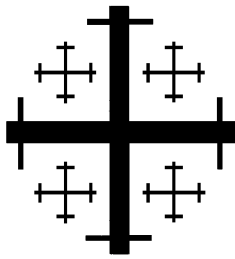


# Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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9:30 am





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## Holy Innocents, Martyrs

**Jesus escapes the sword in the gospel on this day—but not for long—not forever. He died for us. He died for the world, to put an end to the cycle of violence that continues to claim innocent victims. Rachel's lament, recorded in Jeremiah and echoed in Matthew, is not the last word. "There is hope for your future," says the Lord.**

**Prelude *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine* German Carol  
Setting: George Lachenauer (1933)**

## Penetential Rite

*Please stand and face the Baptismal Font*

Grant us Peace

Chords for the first system: G, Cm, Bb, Eb, Cm, Bb, Am, Gm, Ab, G.

Chords for the second system: G, Cm, Bb, Eb, Fm, Eb, Bb7, Fm, Gsus<sup>4</sup>, Cm.

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- L Trusting that God hears every cry and promises to wipe away every tear, let us confess our longings and our laments.

*Silence is kept for confession and reflection*

- L O God,  
C **Search me and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.  
See any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way  
everlasting.**

- L The Lord watches over your going out and your coming in.  
The Lord shields your joys and holds your sorrows.  
God forgives ✕ you and keeps you this day and always.

**Grant us Peace**

The musical score is written for a vocal part (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and consists of two systems. The first system has a 3/4 time signature, followed by a 2/4 time signature, and ends with a 3/4 time signature. The second system also follows this pattern. The lyrics are: "Grant us peace. Grant us peace. Lord, grant us peace." The guitar chords are indicated above the vocal line: G, Cm, Bb, Eb, Cm, Bb, Am, Gm, Ab, G in the first system; and G, Cm, Bb, Eb, Fm, Eb, Bb7, Fm, Gsus4, Cm in the second system.

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## Apostolic Greeting

- 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.**

# Kyrie Eleison [Greek, "Lord, Have Mercy"]

All

ALL *Capo 1* *D Eb* *Bm Cm* *Em Fm* *A Bb* *Bm Cm* *Gmaj7 Abmaj7* *Em Fm* *A(sus2) Bb(sus2)*

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR *Em Fm* *A(sus2) Bb(sus2)* *D(sus4) Eb(sus4)* *Bm Cm*

For peace in our hearts, the sal - va - tion of our souls,

*Em Fm* *A(sus2) Bb(sus2)*

in peace let us pray to the Lord.

ALL *D Eb* *Bm Cm* *Em Fm* *A Bb* *Bm Cm* *Gmaj7 Abmaj7* *Em Fm* *A(sus2) Bb(sus2)*

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR *D Eb* *F#m Cm* *G Ab* *A Bb*

For peace throughout the world; the well be - ing of God's church,

*Em Fm* *A Bb* *Em Fm* *A(sus2) Bb(sus2)*

and the un - i - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL *D Eb* *Bm Cm* *Em Fm* *A Bb* *Bm Cm* *Gmaj7 Abmaj7* *Em Fm* *A(sus2) Bb(sus2)*

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR *Em Fm* *A(sus2) Bb(sus2)* *D Eb* *G A*

For this ho - ly house and for all who ga - ther here to

*Em Fm* *A Bb* *Em Fm* *A(sus2) Bb(sus2)*

lift up their hearts in wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL *D Eb* *Bm Cm* *Em Fm* *A Bb* *Bm Cm* *Gmaj7 Abmaj7* *Em Fm* *A(sus2) Bb(sus2)*

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son

CANTOR *D Eb* *F#m Cm* *Em Fm* *G A* *A Bb* *D Eb*

Help, save, com - fort and de - fend us grac - ious Lord.

ALL *D Eb* *Em Fm* *A Bb* *D(sus4) Eb(sus4)*

A men.

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# Hymn Of Praise *O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate* (ELW 722)



1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.  
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet mark the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
 that joined by faith with your great heart be - come love's o - pen doors.  
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ, com - bined in per - fect rhyme,  
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,  
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.  
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.  
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.  
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: ELLACOMBE 7 6 7 6 D, M.V. Werkmeister, *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle*, 1784

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## Prayer Of The Day

**P** The Lord be with you

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray...We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the innocent children of Bethlehem by order of King Herod. Receive into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims. By your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## First Reading: Jeremiah 31:15-17

<sup>15</sup> Thus says the LORD:

A voice is heard in Ramah,  
lamentation and bitter weeping.  
Rachel is weeping for her children;  
she refuses to be comforted for her children,  
because they are no more.

