

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FULL TEXT

Creation Season\*

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

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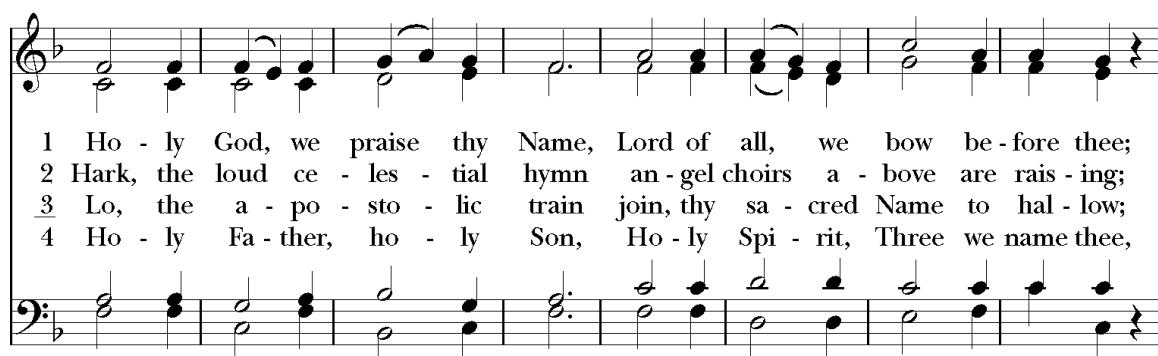
## PRELUDE

*Chorale Prelude on "Melcombe" – C.H.H. Parry (1848 – 1918)*

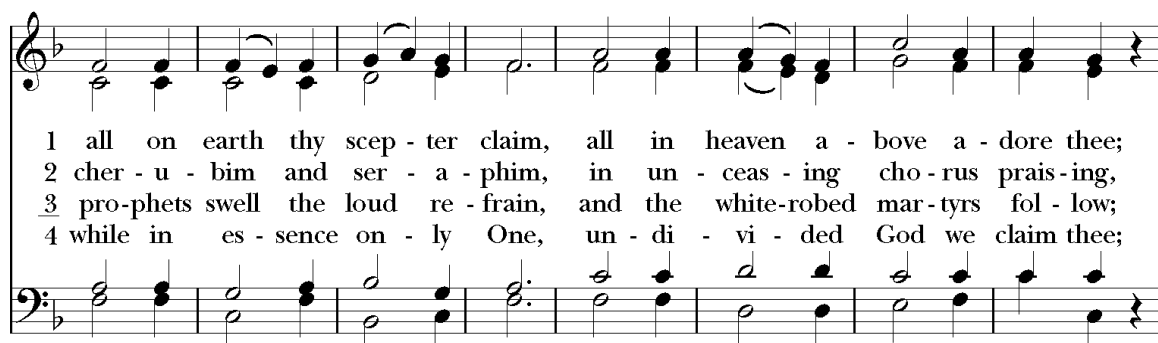
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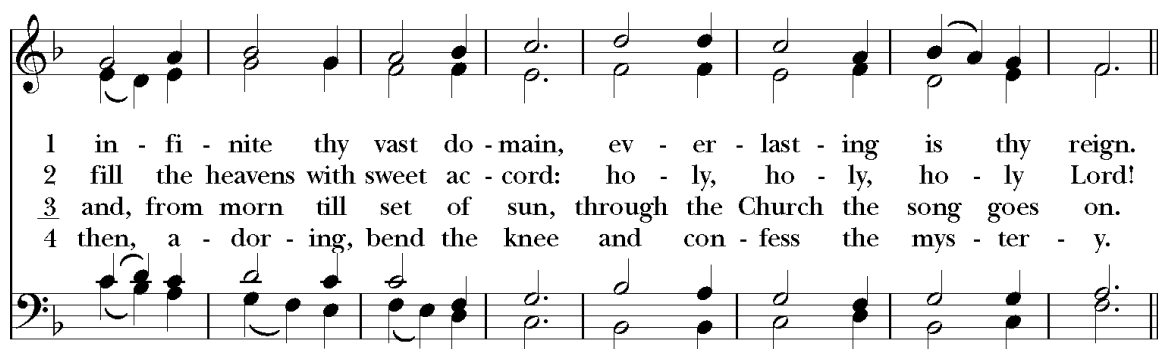
*\*St. Paul's joins Christians around the world in celebrating the Season of Creation, which goes through October 4, the Feast of St. Francis. Born in the Orthodox Church in 1989 and now shared by the Roman Catholic Church and many Protestant denominations, this season calls us to expand our worship and prayer so they reflect the whole Gospel for the whole world. The Episcopal Church has named the climate crisis "an all-encompassing social crisis and moral emergency," and we feel its weight in disrupted seasons and disrupted lives. And yet the ground of our response is not fear but love: a world made good, given into our keeping, and cherished by God before it was ever entrusted to us. In these weeks we return to wonder—learning again to see creation as gift, so that our care for it grows from delight rather than duty, and our worship forms us to cherish what God so plainly loves.*



1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;  
 2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;  
 3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,



1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;  
 2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,  
 3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;  
 4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;



1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.  
 2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.  
 4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.

