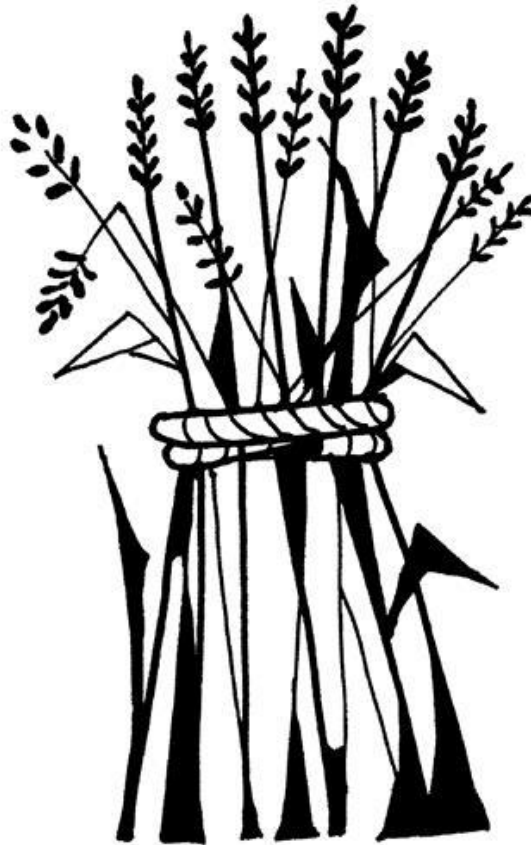


Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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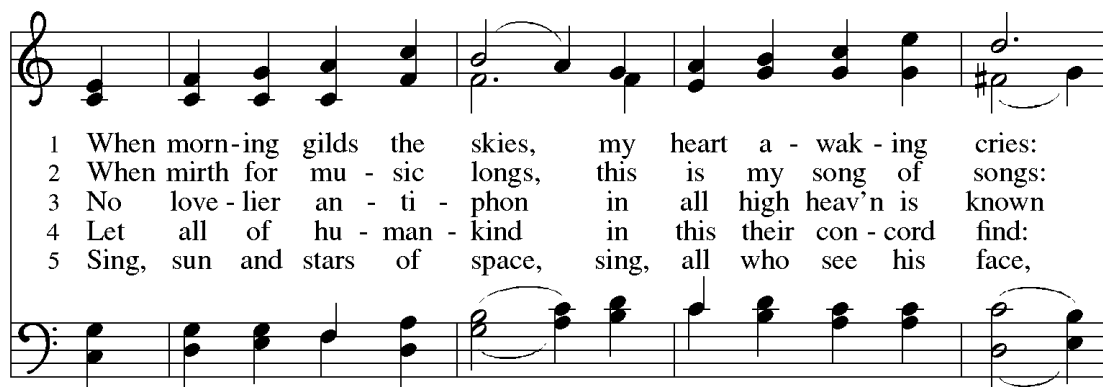


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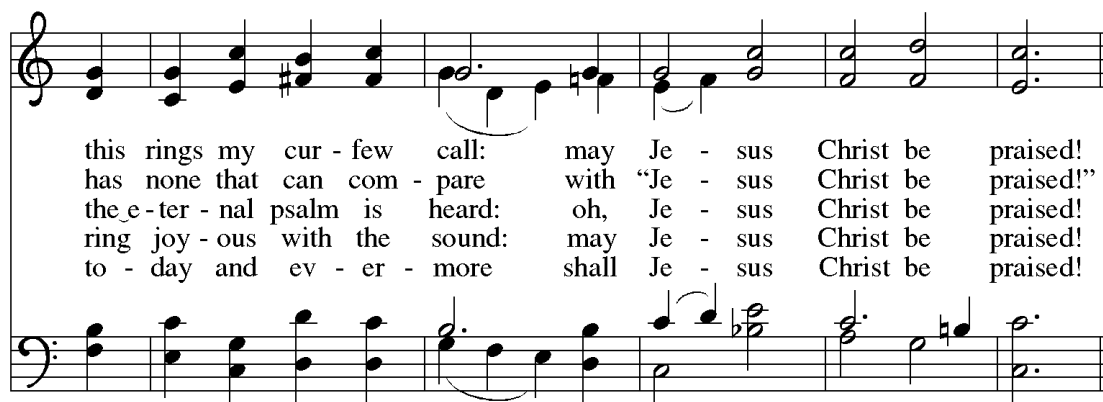
Gathering Song: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" ELW 853



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
 Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Confession

Gracious God, left to ourselves we have taken matters into our own hands and, despite our best intentions, we have made a mess of things: our lives, the lives of others, and of your creation. In humility and with sorrow we confess.

Silence is kept for personal reflection.

We have caused hurt by what we have thought, said, and done.

We have looked away from injustice.

We have remained silent in the face of wrong.

We have done wrong.

Do not stand far off, O God.

Hear us when we call.

Enter into our conflicted and anxious lives and set things right.

In Jesus Christ, God has set things right and forgiven your sins. God sent the Word made flesh to mend what is broken, to heal what is sick, to find what is lost, and to remove every obstacle that stands between us and God.