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD:

Keep your voice from weeping  
and your eyes from tears,  
for there is a reward for your work,  
says the LORD:

they shall come back from the land of the enemy;

<sup>17</sup> there is hope for your future,

says the LORD:

your children shall come back to their own country.

## **Psalm 124 All read together**

- <sup>1</sup> **If the LORD had not been on our side,  
let Israel now say;**  
<sup>2</sup> **if the LORD had not been on our side,  
when enemies rose up against us,**  
<sup>3</sup> **then would they have swallowed us up alive  
in their fierce anger toward us;**  
<sup>4</sup> **then would the waters have overwhelmed us  
and the torrent gone over us;**  
<sup>5</sup> **then would the raging waters  
have gone right over us.**  
<sup>6</sup> **Blessed be the LORD  
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**  
<sup>7</sup> **We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**  
<sup>8</sup> **Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-19**

- <sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief maker. <sup>16</sup> Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. <sup>17</sup> For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And  
"If it is hard for the righteous to be saved,  
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"  
<sup>19</sup> Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust their lives to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

**Alleluia Verse / Gospel Acclamations**



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!' written below each staff. The first three staves are identical, and the fourth staff repeats the phrase 'Hal - le - lu - jah!' twice.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the second chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup> Now after [the magi] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

<sup>16</sup> When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. <sup>17</sup> Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

<sup>18</sup> "A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

**P** The Gospel of Our Lord

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



*Silent Reflections*

**Hymn Of The Day      *In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness* (ACS 1093)**



1 In a deep, un - bound - ed dark - ness, long be - fore the  
2 Though our world is ev - er - chang - ing, you are con - stant,  
3 Joy trans - forms our lips to boast - ing on - ly in your  
4 God of Ha - gar, God of Sa - rah, God of no - mad



first light shone, you, O God, be - yond all mer - it  
firm, and sure, faith - ful to your cov - 'nant prom - ise.  
match - less grace, send - ing Christ to dwell a - mong us,  
A - bra - ham; God of Mir - iam, God of Mo - ses,



worked a won - der faith makes known: in your mer - cy,  
Trust - ing you, we live, se - cure: sing - ing prais - es,  
Word made flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav - ior,  
Fi - 'ry Pil - lar, great I AM: lead us home - ward,



in your mer - cy, you em - braced us  
sing - ing prais - es, long as heart and  
Friend and Sav - ior, in whose life we  
lead us home - ward, to the love - feast



as your own,  
breath en - dure, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
glimpse your face,  
of the Lamb,

Text: Anonymous, China; tr. Francis P. Jones, 1890–1975; adapt. Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, Plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

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## Creed

A Let us profess our faith in the Triune God

**All 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man.**

**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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

## Prayers Of Intercession

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Instrumental Intro

In the si - lence Lord, Hear our prayer.

In the still - ness Lord, Hear our prayer.

Our spo - ken words, our si - lent thoughts:

these we hum - bly share.

In this mo - ment Lord, Hear our prayer.

