

A Celebration of Life

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P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C Thanks be to God.

P When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

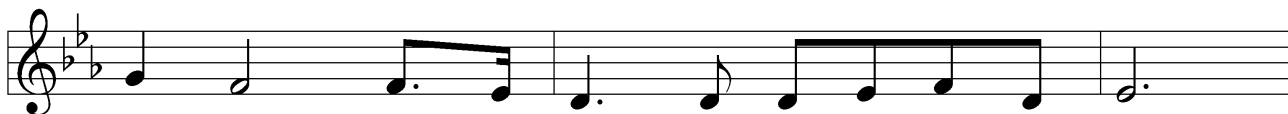
Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my



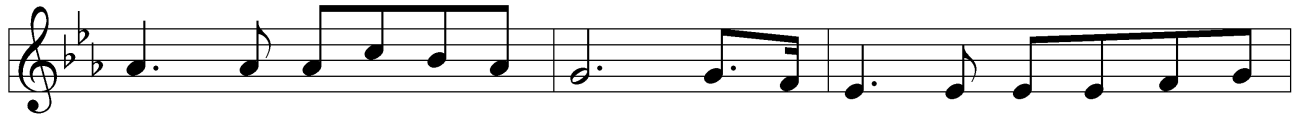
com - fort to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
serve and wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
bur - dens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



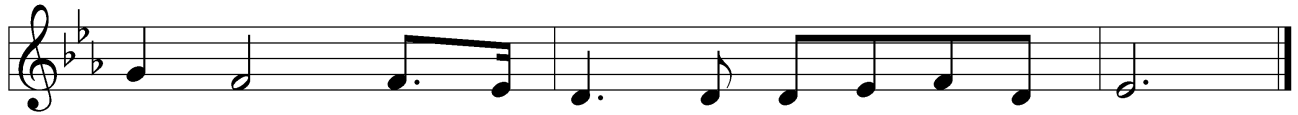
send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will



naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, b. 1936
Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882

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- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother John. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console all who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

The 23rd Psalm – spoken in unison

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff

they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Remembrances of John

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised,



call - ing for you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's
plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and
prom - ised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has



wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.
heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?
mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.



Refrain
"Come home, come home! You who are wea - ry, come home."



Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will Thompson, 1847–1909
Music: THOMPSON, Will Thompson, 1847–1909

A reading from Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

A reading from Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
'See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

P The holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 5:1-10

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴ 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
⁵ 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
⁶ 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
⁷ 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
⁸ 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰ 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Homily

On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who a-
 Snares of the fowl - er will nev- er cap- ture you, and
 For to the an- gels God's giv- en a com -mand to
 bide in this shad -ow for life, say to the Lord: "My
 fam- ine will bring you no fear, un- der God's wings your
 guard you in all of your ways; up- on their hands they will
 ref- uge my rock in whom I trust!"
 ref- uge with faith- ful- ness your shield.
 bear you up, lest you dash your foot a- gainst a stone.
 "And they will raise you up on ea- gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
 make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand"
 "And hold you, hold you in the palm of my hand."

Chords: G, Dmaj7, G, D, F, Dm, F, Gm7, A(sus4), A, D, Em, A7, D, D7, G, A, Bm, F#m, Em, A, D, Bm, F#m, Em, A(sus4), A, A(sus4), A, D

Last time only

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The Creed

- P** We confess the faith of the church throughout the ages, the faith John lived and the faith in which he died.
- C** **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

The Prayers

P Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

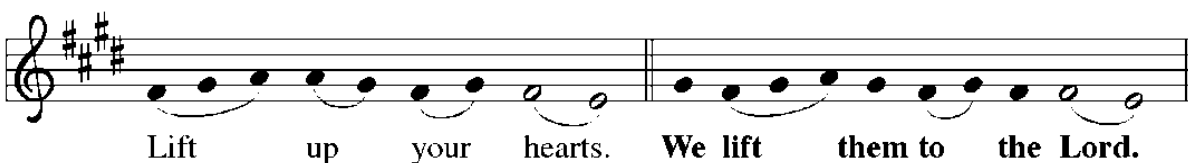
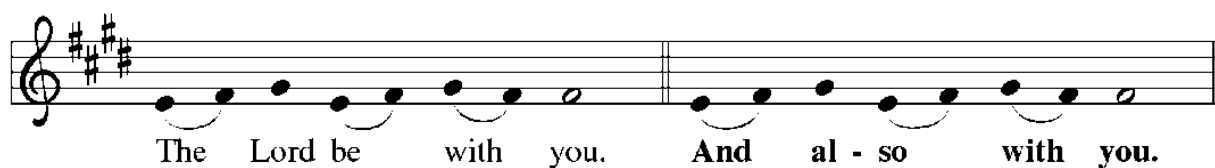
P Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamation

We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e - brate your ris - ing; we
break this bread and share this cup un - til you come a - gain.

P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

ALL 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

Distribution of Holy Communion

The Post Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in God's grace.
C Amen.

The Commendation

P Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant John. Acknowledge, we
humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of
your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of
everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
C Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you,
and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem. May a choir of angels welcome you, and,
where Lazarus is poor no more, may you have everlasting rest.

I'll Fly Away



1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er,
2. When the shad - ows of this life have grown, I'll fly a - way;
3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then,



to a home on God's ce - les - tial shore,
like a bird from pris - on bars has flown, I'll fly a - way.
to a land where joys shall nev - er end.

Refrain



I'll fly a - way, Oh, glo - ry I'll fly a - way.



when I die, hal - le - lu - jah by and by, I'll fly a - way.

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*In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the
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