Words: Para. the *Te Deum*, Sts. 1–4, Ignaz Franz (1719–1790), tr. Clarence Walworth (1820–1900).

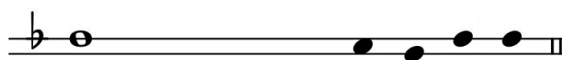
Music: *Grosser Gott*, melody from *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1686; alt. *Cantante*, 1851; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944), after Conrad Kocher (1786–1872)

# OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The Celebrant intones*

Blessed be the God of all creation.

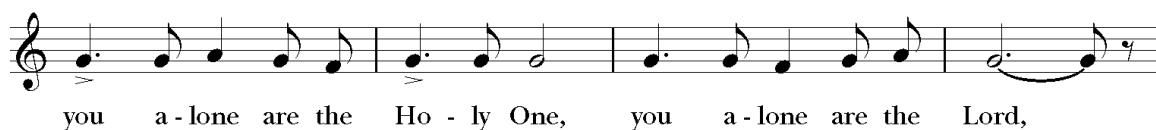
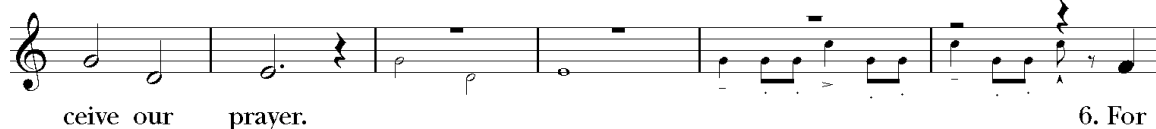
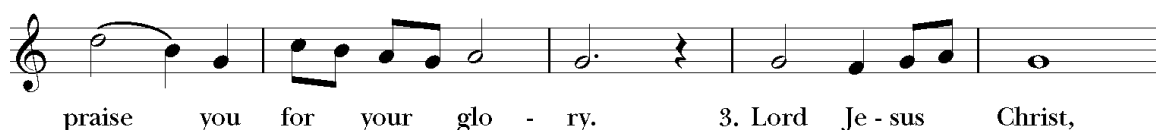
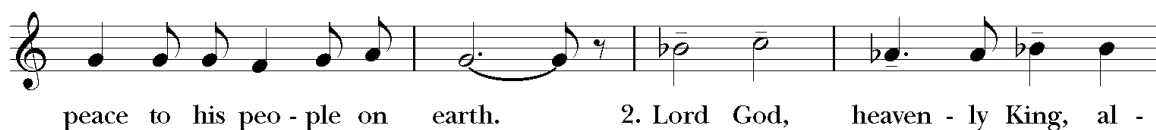
*The People respond*



Glory to God for - ev - er and ev - er.

## GLORIA

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7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of

God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Title: Canticale 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*  
 Music: William Mathias (b. 1934)

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day.*

God of hidden and unhurried grace,  
 you bring to fullness what you have begun,  
 and in your time make all things flower;  
 give us patience for your slow and certain work,  
 that we may trust the growing to you,  
 and wait in hope for its harvest;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE LESSON *seated*

*Isaiah 55:6-13*

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

*At 9:00am, the first verse is intoned by the Cantor, then by all on this tone*  
*At 11:00am, the Psalm is sung by the Choir*

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it | very plenteous; \*



the river of God is | full of water.

You pre-|pare the grain, \*  
 for so you provide | for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges; \*  
 with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.

You crown the year | with your goodness, \*  
 and your paths over-|flow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing, \*  
 and the hills be | clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
 and the valleys cloak them-|selves with grain; \*  
 let them shout for | joy and sing.

