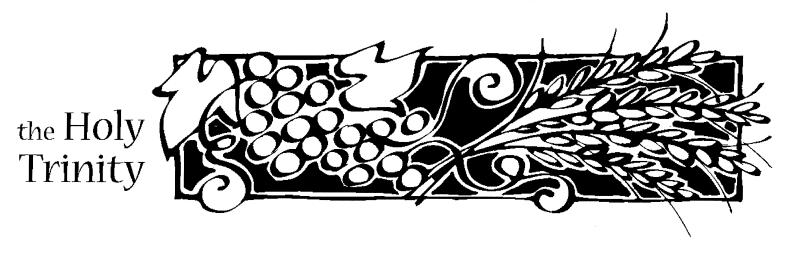


Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

June 4, 2023 11:00 a.m.



PRELUDE

Partita on HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

P. Post

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

God Sends Us the Spirit

NATOMAH

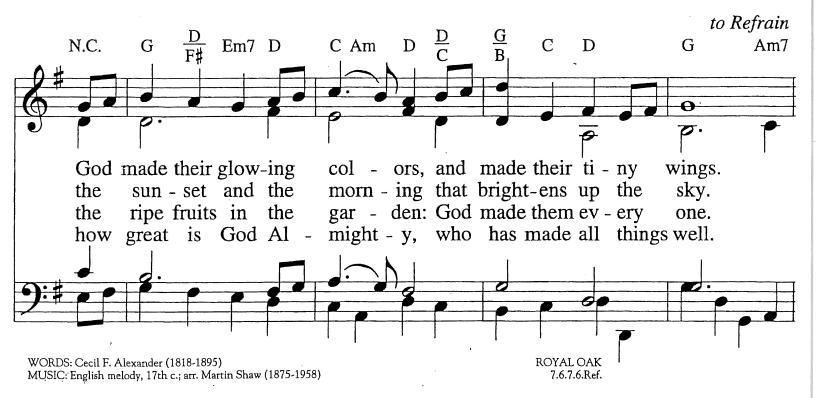
CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#30 All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK





*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Some ideas adapted from "The Penitential Rite" in the Anglican Book of Alternative Services, 46.)

Eternal Creator, Triune God,

You have created human beings in Your likeness and desire to be in a loving, covenant relationship with us.

Yet, O LORD, it does not take long for us to see that we have forgotten our identity and calling in You–that we have not kept our part of the Covenant, but still, You always provide the way to make things right.

So, we come before You most merciful God, to hear what You will say, and to confess our wrongdoing.

As we do, give us ears to hear, softened hearts, and a desire to turn back to You. O Holy Spirit, reveal to us how we as individuals, or as a congregation, have forgotten or chosen not to love the LORD our God first, and with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength . . .

LORD, we confess our wrongdoing.

In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, tell us things we have done or not done in thought, word, and deed, that have been unloving towards our neighbours and our enemies . . .

LORD, we confess our wrongdoing.

In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, remind us that we serve a just and holy God. Show us where we have chosen not to see, acknowledge, and act on behalf of those who are suffering the consequences of injustice . . .

LORD, we confess our wrongdoing.

In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Wondrous Creator, in Your grace You have entrusted us with caring for Your creation, but, Your word says that "all creation is groaning" and waiting for its redemption. Reveal to us what we have done or not done, that is harming Your creation and contributing to its groaning . . .

LORD, we confess our wrongdoing.

In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Faithful, covenant-making God, we acknowledge we have not been faithful to You, and so have dishonoured You before the world.

Grant us now, the will and strength to repent and turn back to You.

LORD, we confess our wrongdoing.

In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and Ever shall be, world without end. Amen

ANTHEM

Thou Art Holy

C. Courtney

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-25

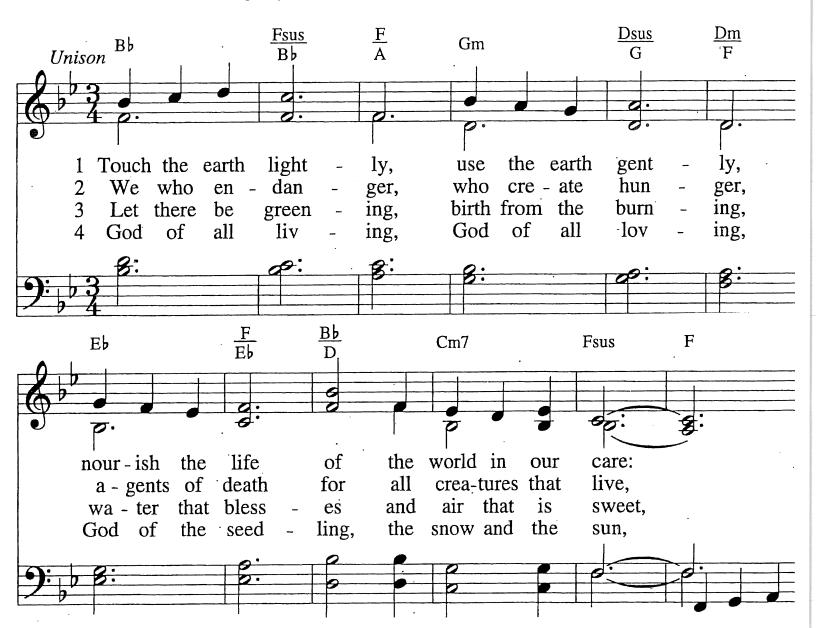
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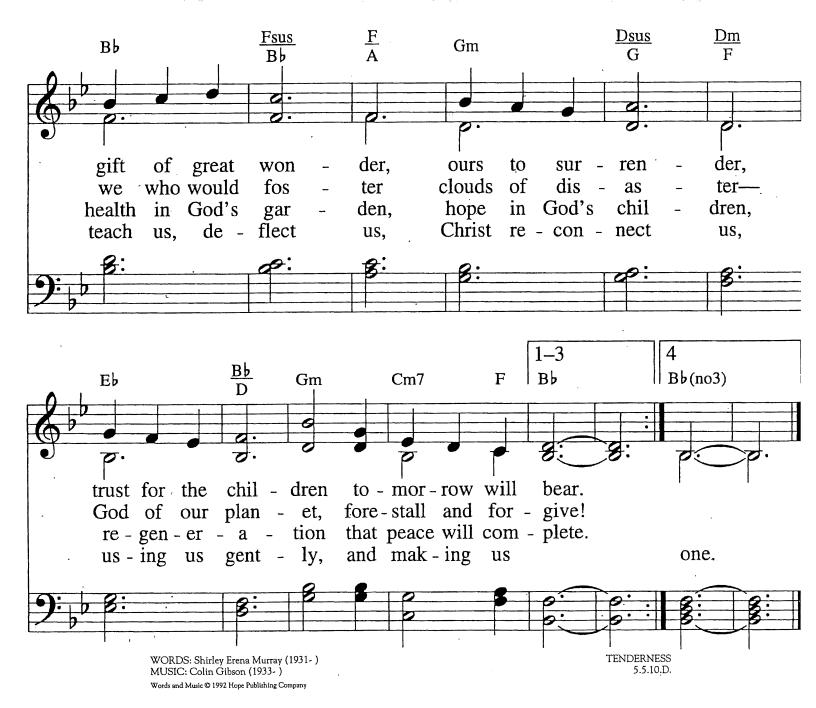
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#38 Touch the Earth Lightly