*after each prayer petition*

A Lord in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

*concluding with*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

**C Amen.**

**Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C And also with you.**

**Offertory**

***Go Tell It on the Mountain***  
**arr. Dave Howland 2011**

**AA Spiritual**  
**Handbell Choir**

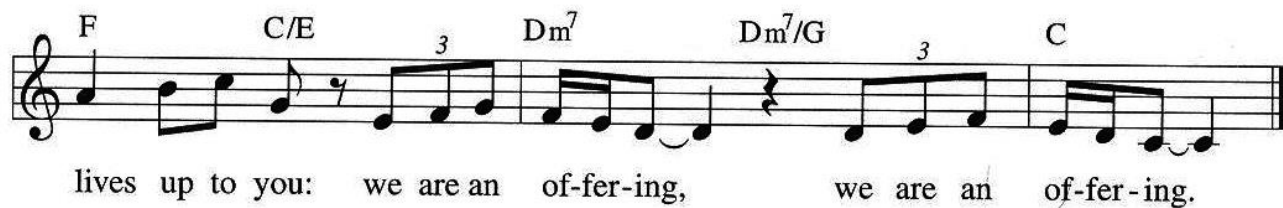
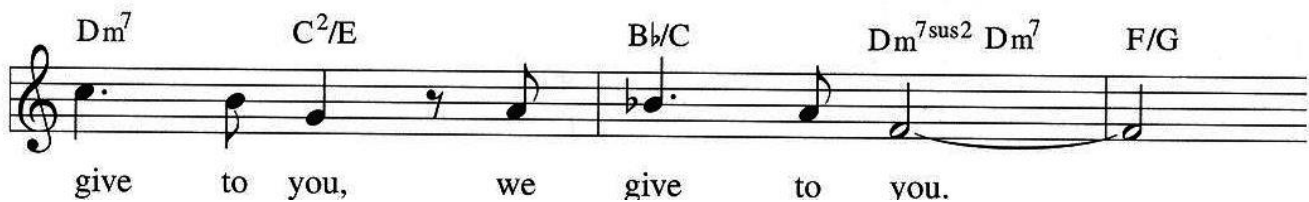
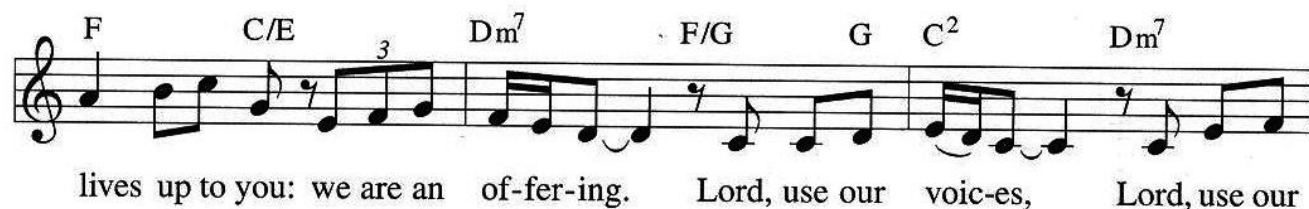
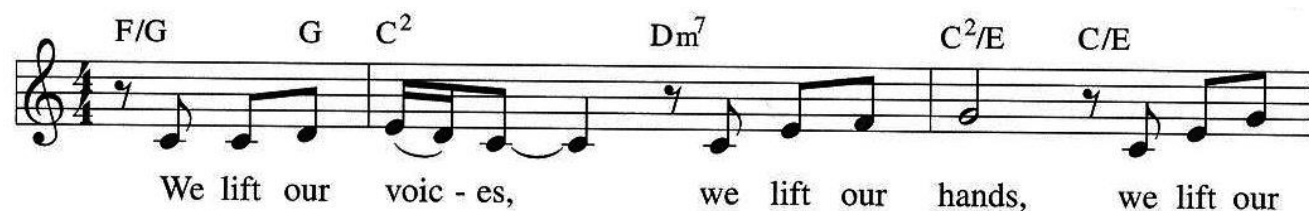


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*Please stand as our gifts are offered, singing:*



- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are simple half and quarter notes. A repeat sign (two vertical lines with dots) is placed after the first staff and before the second staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with a square box containing a letter (P or C) at the start of each line of text.

[P] The Lord be with you. [C] And al - so with you.

[P] Lift up your hearts. [C] We lift them to the Lord.

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, holy God, mighty and immortal, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

The day of your final Jubilee dawned in your Son, Jesus, your Anointed One who announced good news to the poor, bound up the broken-hearted, and set the captives free.

And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus & Benedictus [*Latin, Holy & Blessed*]

Music score for Sanctus & Benedictus, featuring lyrics and chords. The score is written in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major (two flats). The lyrics are in Latin, and the chords are indicated above the staff.

Chords: Dm, Gm, C7, Fmaj7, Bb, A(sus4), A7.

Lyrics:

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er - more  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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## Eucharistic Prayer

## Eucharistic Acclamation



Two staves of music in C major. The first staff contains the lyrics: "We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e - brate your ris - ing; we". The second staff contains: "break this bread and share this\_ cup un - til you come a - gain." Chords are indicated above the notes: C, G7, Am, F, G7, C, F, G7, C.

