

Welcome to Trinity!

We rejoice in this opportunity to gather for worship in our sanctuary after having been prevented from doing so by COVID for so long! We know that some of you will feel more comfortable waiting for a bit longer to return in person. That's fine too! We will continue to rejoice in your presence with us virtually as you connect online!

Here at Trinity, we strive to follow our Lord Jesus in fully welcoming everyone into community. We seek to provide a place of true sanctuary in a world that too often offers judgment instead of grace and exclusion rather than embrace. As a Reconciling In Christ congregation, we rejoice to fully welcome LGBTQIA folks. We celebrate racial and ethnic diversity as a gift to the community. We seek to include those who are dealing with physical challenges and developmental disabilities. Beyond all this, we happily include people wherever they are on their faith journey, including seekers with deep doubts and questions, those who are new to the faith, and seasoned long-time believers.

In short, we believe that when Jesus commanded his followers to share the Gospel with ALL people – he meant it! Welcome!

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023

9:30 am

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Hearing Loop System in our Sanctuary....The Hearing Loop System in our Sanctuary allows for direct broadcast of the worship service to your hearing aid. We have two direct reception headsets available for those who have non-T-coil equipped hearing aids or no hearing aid at all. Our ushers are happy to assist you. We hope this enhancement is a blessing to you.

JOIN US FOR ONLINE WORSHIP

We continue to live-stream all of our services.

If you can't tune in for the live broadcast, or you want to go back and hear a part of the service again, you can access all of our previously recorded services archived on our website. www.trinityevanston.org with a link to our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEvanston/>

Gathering

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day
of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness: *(Stand as you are able)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **we confess that we have sinned.**

We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Amen.

P Righteous God,

C **we confess that we have sinned.**

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Amen.

P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: WP 22 "Bring Forth the Kingdom"

Verses



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt	for	the	King-dom	of	God!	Share	the	fla - vor	of
Light	for	the	Cit - y	of	God!	Shine	so	ho - ly	and
Bring	forth	the	King-dom	of	God!	Seeds	of	mer - cy	and
Bound	for	the	King-dom	of	God!	Love	our	jour - ney	and



life,	O	peo - ple:	Life	in	the	King-dom	of	God!
bright,	O	peo - ple:	Shine	for	the	King-dom	of	God!
seeds	of	jus - tice,	Grow	in	the	King-dom	of	God!
love	our	home - land:	Love	is	the	King-dom	of	God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

Greeting:

P The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Canticle of Praise: "This Is the Feast"



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. _____



☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and



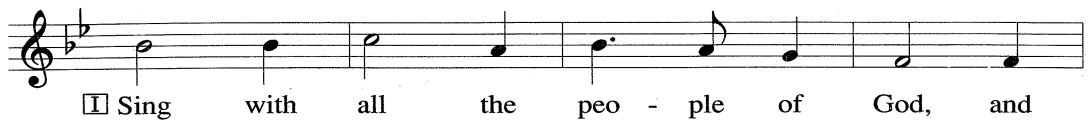
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



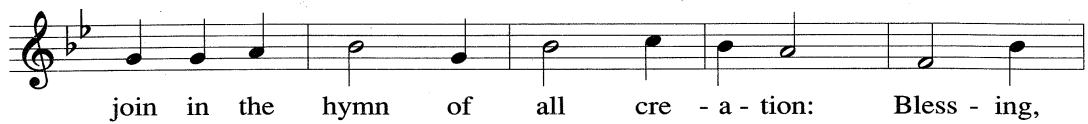
☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. _____



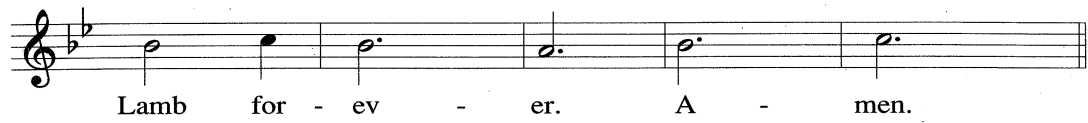
I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and




join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing,



hon - or, glo - ry and might be to God and the



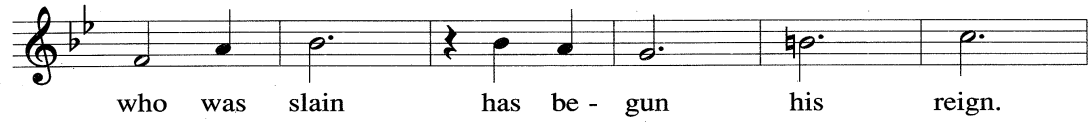
Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.




☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. III For the Lamb



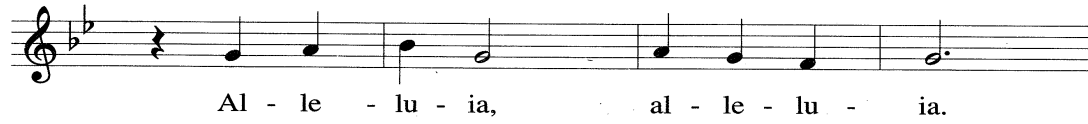
who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! *rit.*

Prayer of the Day:

P Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

Word for the Children

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: Psalm 86:11-17 (*Read responsively*)

L ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

C **¹²I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.**

L ¹³For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

C **¹⁴O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.**

L ¹⁵But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

C **¹⁶Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl.**

L ¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Gospel Acclamation: *(Stand)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? _____

You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia. _____

P The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

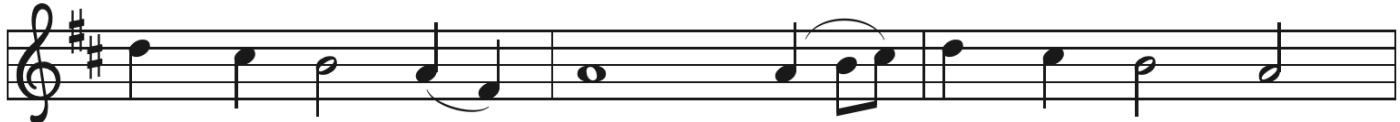
C **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated.

Sermon



1 The reign of God, like farm - er's field, bears
 2 The reign of God is like a pearl on
 3 Though hid - den now, the reign of God may,
 4 Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God from
 5 The reign of God is come in Christ; the



weeds a - long with wheat; the good and bad are
 bar - ren land con - cealed. If once you find that
 yet un - no - ticed, grow; from deep with - in it
 ti - ny seed will spread, till birds of ev - 'ry
 reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,



in - ter - twined till har - vest is com - plete.
 pre - cious pearl, go out and buy that field.
 ris - es up, like yeast in swell - ing dough.
 feath - er come to nest, and there be fed.
 kin - dling hearts, the reign of God is here!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
 Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816

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 Christian church, the communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession:

P Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

Peace



Please be seated.

Announcements

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Raised to new life, filled with the Holy Spirit, and gifted richly by God, we respond with joy and thanksgiving for all that God has first given us.

If you are joining us virtually, you may share your offerings by mailing your checks to the church office or by using your bank's bill-pay system. If you would rather, you can use our Vanco online giving option. Here's the link to the secure site: bit.ly/TLCgives22 Or scan this QR code:

However it is that you share your offerings, we thank you for your faithful financial support of the ministry we share!

Offertory

Stand as you are able.

Setting the Table:

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a 3/8 time signature. It begins with a 3-measure rest, indicated by a large '3' above the staff. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, — and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. — Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, — and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come. —".

3

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— and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. —

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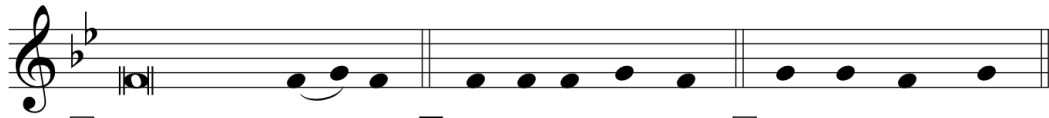
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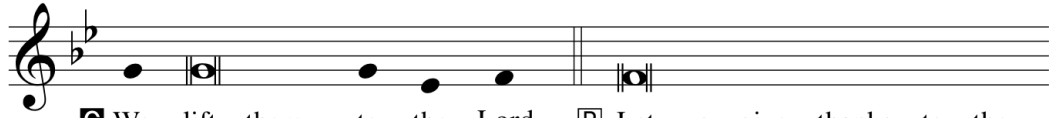
Offering Prayer:

- A God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

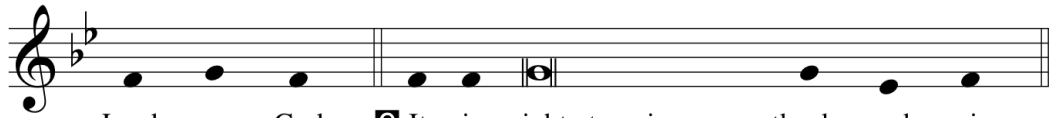
Great Thanksgiving:



☐ The Lord be with you; ☑ and al-so with you. ☐ Lift up your hearts;

