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**CELEBRATING 60 YRS OF SERVING
GOD'S PEOPLE**

**6TH Sunday after Pentecost
June 30, 2024, 9AM**

AS WE GATHER - FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Today is the 248th anniversary of our declaration of freedom from Great Britain. Just as in the exodus, the people who fought for freedom were scared. There were times, like Valley Forge, when the situation looked hopeless, just like the situation looked hopeless when Jesus lay in the tomb for three days. However, Jesus was raised from the dead and offers us freedom, not from a mortal enemy but our worst enemies: sin, death, and the devil himself. May we rejoice every day in the freedom He gives us in Holy Baptism.

+ PREPARATION +



America, the Beautiful

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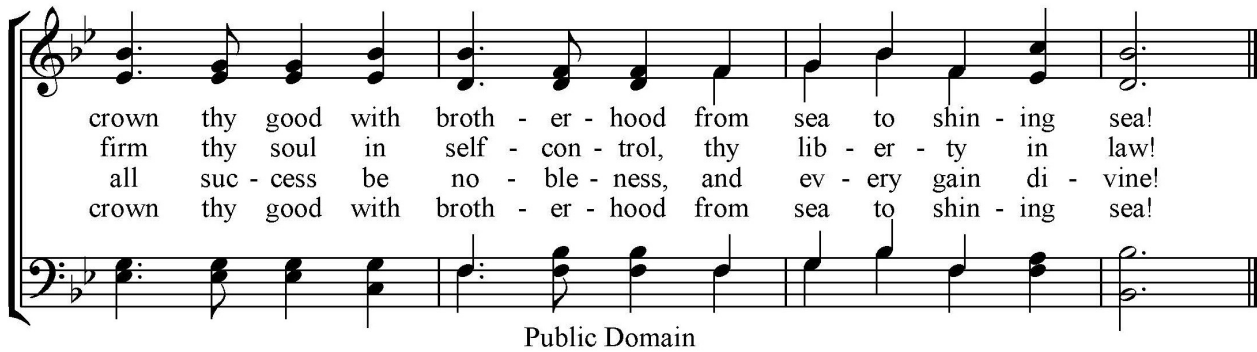
Katharine L. Bates, 1893, 1904

Samuel A. Ward, 1882

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain, for
2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress a
3. O beau - ti - ful for he - ros proved in lib - er - at - ting strife, who
4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years thine

pur - ple moun - tains maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat a - cross the wil - der - ness!
more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thess, and
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A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine, till
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee, and



INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 118:24, 26–27

L This is the day that the LORD has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

C We bless you from the house of the LORD.

L The LORD is God,

C and He has made His light to shine upon us.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L Almighty and eternal God, You have blessed us with a free land, having rights and privileges others dream about. We live in a land where liberty is given to us. With freedom also comes temptation to misuse our freedom.

C Forgive us, Lord, for misusing freedom in selfish ways. Keep us from squandering the precious opportunities You have given to us by the many freedoms we have.

L For these sins and all sins, sins of thought, word, and deed; by what we have done or failed to do,

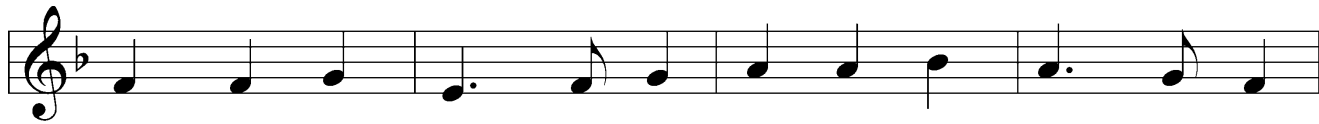
C we stand before You now, asking Your forgiveness, and for the help of the Holy Spirit to amend our sinful lives.

L Hear the Good News! God has heard your confession As a servant of our King, I deliver this message to you: your sins are forgiven because of the cross of Christ. Receive that forgiveness in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen! Thank You, Lord, for forgiving me. Help me, by the aid of Your Holy Spirit, to relish the freedoms You have given us as Christians and as a country.