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

**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.

P Body of Christ given for you;  
Blood of Christ shed for you

## Agnus Dei [*Latin, Lamb of God*]



Three staves of music in D major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics: "O Lamb of .. God, you.. take a - way the sin of the world:". The second staff contains: "have mer - cy up - on us, \_ have mer - cy up - on us." The third staff contains: "O Lamb of .. God, you.. take a - way the sin of the world:". Chords are indicated above the notes: Em, Am, D7, G, Am/F#, B7, E7, Am, B7/F#, Em.

Am/F# B7 E7 Am B7/F# Em

have mer-cy up - on us, have mer-cy up - on us.

Em Am D7 G

O Lamb of .. God, you.. takea-way the sin of the world:

Am/F# B7 E7 Am B7 Em

Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.



## HOLY COMMUNION

**In-Person:** Today we'll commune at the altar.  
 Ushers will guide. Wine is Red. Grape Juice is White.  
 Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

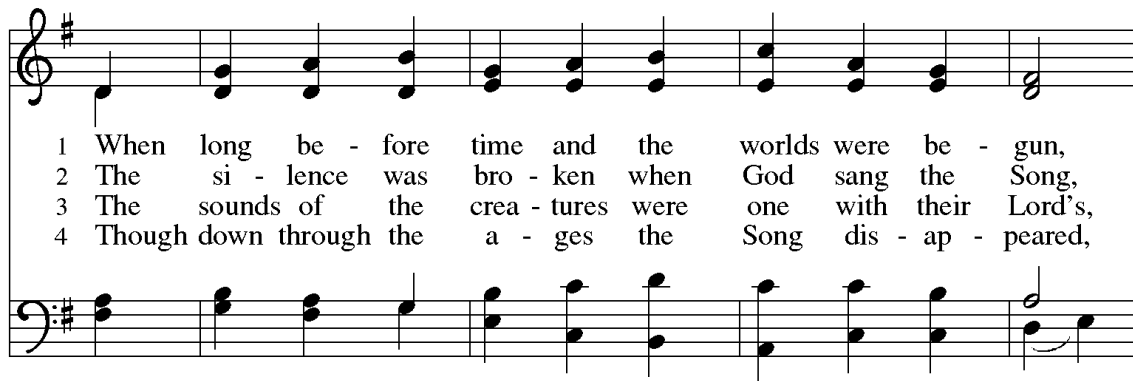
**Online at Home:** If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to commune each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing:  
 "Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

