THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST IN THE SEASON OF CREATION SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 9:00 AM





WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S!

WE MANIFEST JOY through vibrant worship, beautiful music, and the active participation and nurturing of our children and youth.

WE EMBRACE RESILIENCE by learning each other's stories, proclaiming the Good News of God's unconditional love, and strengthening our capacity to hope.

WE SEEK JUSTICE by advocating for political change, continuing our work as an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation, and striving to understand our role in social, economic, and racial inequality.

WE LIVE IN LOVE through our Baptismal Promises to welcome and respect the dignity of every human being, care for God's creation, and engage in the ministry of Jesus to bring light, healing, and grace to our world.

We are grounded in the Episcopal Church tradition, expressed from the creative perspective of our community. We are learning how to live into the bilingual and multicultural diversity of our congregation, and seeking silence and stillness to glean insight from the Holy Spirit among us.

St. Michael & All Angels, located in Multnomah County, rests on the traditional homelands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Molalla, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya, and many other indigenous nations of the Columbia River. We acknowledge the ancestors of this place and understand that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them. By recognizing these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants. Episcopal worship gathers the hearts and prayers of everyone present and involves call and response between the leader and the assembly. You'll find the responses of the community here, in bold type, marked "People."

Children are welcome here, voices and wiggles and all! The very young (infants to five years) are invited to play in our childcare room on the lower level, though some children prefer to remain in worship with their families. Early in the service, school-age children (generally, grades K-5) will be invited downstairs for their Liturgy of the Word, and they return to the gathered community before Communion. Also, coloring and reading books for children are located at the back of the church.

We'd love to know more about you! Please fill out a welcome card from the pew, place it in the offering plate when it comes by, and we'll be in touch to get to know you. You may also email us using the addresses listed below.

Thank you for coming together!

St Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church acknowledges the gifts of sacred music written by African Americans, indigenous peoples and all people of color. This music enriches our liturgies, and we are grateful for these musicians. Music of oppressed cultures has been appropriated by the dominant culture without an appreciation of the pain and suffering experienced by its creators. We repent and commit to the work of racial justice and ending racism.

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THE SEASON OF CREATION

The celebration of this Season began in 1989 when Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I established September I as a Day of Prayer for Creation for the Orthodox Church. The World Council of Churches extended the celebration to October 4th, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi.

The yearly themes, logos, and other resources are provided by the ecumenical organization to which we belong as members of the Anglican Communion. The Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus, former Bishop of California, represents the Episcopal Church on the steering committee.

The theme for 2024 is To Hope and Act with Creation.

In the letter of Paul the apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Canticle of Creatures. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used.

And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life springs forth.

"For Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, groaning as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only Creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."

(selection from Romans 8:19-25)

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

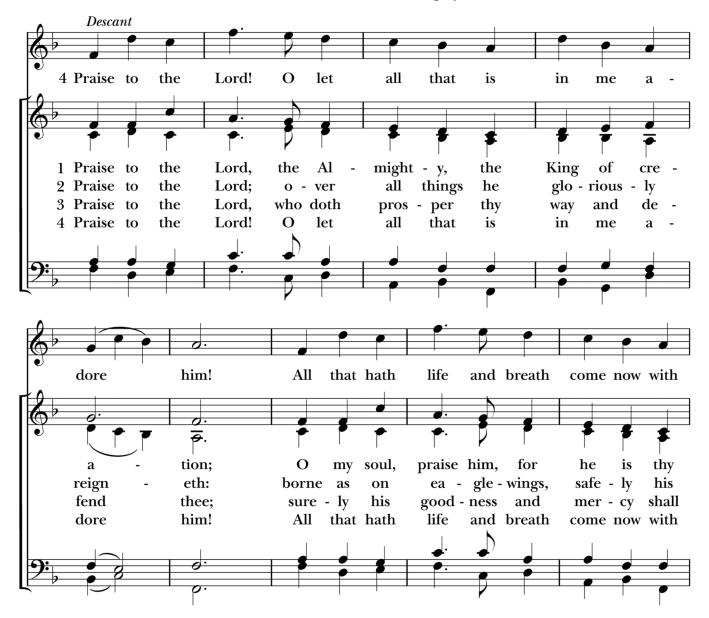
Adagio from Concerto in A minor (after Vivaldi) Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand as able

