



Prelude & Confession

P: Let us confess our sins together with one voice:

C: O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen: Your great love has given us not only a place, but a position of power and responsibility in creation. When we use our power to our benefit but forsake our responsibility to

care for what you have given us, forgive us. When we do not take notice of creation's beauty and majesty but take it for granted and scar what you have made, have mercy upon us. When our human hubris and competition estranges us from other life so that we give anything but ourselves little consideration, grant us your peace. Creator God, hear our prayer.

A: We join with the earth and with each other.

**C: To bring new life to the land.
To restore the waters.
To refresh the air.**

P: We join with the earth and with each other.

**C: To renew the forests.
To care for the plants.
To protect the creatures.**

A: We join with the earth and with each other.

**C: To celebrate the seas.
To rejoice in the sunlight.
To sing the song of the stars.**

P: We join with the earth and with each other.

**C: To recall our destiny.
To renew our spirits.
To reinvigorate our bodies.**

A: We join with the earth and with each other.

**C: All to create the human community.
To promote justice and peace.
To remember our children.**

P: Hear our earnest commitment to mend our ways and joyfully accept our responsibility as your stewards and the discipline it requires. Support us in our striving. Forgive us in our faltering. C: Amen.

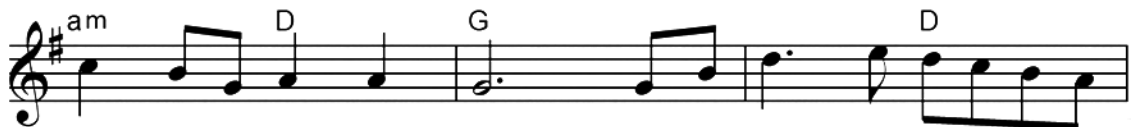
Entrance Hymn



1. O God, Cre - a - tor of ___ all things, the earth be - longs to
 2. You move, O Lord, in mi - ghty wind; your ri - vers e - ver
 3. We thank you, Lord, for neigh - bors' lands that grow or - gan - ic
 4. You give us minds to use ___ for you and hands to ___ lift in



you! In love, you place it in ___ our ___ hands and
 run. The earth con - tains great heat with - in; there's
 food, For co - op stores and pro - duce stands that
 prayer; You make us strong, cre - a - tive, too, for



give us ___ work to do. "Take care of what is ___
 po - wer ___ in the sun. Cre - a - tion holds great
 seek the ___ com - mon good, For ___ bi - king trails that
 your cre - a - tion's care. As ___ we re - cy - cle ___



mine!" you say. "Build up and don't de - stroy." When
 en - er - gy that's plen - ti - ful and clean. May
 clear ___ the ___ air, and trees that clean it, too, For
 and ___ con - serve and ad - vo - cate and pray, May



we find cou - rage to ___ o - bey, your earth is ___ filled with joy.
 we find in your gifts ___ the key to keep cre - a - tion green.
 gar - den plots that neigh - bors share, for all who work for you.
 all we do show thanks and love for what you give each day.

Easter Greeting

A: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

A: The grace of our victorious and risen Lord, the love of our God who raised him and the communion of the Holy Spirit which he gives to us be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray:

C: Loving God, you spoke into the darkness and disorder and created the intricate systems that sustain life on this planet. As you breathed life into humanity and we lived, inspire us to continually breathe life back into all creation, celebrating its goodness, fulfilling our role, and humbly keeping our proper place in your plan for all that you have made. We pray this in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

First Lesson

Proverbs 8

The Lord created me at the beginning of the Lord's work,
the first of the Lord's acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths, I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth--
when the Lord had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When the Lord established the heavens, I was there,
when the Lord drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when the Lord made firm the skies above,
when the Lord established the fountains of the deep,
when the Lord assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress the Lord's command,
when the Lord marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily the Lord's delight,

rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in the Lord's inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.
And now, my children, listen to me:
happy are those who keep my ways.
Hear instruction and be wise,
and do not neglect it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have given wise council,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of us,
mere mortals, that you care for us?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion
over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Lesson

James 5

Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you. Your riches have rotted, and your clothes are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you, and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up "treasure" for the last days. Listen! The wages of the laborers who

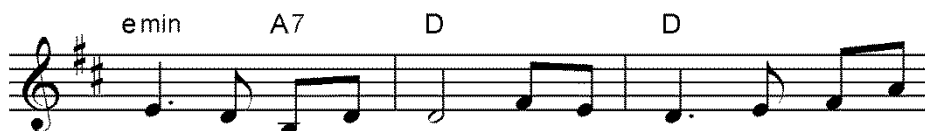
mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the righteous one, who does not resist you. Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the returning of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the returning of the Lord is near.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