+ WORD +

965 GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard-ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch-ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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INTROIT

Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 3

L Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C let all the peoples praise You!

L May God be gracious to us and bless us

C and make His face to shine upon us,

L that Your way may be known on earth,

C Your saving power among all nations.

L Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C let all the peoples praise You!

L Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

L Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C let all the peoples praise You!

L The earth has yielded its increase;

C God, our God, shall bless us.

L God shall bless us;

C let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

L Let the peoples praise You, O God;
C let all the peoples praise You!

SALUTATION

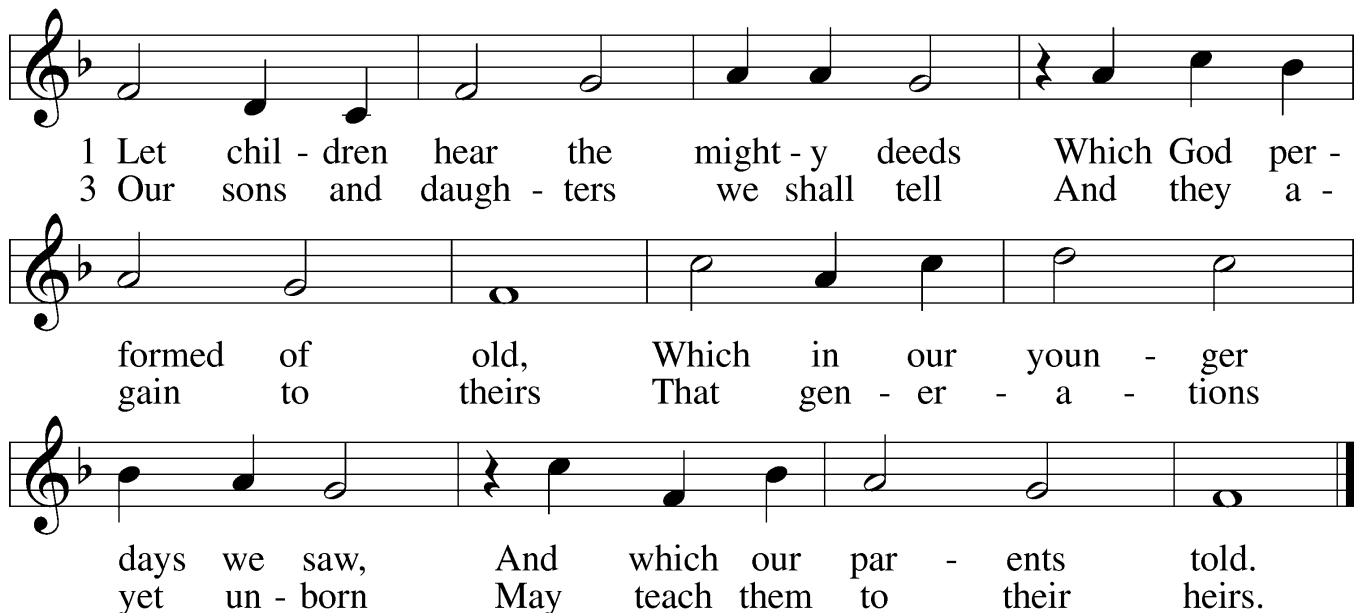
L The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray. Almighty and gracious God, You have given our country a precious gift, the gift of freedom. As we celebrate that gift from You today, help us, by Your Holy Spirit, to remember the greater gift of freedom in the cross and empty tomb of Jesus, who gives us freedom now and eternally, with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, one Lord, now and forever.
C Amen.