TENDERNESS





SECOND READING

Genesis 1:26-2:4

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

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SERMON

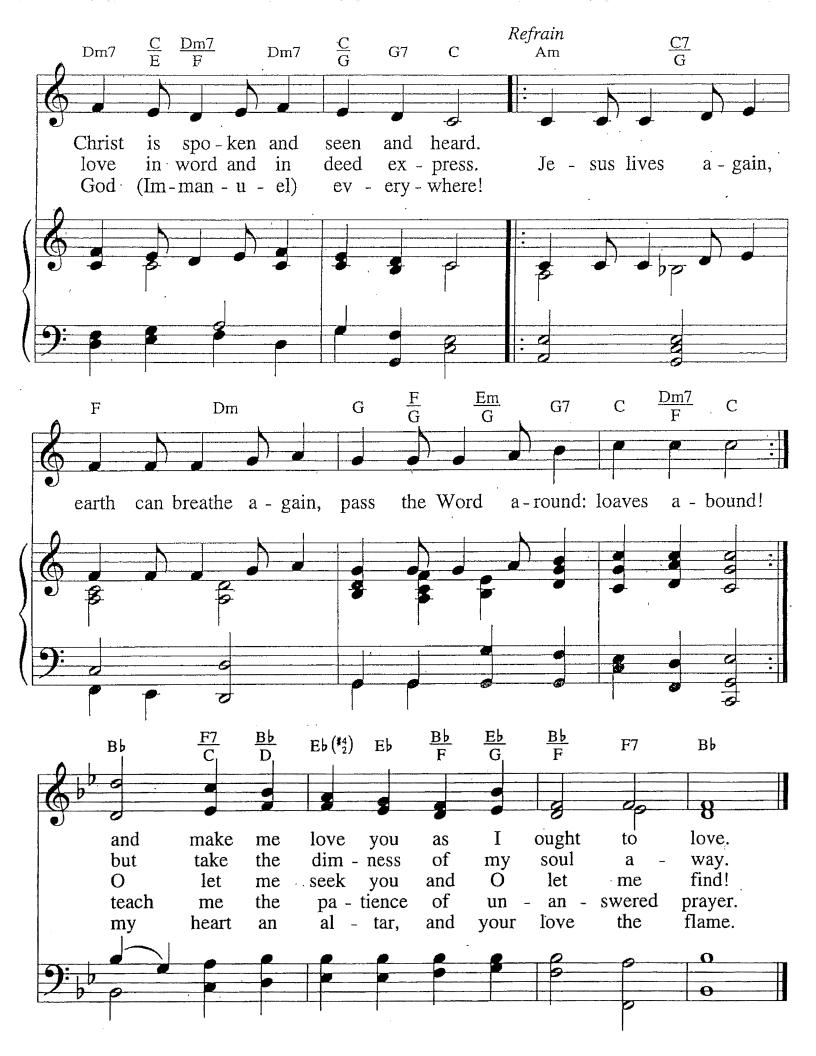
Dawn Stiles

*HYMN OF APPROACH #698 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

WORDS: Fred Kaan (1929-) MUSIC: Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter (1925-1980) Words and Music © 1975 Hope Publishing Company LINSTEAD L.M.Ref.





GATHERING AT THE TABLE

*The Passing of the Peace

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty

from there he shall come to judge

the quick 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.

*catholic means the church universal or the church for all time

The Bread The Cup

All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

W. Wold

*New Doxology

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#22 Let All Things Now Living

Marco Adria

ASH GROVE







*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the

communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Benediction

Meditation on VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS (Plainsong)

P. Fey

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

Toccata

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing Confession Prayer - Louise Adnams; Scripture Reading - Barb Falk, Ryan Keay; Preparation of Communion - Jack Lepine, Twyla Fletcher; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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