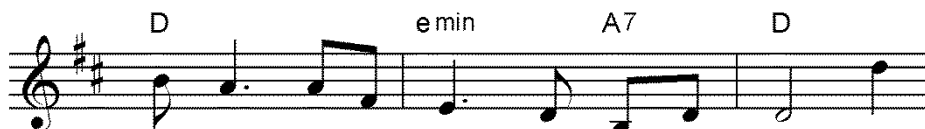
Verse



O God, whose Word well plant-ed
 O God of seed and har-vest, Of
 O God, your fin - al har-vest Of



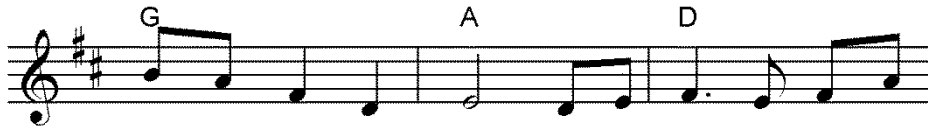
fruit a hun-dred fold, We - praise your grac-es
 sun and soil and rain, At-tend the Word we -
 his - t'ry's an-cient field Will test with Truth the



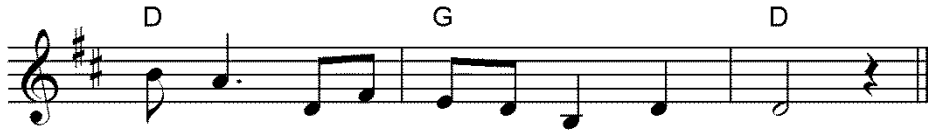
grant-ed To - those who sowed of old, Who
 sow lest Its plant - ing be in vain. Send
 proud-est That hu - man work can yield. Op -



by their wit - ness scat-tered Good
 show - ers of your Spir - it, Bright
 pres - sion's blight will van-ish, Fair



seed up - on the soil Where oth - ers, reap-ing,
sun - shine of your Grace, That mul - ti - tudes who
free-dom's fruits in - crease; And love and joy wil



gath-ered The - har-vest of their toil.
hear it Your Gos-pel may em - brace.
flour-ish To cloth the earth with peace.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

John 10

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd interposes his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not being a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees the wolf come and releases the sheep and flees and the wolf snatches them and scatters them - because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. I am the good Shepherd. I know those who are mine, and those who are mine know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the Father - and I interpose my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not out of this courtyard that it is necessary for me to lead, and they will heed my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me - because I interpose my life in order that I may take it again. No one takes it up from me, but I interpose it myself. I hold the authority to interpose it, and I hold the authority to take it again. This commandment I have taken from my Father."

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

Sermon

F C F dmin F

1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly

C F C F F

signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
 known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with
 spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
 with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by

dmin F C F C F

light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
 air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
 dove, make known on earth praise your heal - ing love.
 grace un - til we praise you face to face.

Apostles Creed 8:30/Baptism 11:00

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 the Church & Offertory Offering & Offertory



As saints of old their fir-st fru-its brought of or - cha-rd, flock, and
A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and
In gra - ti-tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to -



field to God the gi - ver of all good, the
give; to make our life an off - er - ing that
day, to serve your cause and sha-re your love with



source of boun-teous yield; so we to - day our
oth - ers too may live. The Church of Christ is
all hu - man - i - ty. O God, who gave your -



fir - st fru-its bring: the wealth of this good land, of
call - ing us to make the dream come true: a
self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son, teach



farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.
world re-deemed, your king - dom come, all life in Christ made new.
us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and responsible . . . And so with all the heavenly choirs and all the saints of every time and every place, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Cantor



Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the
High on his throne sat the might - y Lord, and his
O what a sight it was to see and



scrip - tures do re - cord, I -
robes flowed through the hall. And
O what a sound to hear! The



sa - iah to the tem - ple came to
six - wing - ed an - gels flew a bove I -
tem - ple door - posts shook and quaked and



see the ho - ly Lord.
sa - iah heard them call.
smoke was in the air!

Congregation



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, His



glo - ry fills the whole - wide - earth, God of pow - er and might.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God . . .

The Lord's Prayer

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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (one sharp) and 9/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. Chords are indicated above the staff: D, am, em, bm, em, C, am, D, em, D, am, em, C, D, am, D. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words split across lines.

O Lamb of God, to earth you came To
O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, To
save us all from grief and shame. Shorn
us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. You
of your life up - on the tree You
save the world from all its sin. Lord,
hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
give to us your peace. A - men.

Distribution Hymns

em C G D em am D

1 If Christ had not been raised from death our faith would be in vain,
 2 If Christ still lay with - in the tomb then death would be the end,
 3 If Christ had not been tru - ly raised his church would live a lie:

em C G D em am em

our preach - ing but a waste of breath, our sin and guilt re - main.
 and we should face our fi - nal doom with nei - ther guide nor friend.
 his name should nev - er - more be praised, his words de - serve to die.

bm em am G em C D

But now the Lord is risen in - deed; he rules in earth and heaven:
 But now the Sav - ior is raised up, so when a Chris - tian dies
 But now our great Re - deem - er lives; through him we are re - stored:

em C G D em am em

his Gos - pel meets a world of need—in Christ we are for - given.
 we mourn, yet look to God in hope—in Christ the saints a - rise!
 his word en - dures, his church re - vives in Christ, our ris - en Lord.

