The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

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Shepherd of the Hills LC

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WELCOME

PRELUDE: "Into Marvelous Light" Beth Mankin

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection

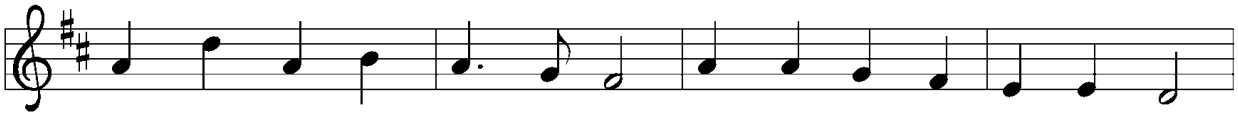
P: Compassionate God,
C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

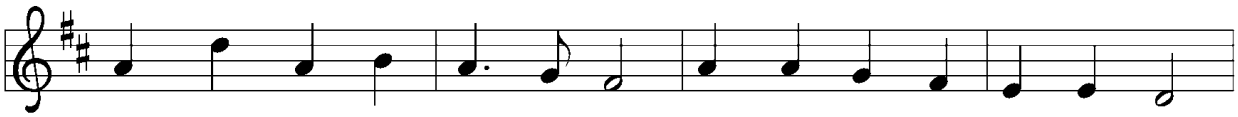
C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

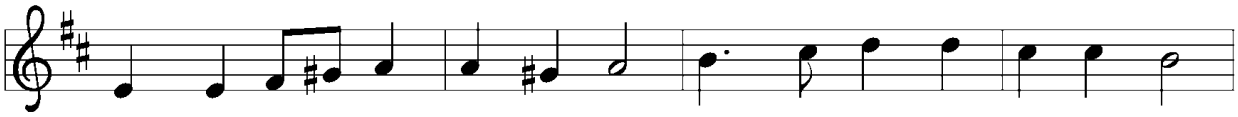
Let the Whole Creation Cry



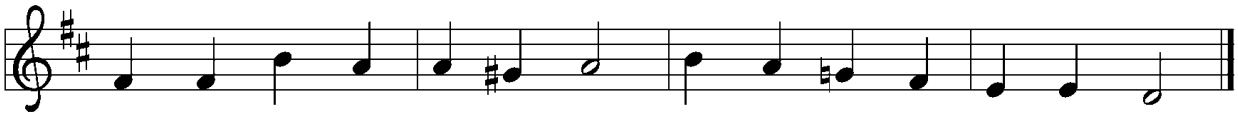
1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl-edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing,"The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Revelation Song" Beth Mankin

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy, is he
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat
(Repeat)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore you

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lighting rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be
To You the one who's King

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore you

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of your name
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore you
(Repeat)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

2 [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the 7
O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
8 For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
9 If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
10 For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."
11 But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
12 O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
13 Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

A: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 69:7-18 *(Read responsively)*

7 Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

8 **I have become a stranger to my own kindred,**
an alien to my mother's children.

9 Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

10 **I humbled myself with fasting,**
but that was turned to my reproach.

11 I put on sackcloth also,
and became a by-word among them.

12 **Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,**
and the drunkards make songs about me.

13 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O Lord:
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

14 **Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;**
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

15 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

] 16 **Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;**
in your great compassion, turn to me.

17 Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

18 **Draw near to me and redeem me;**
because of my enemies deliver me.