***I Wonder as I Wander* Appalachia Folk Tune**  
**arr. Michael Helman 2008 Handbell Choir**



# When Long before Time

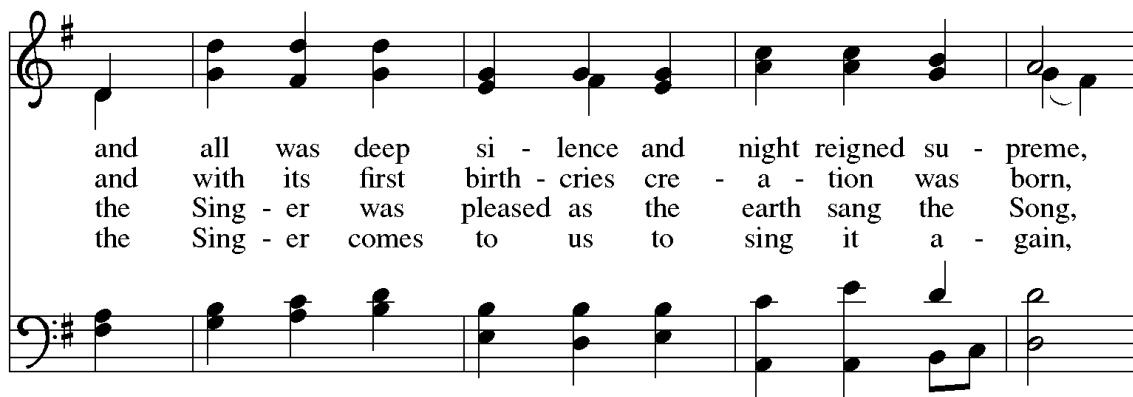
## *The Singer and the Song*



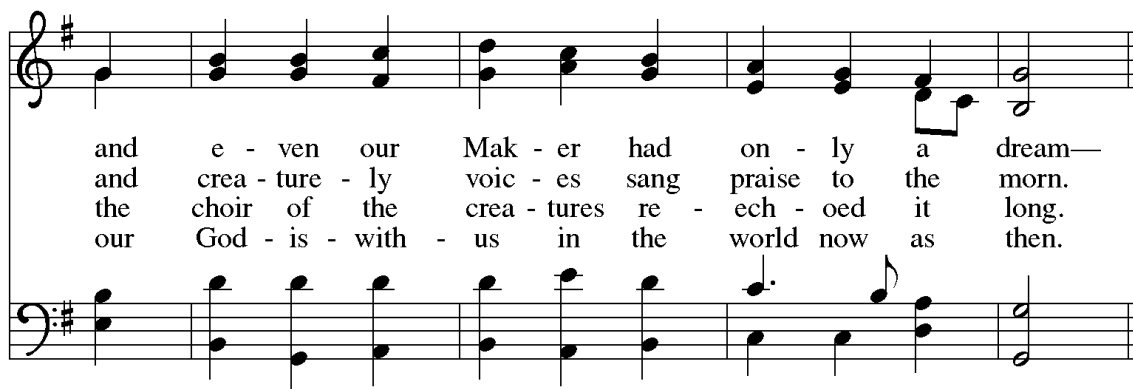
1 When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,  
 2 The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,  
 3 The sounds of the crea - tures were one with their Lord's,  
 4 Though down through the a - ges the Song dis - ap - peared,



when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,  
 and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,  
 their har - mo - nies sweet and be - fit - ting the Word;  
 its har - mo - nies bro - ken and al - most un - heard,



and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,  
 and with its first birth - cries cre - a - tion was born,  
 the Sing - er was pleased as the earth sang the Song,  
 the Sing - er comes to us to sing it a - gain,



and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—  
 and crea - ture - ly voic - es sang praise to the morn.  
 the choir of the crea - tures re - ech - oed it long.  
 our God - is - with - us in the world now as then.

Text: Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936

Music: THE SINGER AND THE SONG, Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936; arr. George Black, 1931–2003

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# Here Is Bread

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1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,  
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,  
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,



he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine,  
 he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,  
 he is with us. We'll pro - claim till he comes



Christ is with us here.  
 feast on Je - sus here.  
 Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

*Refrain*



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is



life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,



Christ is with us here.

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

# Post Communion Canticle

## Now, Lord

Capo 3

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, and guitar chords are indicated above the staff lines. The lyrics are: "Now, Lord, you let your ser- vant go go in peace: your word has been ful- filled. Mine eyes have seen the sal- va- tion which you have pre- pared in the sight of all peo- ple: a light to re- veal you to the na- tions and the glo- ry of your peo- ple Is- ra- el. Glo- ry to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir- it, as it wa the be- gin- ning, is now, and will be for- ev- er. A- men."

Chords: A7, D, C#m7, F#7, Bm, Am7, D7, G, D, Em7, Em, A7(sus4), A7, G, F#m7, Em7, Bm7, Em7, E7, A7, D, C#m7, F#7, Cm7, Bb7, Am7, G#7, G, Em7, F#m7, G, A7, D, D7, Gmaj7, A7, F#m7, Bm7, Em, A7, D, D7, Gmaj7, A7, F#m7, B7, Em7, F#m7, Gmaj7, A7, D, Em7, G#m7, A7, D.

Text: Nunc dimittis &. Music *Detroit Folk Mass*, Tillis Butler & James Harris

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- A Let us pray... God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.
- C **Amen.**

P The Benediction ✠ C **Amen**

**Sending**      **Word of God, Come Down on Earth (ELW 510)**



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from  
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our  
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth  
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
 mor - tal blind - ness; deaf we are: our heal - er be;  
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the  
 loose our tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in  
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.  
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.  
 pit - y spo - ken, heal the world, by our sin bro - ken.  
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinn, SJ, b. 1919

Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. C **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**      **Noel Suisse, Grand Jeu et Duo French Carol**  
 Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

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Debbie Villavicencio, *organ*      Toni Tharp, *flute & vocals*  
Jacob Groening, *trumpet, vocals*  
Karen Moxley, *violin, vocals*      David Lakota, *bass*  
Christy Gibson, Pete Moxley, *vocals*  
Dale Taylor, Chris Williams, *guitar, vocals*  
Kelsey Helton, *clarinet, sax, vocals*  
Amelia DeFanti, Paul Slezak, *trombone, vocals*  
Blake Kitch, *percussion, vocals*

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**Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710 (TFF)**  
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African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore,  
archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He  
was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.