867 LET CHILDREN HEAR THE MIGHTY DEEDS

sts. 1, 3



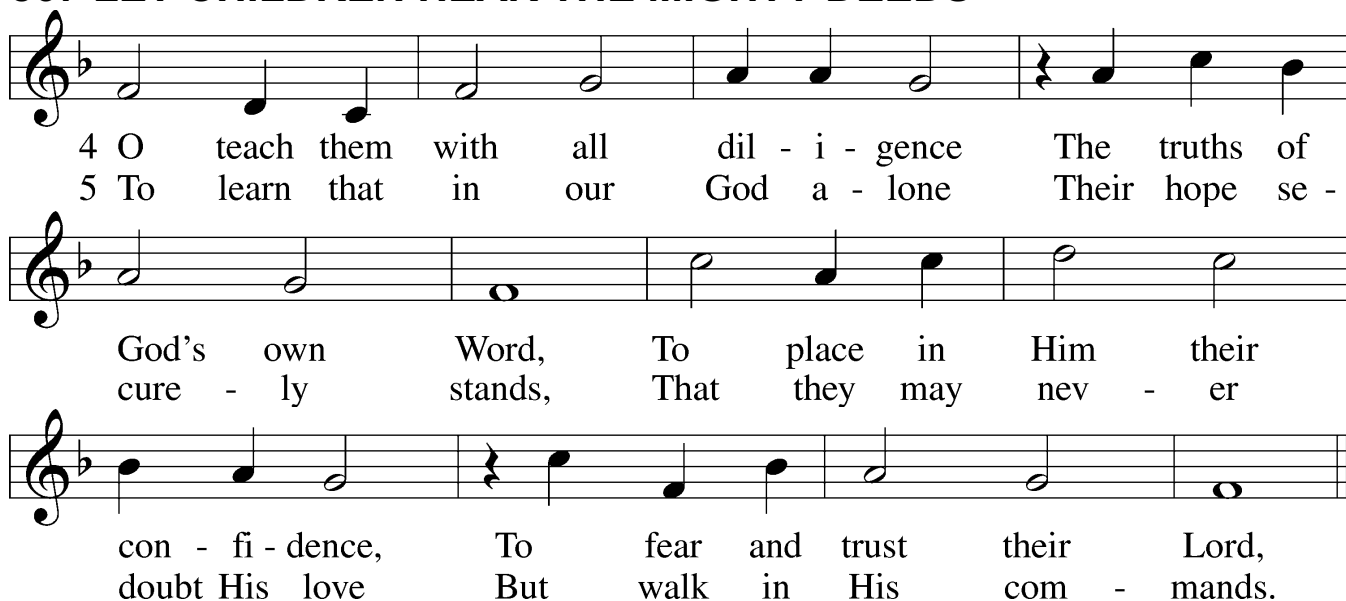
1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds Which God per -
3 Our sons and daugh - ters we shall tell And they a -
formed of old, Which in our youn - ger
gain to theirs That gen - er - a - tions
days we saw, And which our par - ents told.
yet un - born May teach them to their heirs.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

867 LET CHILDREN HEAR THE MIGHTY DEEDS

sts. 4–5



4 O teach them with all dil - i - gence The truths of
 5 To learn that in our God a - lone Their hope se -

God's own Word, To place in Him their
 cure - ly stands, That they may nev - er

con - fi - dence, To fear and trust their Lord,
 doubt His love But walk in His com - mands.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61:1–7

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
 because the Lord has anointed me
 to bring good news to the poor;
 he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
 to proclaim liberty to the captives,
 and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
 and the day of vengeance of our God;
 to comfort all who mourn;
³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
 to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
 the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
 the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
 that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
 the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.
⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins;
 they shall raise up the former devastations;
 they shall repair the ruined cities,
 the devastations of many generations.
⁵ Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks;
 foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;
⁶ but you shall be called the priests of the Lord;
 they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God;
 you shall eat the wealth of the nations,
 and in their glory you shall boast.

⁷ Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion;
instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot;
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;
they shall have everlasting joy.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 12:1–10

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses— ⁶ though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.



895 NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,

2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,

3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;

With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us

The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way

And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed

The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.

And free us from all ills In this world and the next!