Amen

Lamb of God

6 *p*

[C] Lamb of God, — your gen-tle-ness in-vites — us

6

The first system of musical notation for the 'Lamb of God' hymn. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in 2/2 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first measure of each staff contains a '6' and a fermata. The second measure of the treble staff is marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The lyrics 'Lamb of God, — your gen-tle-ness in-vites — us' are written below the staves, with a 'C' in a box above the first measure.

cresc. poco a poco

to lay down our bur - dens, — to rise and walk be -

The second system of musical notation for the 'Lamb of God' hymn. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in 2/2 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics 'to lay down our bur - dens, — to rise and walk be -' are written below the staves. The instruction *cresc. poco a poco* is written above the treble staff.

side you, to sit down at your ta - ble.

ff
Oh, on earth and in hea - ven.

p
3
Lamb of God, your gen - tle - ness in - vites

us to take up your mer - cy,

to take up your vis - ion, to take up your

jus - tice. *ff* Oh, now and for -
 ev - er. *p* Lamb of God,
 give us your peace.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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. Amen.

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.
 Who 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.

Do 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.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Acclamation

f

C Al - le - lu - ia, give us your Word.____

mp

Al - le - lu - ia, give us your Word. The

mp

Word that gives light and life, the Word that shat - ters the

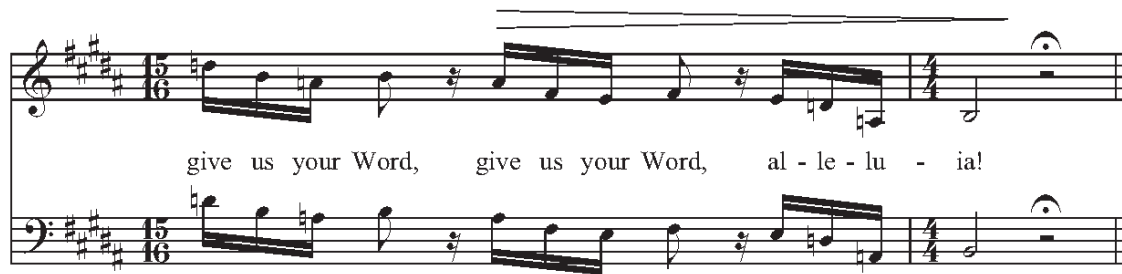
dark - ness, the Word that rais - es the

ff

dead to new life!

f

Al - le - lu - ia, give us your Word. Al - le - lu - ia,



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

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And 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?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let 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.'"

Then 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." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Children's Sermon Rev. Becky Sells

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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.



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.



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,



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.

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 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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The Apostle's Creed

Let us declare our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of the harvest, you sow the good seed of the gospel of Jesus Christ into your field. Help your church throughout the world to be both diligent and patient, full of resolve and gentleness, that our witness may be faithful to your intentions. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of all space and time, your whole creation groans in labor pains, awaiting the gift of new birth. Renew the earth, sky, and sea, so that all your creation experiences freedom from the bondage of decay. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of the nations, teach us your ways, that we may walk in your truth. Mend the fabric of the human family, now torn apart by our fearful and warring ways. Guide us by your mercy, grace, and steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of hope, you accompany those who suffer and are near to the brokenhearted. Open our hearts to your children who are lonely and abandoned, who feel trapped by despair, and all who suffer in any way, especially those we name on the prayer list and in our hearts now. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of the seasons, in the midst of summer, give us refreshment, renewal, and new opportunities. We pray for the safety of those who travel, and for creative ways for those to connect who can no longer travel to see family as planned. We also pray for those who cannot take the rest they need. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of life, those who have died in you shine like the sun in your endless kingdom. We remember with thanksgiving the saints of all times and places and especially those who have recently joined the church triumphant. Gather us with them on the day of salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

Now is the point in our service where we are called to reflect on how we are giving back to God for all the blessings God has given us. This includes continuing to financially support the church and its mission, along with considering how we might be called to also give and use our time and talents to further God's kingdom here on earth while we sing.

Offertory

The musical score for the Offertory is written for a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The music begins with a *mf* (mezzo-forte) dynamic. The lyrics are: "Ev-er liv-ing God, ev-er giv-ing God, e-ven feed-ing the ra - vens, cloth-ing lil - ies of the fields." The score includes a *f* (forte) dynamic marking and a *C* (Crescendo) marking. The music is in 4/4 time and features a variety of note values, including eighth and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

mf

f

C

Ev-er liv-ing God, ev-er giv-ing God, e-ven

feed-ing the ra - vens, cloth-ing lil - ies of the fields.

mf

It is your good plea-sure to give us all we need; you de -

mp

light to give us all that we have. We give

p *mf*

thanks to you. We give thanks to you. Ev-er

3

liv-ing God, ev-er giv-ing God, giv-ing to us our dai-ly need,

f *mf*

cloth-ing peo-ple glo-r'ous - ly! It is your good plea-sure to

give us all we need; you de - light to give us all that we have.——

mp We give thanks to you.—— *p* We give thanks to you.——

mf [L] Bread in a-bun - dance, wa - ter now wine.
wa - ter now wine.
wa - ter now wine.

mf We are the leaves in Christ the true vine.——

mf Our sins for-giv - en, live life a - new.
live life a - new.
live life a - new.

f *pp*

Liv - ing the gos - pel in all that we do.

mf

It is your good plea-sure to give us all we need; you de-

mp

light to give us all that we have. We give

p

thanks to you. We give thanks to you.

The musical score consists of four systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system has a forte (*f*) dynamic and a piano (*pp*) dynamic. The second system has a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The third system has a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The fourth system has a piano (*p*) dynamic. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words hyphenated across lines. There are various musical notations including eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests. Some measures contain triplets or pairs of notes.

Offertory Prayer

Let us join together in praying the offertory prayer,

Merciful God, we offer to you ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Signs of your gracious love. Help us to use these gifts creatively and boldly to further your mission and embody your presence in the world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Benediction

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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