I'm pres-sing on the up - ward way, New heights I'm
My heart has no de - sire to stay Where doubts a -
I want to live a - bove the world, Though Sa - tan's
I want to scale the ut - most height And catch a

gain - ing ev - 'ry day; Still pray - ing as I'm on - ward
rise and fears dis - may; Though some may dwell where those a -
darts at me are hurled; For faith has caught the joy - ful
gleam of glo - ry bright; But still I'll pray till Heav'n I've

bound, "Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground." Lord, lift me
bound, My prayer, my aim, is high - er ground.
sound, The song of saints on high - er ground.
found, "Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."

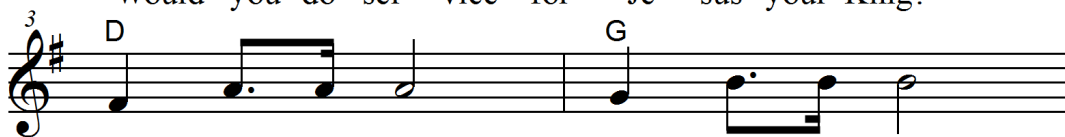
up and let me stand, By faith, on Heav - en's ta - ble

land, A high - er plane than I have found; Lord, plant my

feet on high - er ground.



Would you be free from the bur - den of sin? There's
Would you be free from your pas - sion and pride?
Would you do ser - vice for Je - sus your King?



pow'r in the blood, Pow'r in the blood;



Would you o'er e - vil a vic - to - ry win? There's
Come for a cleans - ing in Cal - va - ry's tide?
Would you live dai - ly His prais - es to sing?



won - der - ful pow'r in the blood. There is pow'r, pow'r



won - der work - ing pow'r in the blood of the



Lamb; There is pow'r, pow'r won - der work - ing pow'r in the



pre - cious blood of the Lamb!

Post Communion Canticle



O Lord of the blos-som, O God of the seed, O
O Lord of the har-vest, O God of the feast, Where



gra-cious pro-vi - der for all hu-man need, You have nour-ished our
sor-rows are van-quished and joys are in-creased, Where the tree of life



faith at your ta - ble of grace, And nur - tured new life in the
grows in your or-chards a - bove, We'll join in the cho-rus in



light of your face. O Lord of the grain-field, O God of the
praise of your love. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, Sing praise to the



vine, You've fed us your pres-ence in bread and in wine. In com-
Son, Sing praise to the Spir - it. Praise God, Three in One! You have



mun - ion you've blest to us ar-bor and plow, and shown us the
made us one peo - ple you've fed by the hand, O Lord of the



Gos - pel, your Word for us now.
heav-ens, O God of the land.

Post Communion Prayer & Benediction & Recessional



1. At the dawn-ing of cre - a - tion, God, you spoke, "Let there be light!"
2. By your word, you formed cre - a - tion: dry land, wa - ter, o - cean breeze.
3. When you made us as your child-ren, send-ing us through-out your lands,
4. At this joy - ful cel - e - bra-tion, may we hear your word a - new:



You di - vid - ed earth from hea-ven, you cre - a - ted day and night.
Soon there burst forth ve - ge - ta - tion, plants with fruit, ma - jes - tic trees.
You com-man-ded, "Have do - min-ion, care for earth; it's in your hands."
May we care for your cre - a - tion, know - ing it's a trust from you.



You made sun - beams dance with sha-dows, you cre - a - ted en - er - gy!
Rain and snow and chang-ing sea - sons, crea - tures fill-ing land and sea.
Yet we hurt this world you've giv - en; we harm earth and sky and sea.
Just as dail - y there's a dawn-ing, bring - ing light to all we see,



Peace - ful eve-nings, bright to - mor-rows, all be - gan with "Let there be..."
God, your ver - y good cre - a - tion all be - gan with "Let there be..."
We for - get it's your cre - a - tion, you, who once said "Let there be..."
So we dail - y hear your call - ing, you, who once said, "Let there be..."

Dismissal A: *Go in peace!* C: *Serve the Lord!*

Today we welcome into the Christian faith, through the sacrament of Baptism, Bryson Robert Landsman, son of Michael & Carissa Landsman.



Sunday, April 19

Earth Day Celebration

Last Day to RSVP for April Dining Out Gathering

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes

Monday, April 20

10:00 a.m. Art Schroder Funeral

Tuesday, April 21

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - hybrid

3:00 p.m. Bible Study 101 Lite w/ Pastor Chris

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - online

Wednesday, April 22

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 23

6:30 p.m. Grace Dining Out @ Four Brothers

Saturday, April 25

11:00 a.m. Repair Café in the fellowship hall

Sunday April 26

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

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