For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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VERSE

Galatians 5:1

L Alleluia. For freedom Christ has set us free;

C stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31–36

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

LW 501 GOD OF OUR FATHERS



God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
Your love di - vine has led us in the past;
From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence
Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;



Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
In this free land by you our lot is cast;
Make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:
Oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
Fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace



Our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
Your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
Your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
Un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

SERMON

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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING AND VIDEO *(At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place in the offering plate. Also at this time, on the back of the attendance slip, please refresh your thoughts or read what we believe, as you prepare to come to receive the Lord's Body & Blood or as you come forward to receive a blessing.)*

805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L Lord Jesus Christ, Your death on the cross has set us free from our worst enemies, sin, death, and the devil. In Holy Baptism, You made us Your own, and gave us not only the forgiveness of sins but also Your Holy Spirit. Help us live in that freedom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Almighty God, You have given us a great gift in the freedom we have as a country and as individuals. Grant that we always use our freedom to advance Your kingdom, and never to bring harm to anyone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Father in heaven, as we celebrate our independence on this day, grant that we might find joy in the parades, the barbeques, the gatherings, and the fireworks. As we enjoy these things, grant that we have a bigger picture of freedom in mind, freedom in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L While we celebrate our national freedom today, there are those who are not free because of their faith in You. They are imprisoned, beaten, tortured, and some will die for Your name. Give them strength by Your Holy Spirit to remain faithful unto death and receive the crown of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L We also lift up those not free today because of illness. According to Your gracious will, release them from illness, pain, and suffering, using doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles if it be Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L We also remember those who are not free: the marginalized, the poor, those addicted to drugs, the homeless, and those suffering from fear. Show compassion to them and help them in their hour of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L We are called by Your Word to remember our leaders. We remember those who lead our nation: our president, our Congress, those who lead at the state and even local levels. Give them wisdom to govern this great land that we might always be free. We also ask that You would give every leader in authority in our world a desire for peace and not war. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L We lift these and the petitions of our hearts up to You, gracious Father, knowing that You will both hear and answer us. We pray in the name of Jesus, who set us free to be Your people; who with You and the Holy Spirit reigns, now and forever.

C Amen.

786 LORD OF ALL GOOD



1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
2 We give our minds to un - der - stand Your ways;
△ 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;

Use them Your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill.
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great de - sign;
Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;

To - kens of love and pledg - es they shall be
Hearts with the flame of Your own love a - blaze—
Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:

That our whole life is of - fered to Your will.
Thus for Your glo - ry all our pow'rs com - bine.
To You with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

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+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- L** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.
L Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

