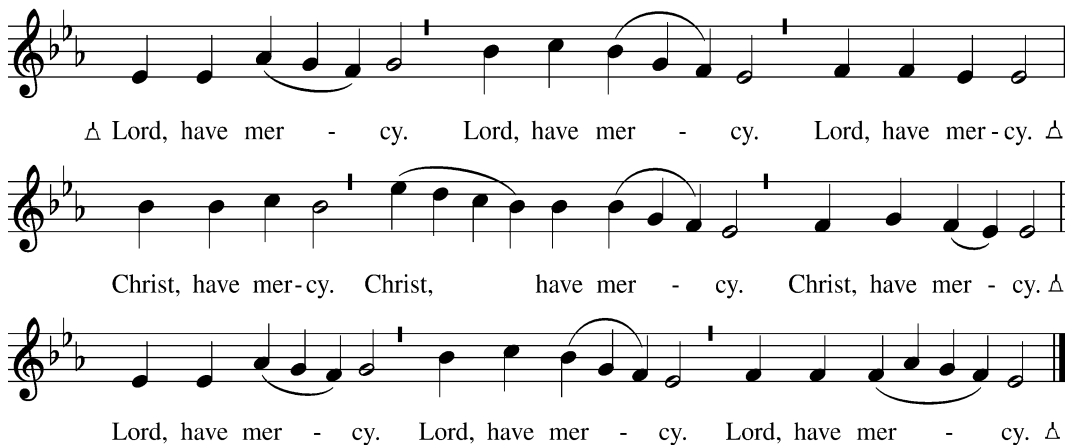
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

KYRIE, WLP 842: Lord have mercy



Δ Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Δ

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Δ

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Δ

Δ optional bells

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Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Rachel, Rebecca, and Leah. God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

Spoken by the Celebrant and the people

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Sung in unison.

FRACTION ANTHEM, WLP 865: Christ our Passover

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac - ri-ficed for us;
there-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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COMMUNION INVITATION

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are. Become what you receive.

The people come forward as directed to receive communion.

HYMN 676: There is a balm in Gilead

Refrain
There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound - ed
whole, there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to
heal the sin - sick soul. soul.

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1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you

think my work's in vain, but then the Ho - ly
can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of

Repeat Refrain
Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain.
Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."

Words: African-American spiritual. Music: *Balm in Gilead*, Afro-American spiritual; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

The people, standing through the Dismissal

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Paraphrase of Henri-Frédéric Amiel

Celebrant Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who are traveling the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 390: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

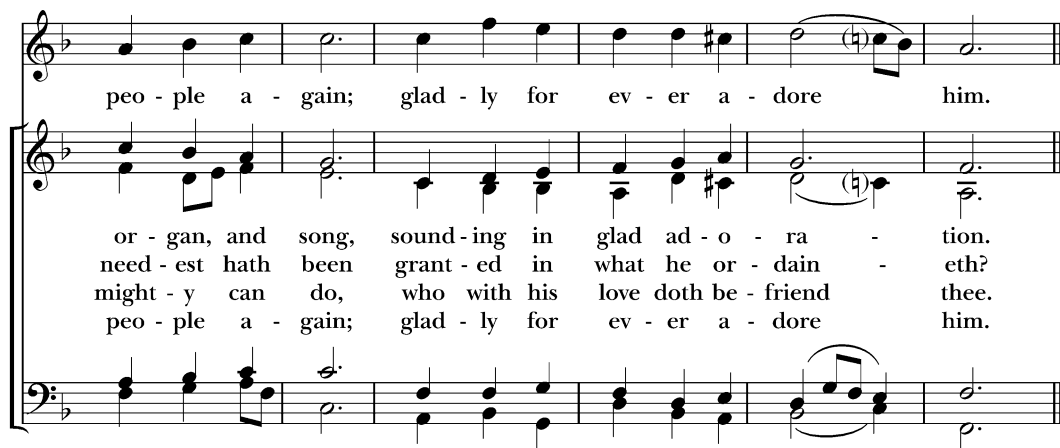
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

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peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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DISMISSAL

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Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Sonata in C Major

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