HYMN 390

Praise to the Lord, the almighty

Lobe den Herren

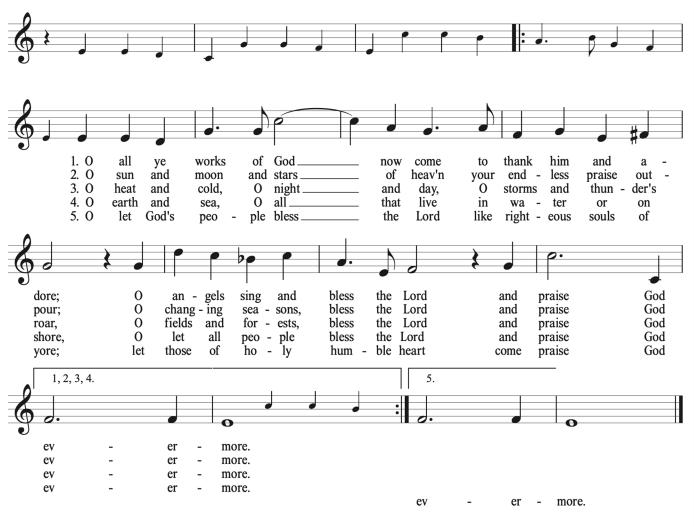




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SONG OF PRAISE

O all ye works of God



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PresiderGod be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLet us pray together.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

School-age children are invited to the Children's Liturgy of the Word to hear stories about the Good News of God's love. Children return to their families at the Peace.

Please be seated

THE FIRST READING

Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

Lector A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

A description of wicked folk plotting against the righteous to destroy them, but failing to understand God's plan. In the end, righteousness is vindicated, wickedness revealed as obscured from the truth of eternal life.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to creation.*People* Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated

THE PSALM

Psalm 1 Chant setting by Peter R. Hallock (1920-2014)



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night. **REFRAIN**
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away. **REFRAIN**
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed. **REFRAIN**

Please remain seated

THE SECOND READING

Lector A reading from the Letter by James.

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Wisdom of this world is contrasted with godly wisdom, with an urge for faithful people to draw near to God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to creation. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

People

SEQUENCE HYMN 482

Lord of all hopefulness

of hope - ful - ness, of 1 Lord all Lord all joy, 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, of all Lord grace, 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de stroy, whose strong hands were skilled the the at plane and lathe, hands swift wel - come, your your to arms to em brace, balm. whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is 0 be there wak-ing, and give at our us, we pray, be there at our lab - ors. and give us, we pray, be hom-ing, there and give at our us, we pray, be there sleep-ing, at our and give us, we pray, 0 bliss hearts, Lord, break of day. your in our at the the

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THE GOSPEL

The Deacon or Priest says

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus teaches the disciples about his coming betrayal, death, and resurrection, which they do not fully understand. When they argue about who among them is the greatest, Jesus tells them that true greatness comes through humility and service, symbolized by welcoming a child in His name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

THE SERMON

Please observe a moment of quiet reflection

Please stand as able

THE NICENE CREED

Please say together

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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.

Please remain standing

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon or Priest says

Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation:

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: for our world,

People: the heavens tell of your glory;

for our land, its beauty and its resources, for the rich heritage we enjoy.

We pray for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth, that we may steward your gifts responsibly;

for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry, that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors and marvel at your creation;

for artists, scientists and visionaries,

that through their work creation may be renewed.

We pray: for all who are deprived of fullness of life, especially those on our prayer list, for prisoners, refugees, and those who are suffering or sick;

for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your Church, for all who seek to bring life to others.

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation. Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love; may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

God, Creator, bring us new life.

Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.

Holy Spirit, Sustainer, strengthen and guide us.