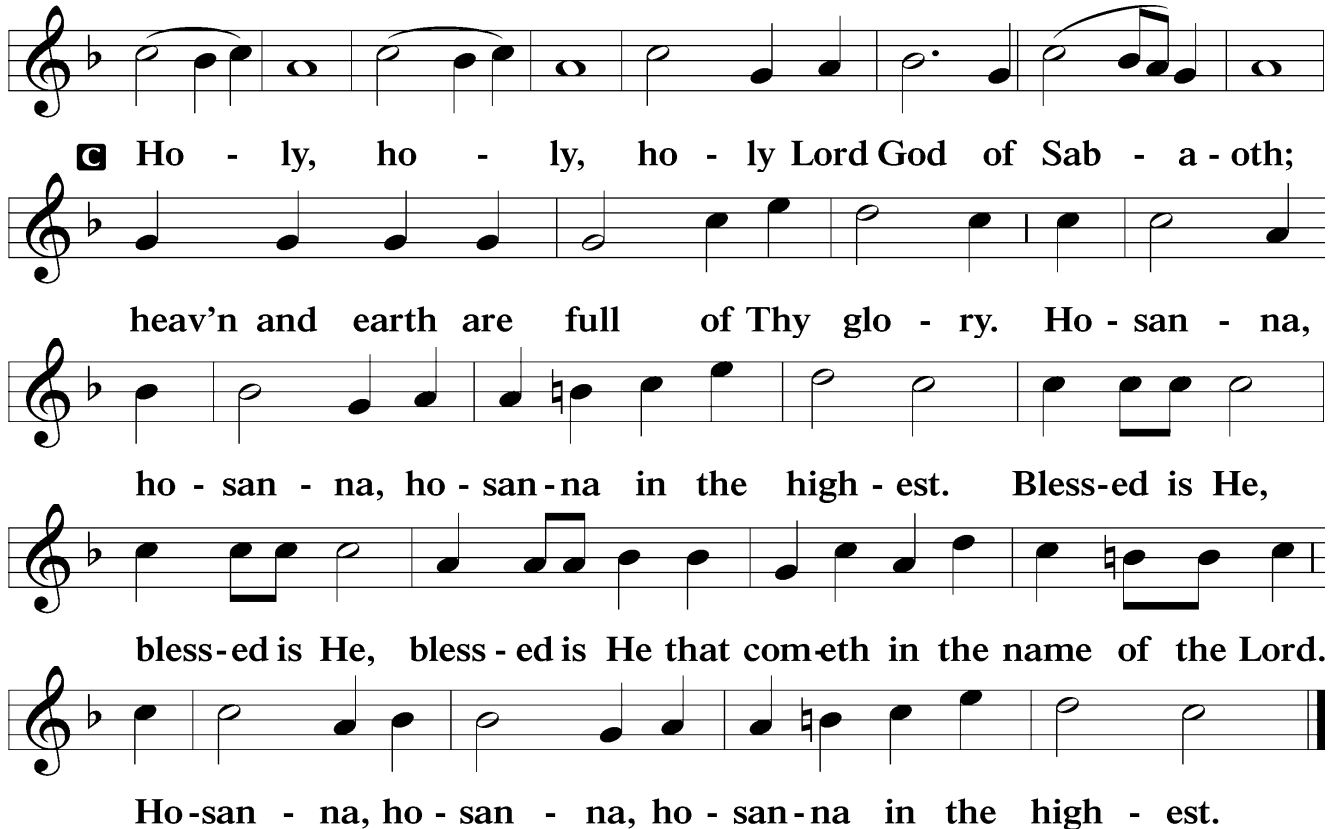
- L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

- L** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- L** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to

eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

L Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

L As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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; 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 forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

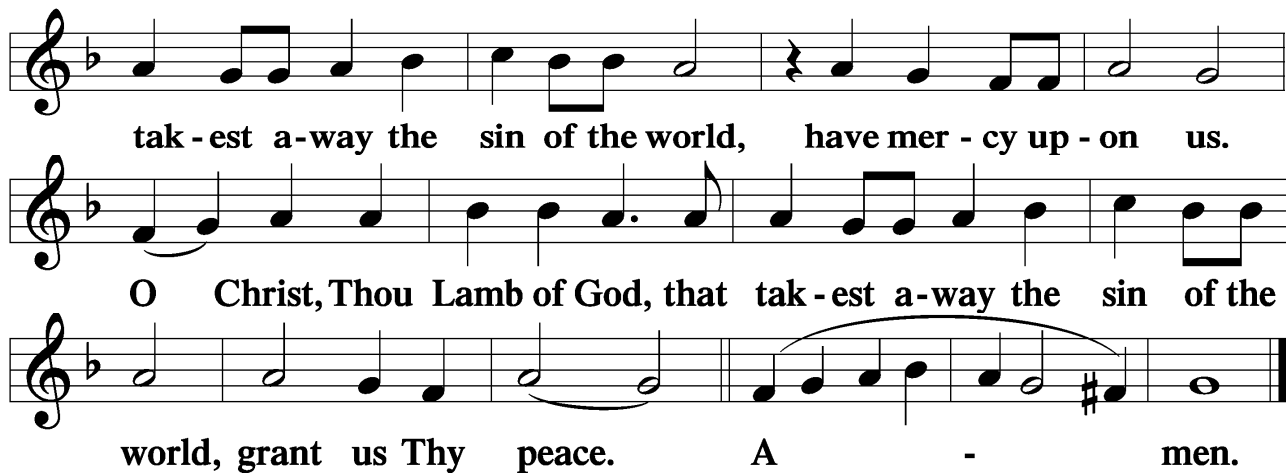
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



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BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC *(video)*

- 1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.