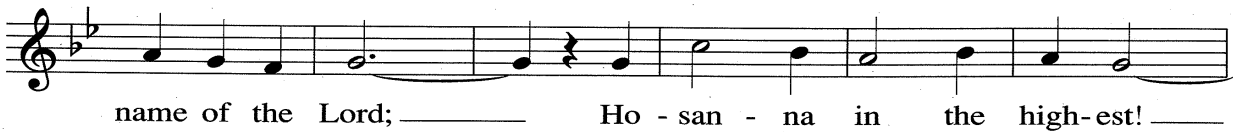
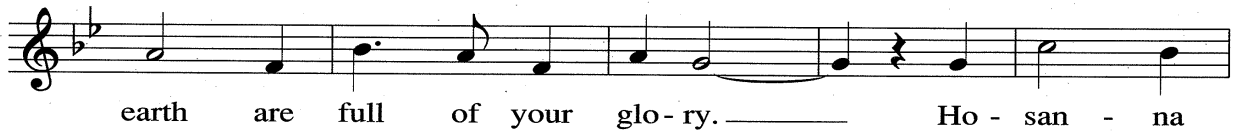
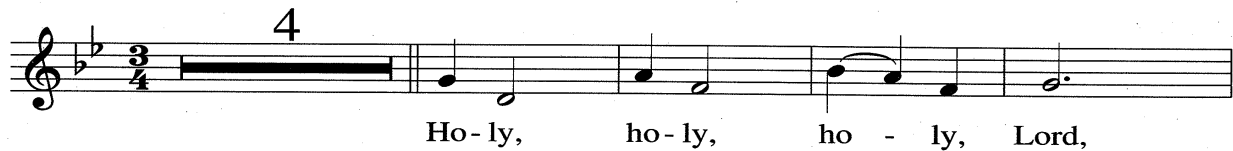


☑ We lift them to the Lord. ☐ Let us give thanks to the



Lord, our God. ☑ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



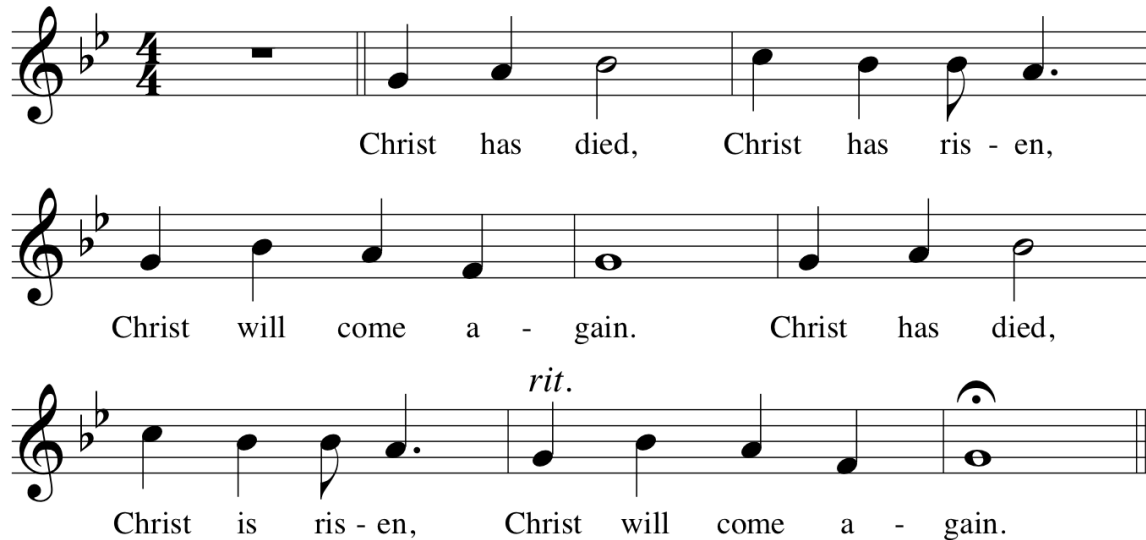
Thanksgiving at the Table:

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.

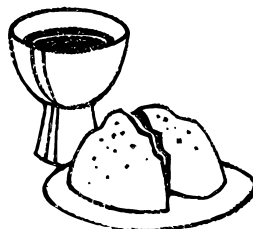
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
this cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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



Christ has died, Christ has risen,
Christ will come again. Christ has died,
rit.
Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

P 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;



P Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Ho-ly Spirit, all
 glory and honor are yours, al - might - y Father, now —
 and — for - ev - er. A - men,
 A - men, A - men! A - men,
 A - men, A - men!