Setting: C.V. Stanford

## THE EPISTLE

*2 Corinthians 9:6-10*

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

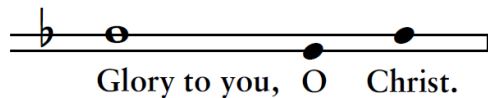
the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;  
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;  
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.  
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!  
thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Words: Anon. 1625; tr. Theodore Baker (1851–1934)

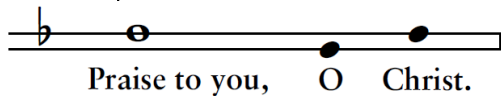
Music: Kremser, from *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Eduard Kremser (1838–1914)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

*The Rev. Edrice Veichweg  
Deacon*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH     *standing*

*Nicene Creed*

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, She\* is worshipped and glorified.

She 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.

*\*Holy Spirit in biblical languages is a feminine-gendered word,  
and we use the feminine pronoun here to highlight that aspect of God's fullness.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We pray for:*

THE GOODNESS OF CREATION

THOSE IN AUTHORITY IN THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD

THOSE WHO MINISTER IN CHRIST'S NAME

THE SUFFERING AND GRIEF-STRICKEN

THE NEEDS OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

OUR OWN PERSONAL NEEDS

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

*The Deacon says:*

Let us pray for the world God has made and given us to tend, and for one another within it.

The earth is yours, O God.

**And all who dwell within it.**

*Members of the congregation offer the prayers, and we repeat the prayer in **bold**, above.*

*The Celebrant prays the concluding collect.*

For the earth in its fullness: the seas and all that moves in them, the birds of the air and the beasts of the field, all things that grow, and for our care of what we cannot replace.

The earth is yours, O God.

**And all who dwell within it.**

For the Church, that we would love the world as you love it, and not mistake using it for keeping it.

The earth is yours, O God.

**And all who dwell within it.**

For those who hold power over land and water and air, that they would answer to the generations not yet born, and to the creatures who have no voice.

The earth is yours, O God.

**And all who dwell within it.**

For this town and the ground it stands on, for our homes and our work, our neighbors and our rest.

The earth is yours, O God.

**And all who dwell within it.**

For the sick and the suffering, the lonely and the afraid, and for all who wake today to more than they can carry, that they would know they are not alone in it.

Please add your own prayers, aloud or in silence.

The earth is yours, O God.

**And all who dwell within it.**

For all who have died and have entered the fullness of their rest in you, and for all those who mourn.

Please add your own prayers, aloud or in silence.

The earth is yours, O God.

**And all who dwell within it.**

*The Celebrant concludes:*

Receive our prayers, O God, and keep us grounded in the world you have made, that we may rejoice to belong to it, and be faithful stewards of all you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with those around you.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*seated*

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11:00am*

Teach me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood (1765 – 1838)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,  
and I will keep them unto the end.

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*

Hymn 400

1. How shall I sing thy ma - jes - ty which an - gels thy  
2. Thy bright - ness un - to them ap - pears, whilst I thy  
3. How great a be - ing, Lord, is thine, which doth all  
do ad - mire? Let dust in dust and si - lence  
foot - steps trace; A sound of God comes to my  
be - ings keep! Thy know - ledge is the on - ly  
lie: Sing, sing, ye heaven' - ly choir. Thou - sands of  
ears, but they be - hold thy face. They sing be -  
line to sound so vast a deep. Thou art a  
thou - sands stand a - round Thy throne, O God most  
cause thou art their Sun, Lord, send a beam on  
sea with - out a shore, a sun with - out a  
high;  
me;  
sphere;  
Ten thou - sand times ten but thou - sand  
For where heav'n is but once be -  
Thy time is now and ev - er  
sound gun Thy there praise; al - but who am I?  
gun there al - but who am I?  
more, thy place is ev - 'ry where.

Words: John Mason (1645 – 1694)

Music: COE FEN, Ken Naylor © Oxford University Press

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The prayer continues until*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, Source of all Being, to give you thanks in every time and place. You spoke, and the light blazed forth; you made the earth and all its creatures and called them good. From the ground you raised us, made in your image; and though we turned our hands to harm, you did not abandon us, but came among us in the Word made flesh, who lived our life, and loved us to the end. Therefore with the ground and all it brings forth, with all creatures of your keeping, and with the whole company of heaven, we join the song of heaven as we sing:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

*The prayer continues until*

Holy and gracious God, in the fullness of time you gave us Jesus, to be born of Mary, to share our life, and to offer his life for the life of the world. On the night before he died for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, 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 to you, and said: "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Alive in him, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death, his rising, and his coming again, we offer you these gifts of your own creation, this bread of the earth, this cup of the vine; and we ask you to send your Abiding Spirit upon them, + that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ. Send your Spirit upon us, + that we may be renewed for the healing of your world.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Abiding Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Source of all Being, now and for ever. Amen.