The Presider says

Creating God, your name is written on every leaf, every bird, every river, every stone, every living being. We praise and worship you for the magnificence of your creation. Make us attentive to the wounds of the earth and willing to work for the healing of the whole creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

THE CONFESSION

All Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

Please stand as able

THE PEACE

The Presider says

Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation. Peace with one another. The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please greet each other with a sign of peace

Please be seated

A WORD OF WELCOME

A PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS AND MILESTONES

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The Presider says the Offertory Sentence

O God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Best of Rooms

Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er He comes, To feed, or lodge, to have the best of rooms: Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part Of all the House: the best of all's the heart. *(Robert Herrick (1591-1674))*

Please stand as able

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to our Creator.

People It is right to offer thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

All By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Prayer C, Expansive Language

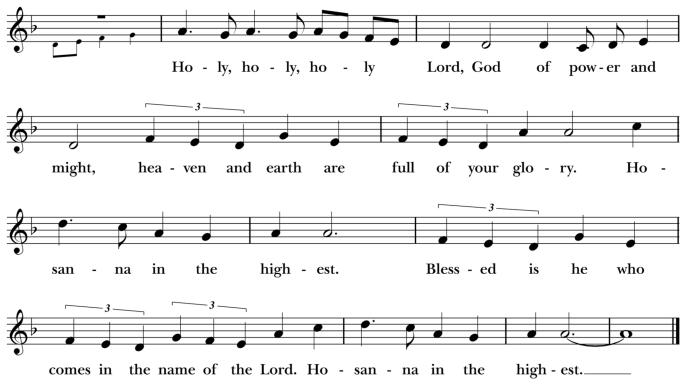
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

All By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

The Hymnal 1982, S-129t



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The Presider continues

And so, Creator God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Then the Presider continues

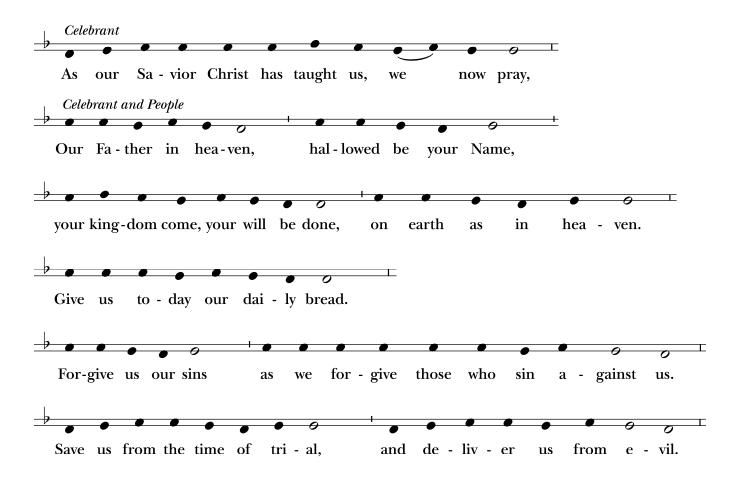
Lord God of our Ancestors; God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, O God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

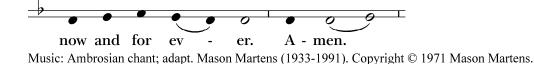
THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Hymnal 1982, S-148





For the king-dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider This is the Living Bread, given for all Creation.All who eat this Bread share in the Body of Christ.

FRACTION ANTHEM

The Hymnal 1982, S-171



Verses:

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain** One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. **Refrain**

THE INVITATION

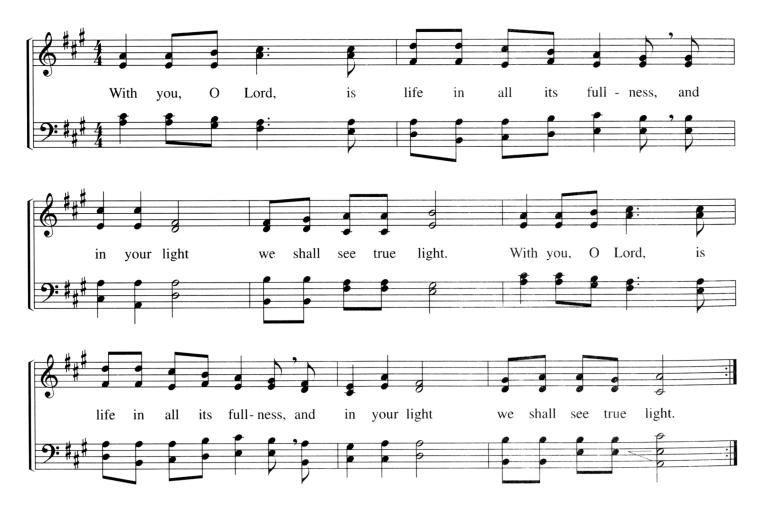
The Presider says The gifts of God for the People of God.