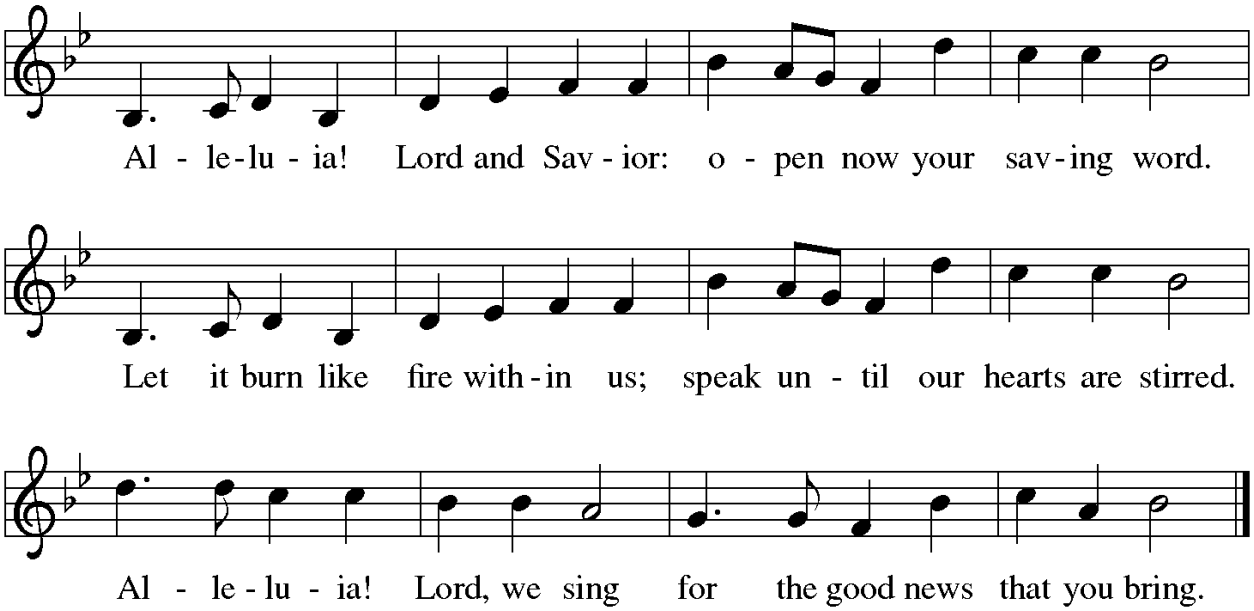
THE SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

1b Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? 2 By no means! How can we who died
to sin go on living in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were
baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as
Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.
5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a
resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might
be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8
But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being
raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 The death he
died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider
yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:24-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] 24 “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; 25 it
is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the
master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

26 “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing
secret that will not become known. 27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear
whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the
soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for
a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 And even the hairs of
your head are all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.
32 “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my
Father in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in
heaven.

34 “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a
sword.
35 For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
36 and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.
37 “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or
daughter more than me is not worthy of me, 38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow
me is not worthy of me. 39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my
sake will find it.”

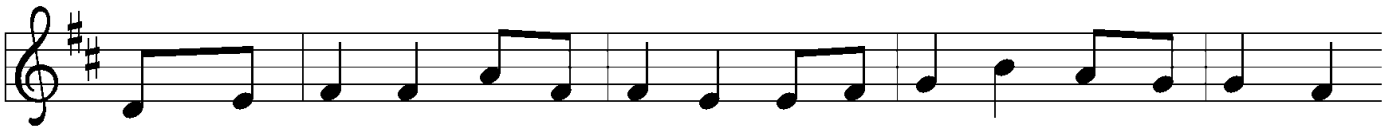
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Rick Egtvedt

HYMN OF THE DAY:

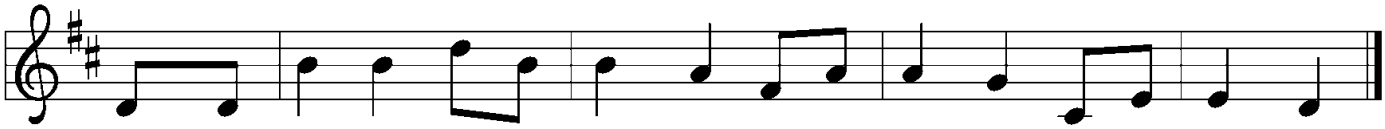
Children of the Heavenly Father

Truggare kan ingen vara



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.

nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune
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THE CREED
P: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**
P: Trusting you receive…. **C. Amen.**

Prayer Concern List:

Laurie	Linda	Sam	Ralph	Dave	Donna	Randy
Susie	Chris	Taichi	Lana	Ronny, Sr.	Sue	Mary
John	Donna	Patsy	Malachi	Bob & Pam	Bill	Mike
Andy	George	Gus	Jerry	Dave	Dan	Steve
Greg						

THE PEACE:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

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OFFERING PRAYER:

A: Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **C: Amen.**

MEAL

DIALOG:

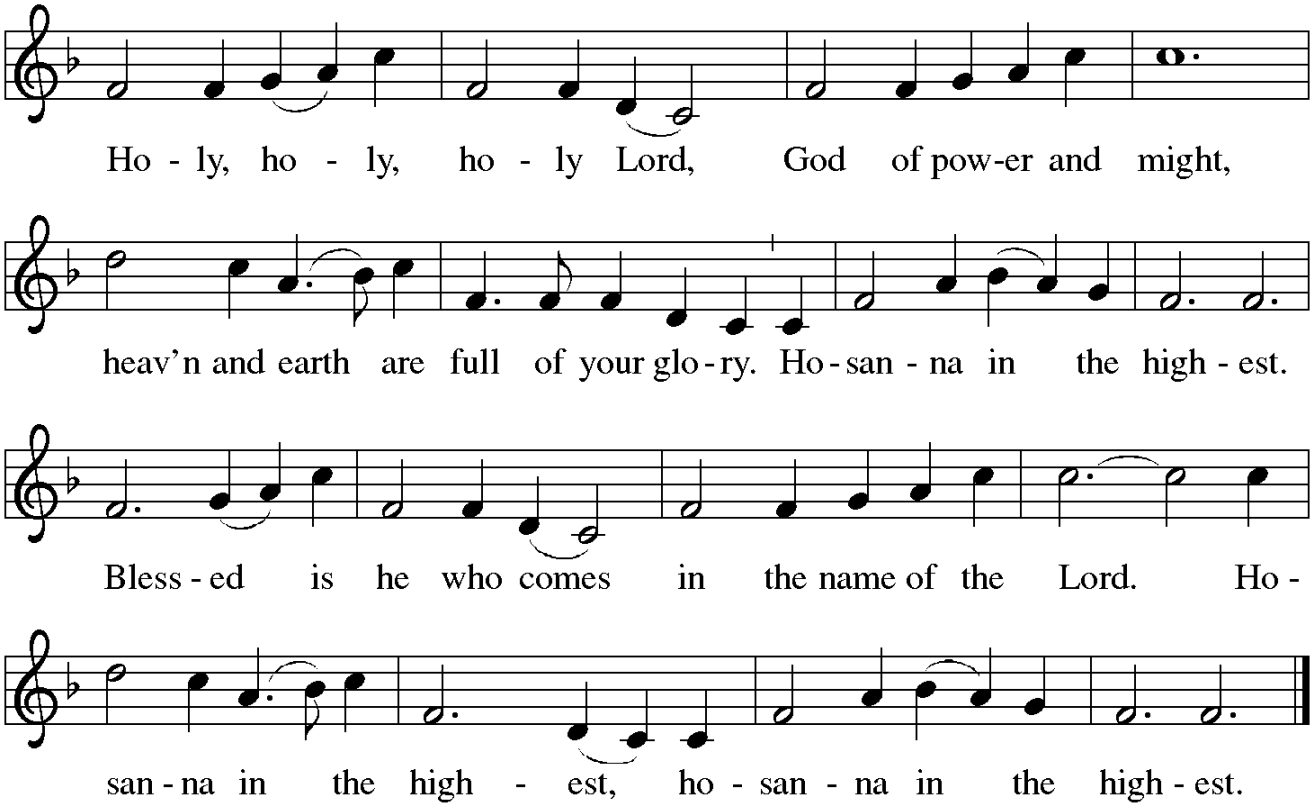
P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