*The prayer continues until*

*People*



A-men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

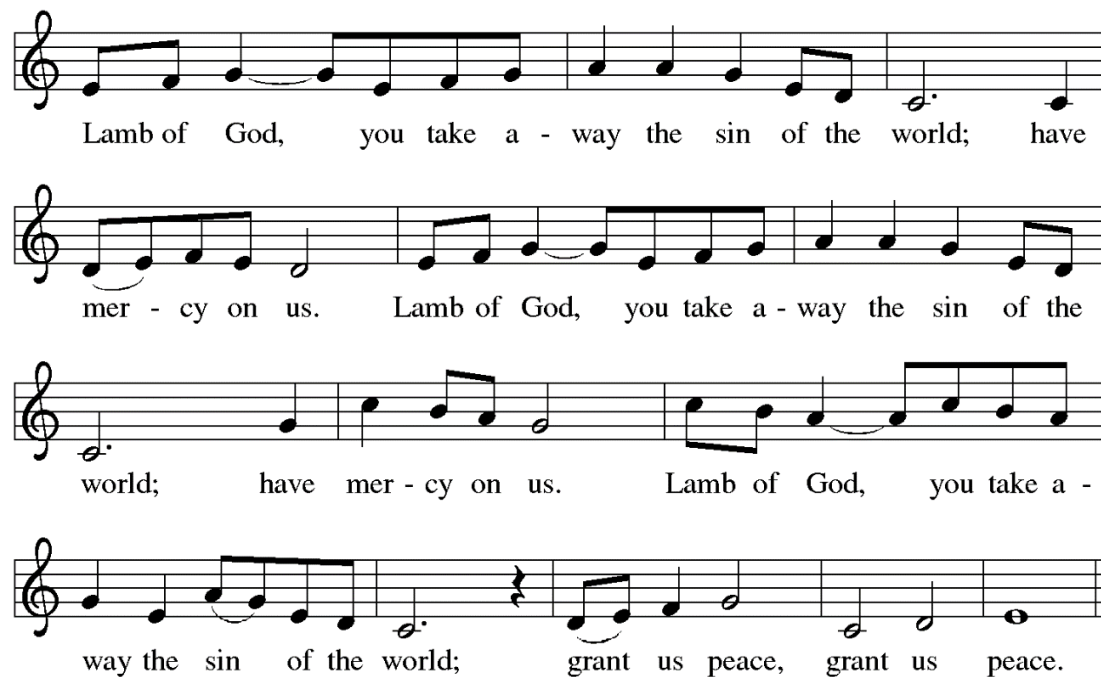
## THE COMMUNION

*The Celebrant breaks the bread and bids the People to Communion.*

These are the gifts of God for you, the People of God. Draw near in faith.

*Everyone is welcome to receive Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available upon request; non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. If you don't wish to drink from the chalice, you may simply touch its base when it is brought to you. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)*

*All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Setting: ELW Setting One S112

**MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY** *sung by the Choir at 11:00am*

### **Listen, Sweet Dove**

*Grayston Ives (b. 1948)*

Listen sweet dove unto my song And spread thy  
golden wings in me;  
Hatching my tender heart so long Till it get  
wing and flie away with thee.  
Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow That the  
earth did like a heaven appear,  
The starres were coming down to know If they  
might mend their wages and serve here.

The sunne which once did shine alone, Hung  
down his head and wisht for night  
When he beheld twelve sunnes for one Going  
about the world and giving light.  
Lord though we change thou art the same, The  
same sweet God of love and light;  
Restore this day for thy great name, Unto his  
ancient and miraculous right.

### **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together.

**God of abundance,**  
**you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;**  
**you have united us with Christ and one another;**  
**and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.**  
**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,**  
**that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world**  
**and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

[SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS]

*When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent out to bring the Sacrament to the sick or homebound, the Celebrant sends them out:*

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that *those* to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

*The People respond*

**We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.**

THE BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the People.*

May God, who made the world and called it good,  
and blessed it to our care,  
flow through you with its abundance;

And the blessing of God eternal,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains,  
bless you this day and always. Amen.

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!  
 \*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783–1826), alt.

Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876)

## THE SENDING

Go out into the world, rejoicing with all creation.

**Thanks be to God.**

***The feasting continues! –***

*with coffee, lemonade, cookies and conversation on the side lawn of the church.*

*Ask anyone near the front or rear doors and they will guide you there.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup> from 'Six Hymn-Preludes' – Percy Whitlock (1903 – 1946)*

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