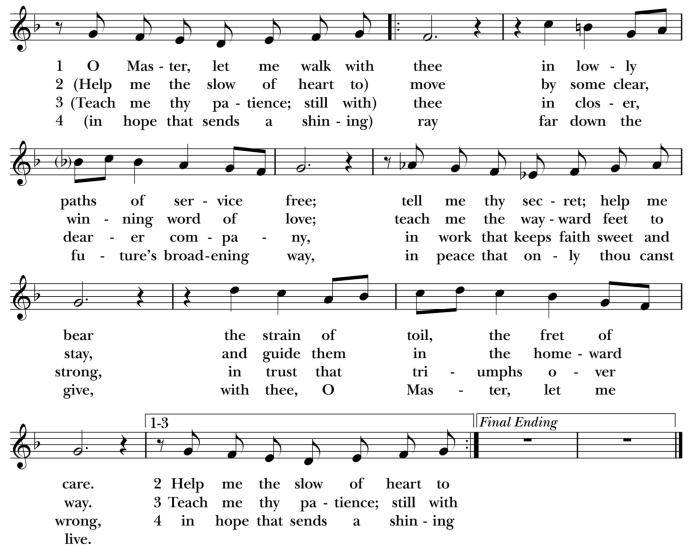
All are welcome to share in Holy Communion. Please be seated until invited by the Ushers to move forward to stand or kneel at the altar. To receive only a blessing, place arms in an "x" across your chest as the priest approaches. To share the bread, extend hands open, palms up, one on top of the other. To share the cup, take hold of the base and guide it to your mouth. If not desiring to receive the wine, fold arms in an "x" over your chest as the cup passes by. Seek to Serve

May I live in the world as one who always seeks to serve. May I live as one who knows the love of God. Lord, teach me how to live and how to serve. With my ears may I hear. With my eyes may I see. With my lips may I speak. May your Word be heard through me. Thus as I live each day may love sustain the will to serve. Amen.



With you, O Lord





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Please stand as able

SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider In the name of this congregation we send you forth to share this Eucharist with *N*.

All You carry the prayers of us all as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence. May those who receive it be strengthened and encouraged in the life we find together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

All Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us and transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

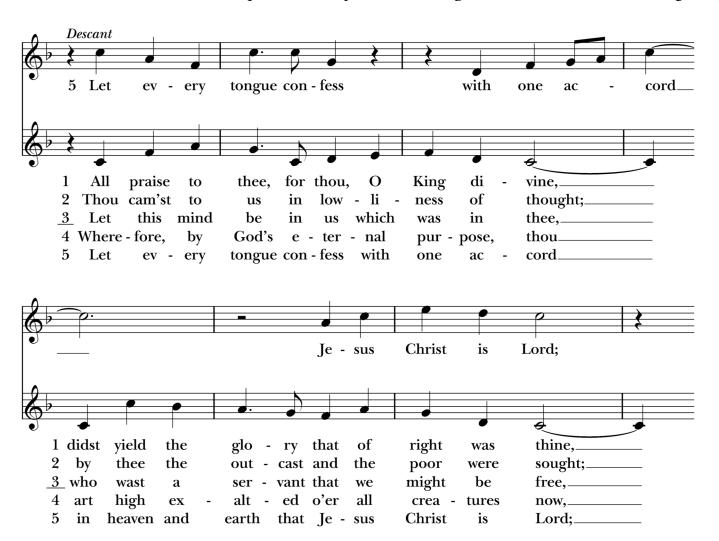
The presider blesses the people.

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HYMN 477

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Engelberg





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THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

The Deacon or priest dismisses the people, saying

Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Allegro from Concerto in B minor (after Vivaldi)

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1749)

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