Text: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, © 1978, Augsburg Fortress
 Music: *Holy Communion: Creation Setting*; Marty Haugen; © 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Lord's Prayer

Please pray the language of your heart.

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom,
 the power, and the glory
 are yours, now and forever.
 Amen.**

Invitation to Communion:

P All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

*We rejoice to share this holy meal with all baptized believers.
Children not yet receiving communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Please be seated.

Communion Instruction

You are invited to come forward via the center aisle at the direction of the ushers.
Pastor will distribute the bread, and a deacon will distribute the wine in individual, recyclable plastic cups.
Communicants will take a cup from the tray and will dispose of it in the basket provided before returning to their seat via the side aisle.

Gluten free wafers are available. **Grape juice** is located in the inner circle of the tray.

If you are unable to come to the altar and would like to receive communion, please tell an usher and communion will be brought to you.

For those who prefer to remain in the pew, individual communion sets containing grape juice are available in the narthex as people enter.

Lamb of God:

2 2

Je - sus, Lamb of God; _____ you take a - way the

sin of the world, _____ have mer - cy on _____ us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God; _____ you

take a - way the sin of the world:

grant us your _____ peace.


Music during Communion:

ELW, No. 465 "As the Grains of Wheat"


Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



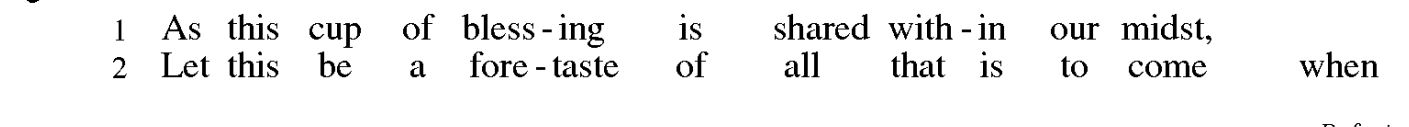
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,



2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen



"Beauty for Brokenness"



1 Beau - ty for bro - ken - ness, hope for de - spair:
 2 Shel - ter for fra - gile lives, cures for their ills,
 3 Ref - uge from cru - el wars, ha - vens from fear,
 4 Rest for the rav - aged earth, o - ceans and streams,
 5 Light - en our dark - ness, breathe on this flame,



Lord, in the suf - fer - ing this is our prayer.
 work for the crafts - men, trade for their skills;
 cit - ies for sanc - tu - a - ry, free - doms to share;
 plun - dered and poi - soned, our fu - ture, our dreams.
 un - til your jus - tice burns bright - ly a - gain;



Bread for the chil - dren, jus - tice, joy, peace;
 land for the dis - pos - sessed, rights for the weak,
 peace to the kill - ing fields, scorched earth to green,
 Lord, end our mad - ness, care - less - ness, greed;
 un - til the na - tions learn of your ways,

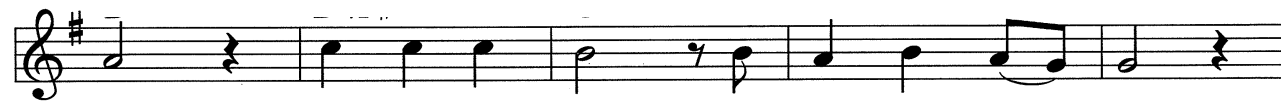


sun - rise to sun - set your king - dom in - crease.
 voic - es to plead the cause of those who can't speak.
 Christ for the bit - ter - ness, his cross for the pain.
 make us con - tent with the things that we need.
 seek your sal - va - tion, and bring you their praise.

Refrain



God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us com - pas - sion, we



pray; melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.



Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

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Prayer after Communion:

- A Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord..
- C Amen.

Sending

Blessing: *(Stand)*

P The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn: ELW, No. 679....."For the Fruit of All Creation"

<p>1 Melody: 2 Harmony: 3 Melody:</p>	<p>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 is done. 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.</p>
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<p>For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God. In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.</p>

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

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

Dismissal:

A Go in peace. Share the harvest.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Christus Paradox

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd,
You, Lord, are both prince and slave
You, peacemaker and sword bringer,
Of the way you took and gave.
You the everlasting instant;
You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,
Stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory,
Beggared by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant,
You, who are both gift and cost!

You, who walk each day beside us,
Sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
Have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and victory.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You the everlasting instant
You, who are our death and life. Alleluia!

*Text written by United Church of Canada pastor and
hymn-writer Sylvia Dunstan, who says she was inspired by
the writings of the Lutheran writer Søren Kierkegaard.*



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