Refrain

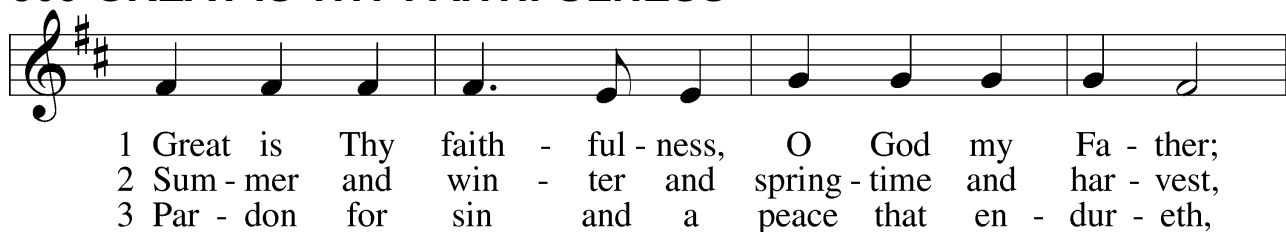
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

- 2 I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on. *Refrain*

- 3 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of all before His judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. *Refrain*

- 4 In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make us holy, let us die that all be free!
While God is marching on. *Refrain*

809 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!
Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;
All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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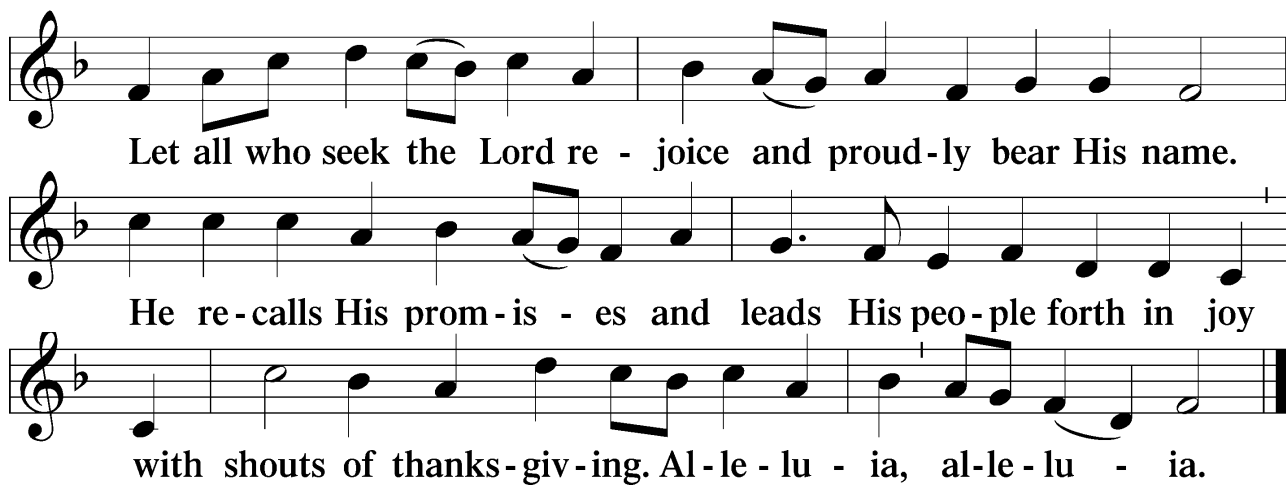
L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

C Amen.

THANK THE LORD

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



BENEDICTION

L The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE (Tune LSB 965)

- 1 My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring!
- 2 My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.
- 3 Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees, sweet freedom's song:
let mortal tongues awake, let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.
- 4 Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King!

CLOSING PEACE

L Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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