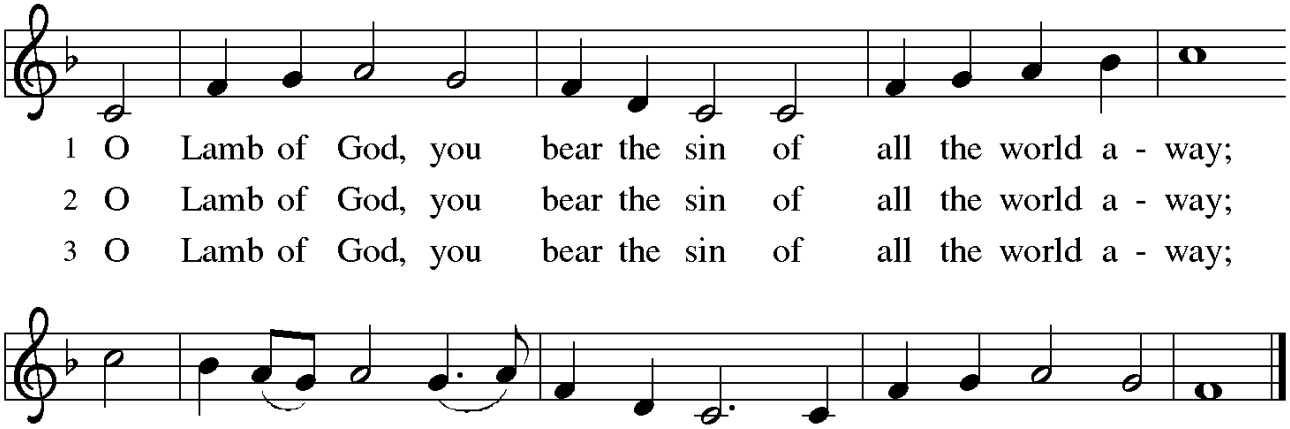
C: Amen.

P: Let us pray in confidence with the words our Lord taught us:

C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

iNVITATION:

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: "The Wonderful Cross" Beth Mankin

When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain, I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet?
Or thorns compose, so rich a crown

Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
All who gather here by grace, draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all

Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
All who gather here by grace, draw near and bless Your name

Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
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All who gather here by grace, draw near and bless Your name

Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all

It's the beauty and the shame
It's the glory and the name
Wonderful Cross
Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
All who gather here by grace, draw near and bless Your name
Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

A: Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen.

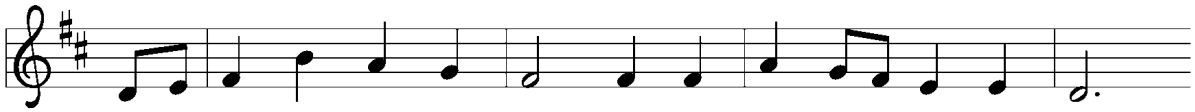
BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

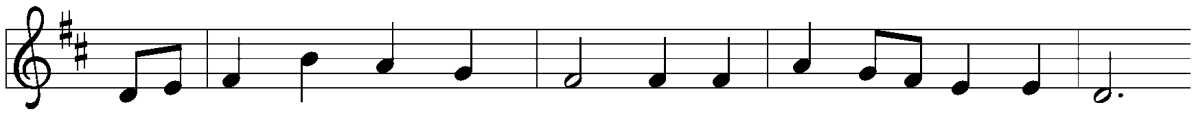
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

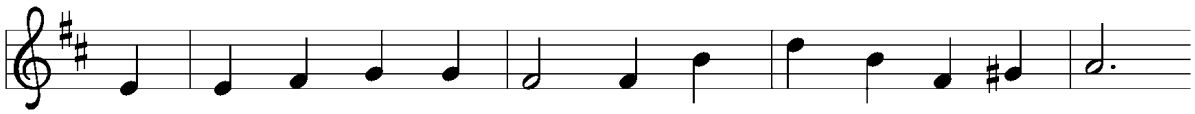
O Jesus, I Have Promised



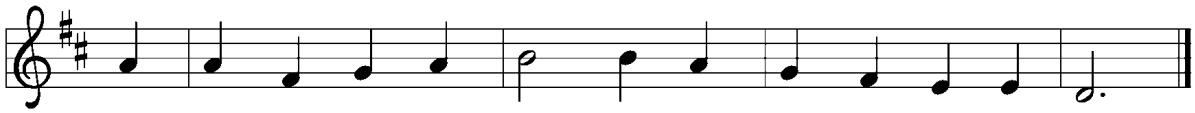
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard-ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

A: Let us remind ourselves of Shepherd of the Hills' Statement of Purpose:

C: God's purpose for Shepherd of the Hills is to live in witness to Jesus Christ, helping one another to experience God's life-changing love, proclaiming the Gospel, and welcoming the diverse community at Deep Creek Lake.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL:

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!