

CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters,
be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in
the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord
your labor is not in vain.

1 Cor 15:58

The Ordination of Deacons
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 10, 2016

Our Vision

Connecting people to Christ and one another
through a community rooted in history
and relevant for today

Our Mission

To establish a welcoming community where people
Encounter Christ
Are Changed by Christ
Introduce Christ to others

Our Values

The eternal relevance of scripture.
The transforming nature of worship.
The power of connectedness.
The necessity of dependence on God.
The witness of generosity and hospitality.
The blessing of children.
The priority of a balanced life.

Welcome to Church of the Cross. We are glad you can join us today for our worship service.

If you are new to our church, you may not be familiar with the Anglican liturgy. But as you follow along in the bulletin it will guide you through the service. We encourage you to participate in as much or as little of the service as you feel comfortable.

We do celebrate communion in our services, and we invite all those who have been baptized and are committed to following Christ to join us, regardless of denomination. There are directions explaining how we partake of communion in the bulletin at that point in the service.

Children's ministry for children three and older takes place during the first half of our morning worship services.

At 10:45am, preschool children begin in the Preschool Room upstairs, and Kindergarten & 1st grade begin in the Godly Play Room. 2nd - 3rd graders will begin in their classroom at the far end of the Great Hall. 4th-6th graders will remain in the service.

Children will then be brought back to the sanctuary during announcements to join their families for communion.

Nursery care is also available at our services for children under 3. Please pick up infants and toddlers from the nursery during the announcements.

If you have questions or need more information please let us know- you can ask a greeter or anyone else you see serving today to help you, or you may contact us using the contact information provided on the back of the bulletin.

Thank you for being a part of our worship. We hope the Lord blesses you through our time together.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!

Ear - ly in the mor - ning our song shall rise to thee.
 cas - ting down their gol - den crowns a - round the glas - sy sea;
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!
 che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim fal - ling down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!

God in three Per - sons, bles - sèd Tri - ni - ty!
 which wert and art, and e - ver - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bles - sèd Tri - ni - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)
 Tune: John B. Bykes (1823-1876)

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Celebrant: The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

People: **And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.**

Celebrant: Your old men shall dream dreams,

People: **and your young men shall see visions.**

Celebrant: You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of Israel,

People: **that he is the Lord and there is none else.**

Celebrant: And it shall come to pass

People: **that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

Joel 2:27-28, 32; Acts 2:17, 21

Celebrant: Almighty God to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dawning Light of Our Salvation

Verse 1

Long in darkness Israel wandered;
Long in mortal shadows, we
Walked in bondage and self-pity,
Trode in paths of sin and grief.
In the prophets' words He told us,
Long the God of Israel spoke;
He alone in strength would save us
From the hands of all our foes.

Verse 2

He shall raise a mighty Savior;
Born of David's lineage, He
Comes in cov'nant love to claim us
From our sins to set us free.
Light to those who dwell in darkness
Life to those from death who flee
Joy unto the earth, and gladness,
To your pathways dawning peace!

Chorus

Every valley be exalted!
Every mountain be made plane!
Crooked ways repent and straighten;
All creation bend in praise!

Verse 3

Jesus, Lord, and mighty Savior,
David's Son and yet his King,
Dawning light of our salvation,
Of your saving pow'r we sing!
Stand, Oh lame, and dance ye broken,
Know the Savior's healing grace;
Come, Oh deaf and hear him singing;
Turn, Oh blind, behold his face!

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Psalm 62

Verse 1

My soul finds rest in God alone
My rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse
And lies like arrows pierce me
I'll fix my heart on righteousness
I'll look to Him who hears me

Chorus

O praise Him hallelujah
My Delight and my Reward
Everlasting never failing
My Redeemer my God

Verse 2

Find rest my soul in God alone
Amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go
Don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven

Verse 3

I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in Him completely
With ev'ry day pour out my soul
And He will prove His mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath
A sigh too deep to measure
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am His forever

(Bridge)

O praise Him O praise Him
Hallelujah hallelujah
O praise Him O praise Him
Hallelujah Hallelujah
O praise Him O praise Him
Hallelujah hallelujah

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The Presentation

Presenters: Right Reverend Father in God, we present Peter Weldon Berg to be admitted to the order of Deacons.

Bishop: Has Peter been selected in accordance with the Canons of this Church? And do you believe his manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters: We certify to you that he has satisfied the requirements of the Canons, and we believe him to be qualified for this order.

Bishop: The Canons require that no one may be ordained a Deacon in the Church until such person has subscribed without reservation to the Oath of Conformity. It is also required that each Ordinand subscribe without reservation to the Oath of Canonical Obedience. In the presence of this congregation, I now charge you to make your solemn declaration of these oaths.

Oath of Conformity

Ordinand: I, Peter Weldon Berg, do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and therefore I hold myself bound to conform my life and ministry thereto, and do solemnly engage to conform to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of Christ as this Church has received them.

Oath of Canonical Obedience

Ordinand: And I do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience in all things lawful and honest to the Bishop of the Diocese of the Upper Midwest, and his successors: So help me God.

Signing the Oath of Conformity and the Oath of Canonical Obedience.

Bishop: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Peter for ordination to the sacred Order of Deacons. Therefore if any of you know of any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now, and make it known.

Bishop: Is it your will that Peter be ordained as a Deacon?

People: It is.

Bishop: Will you uphold him in his ministry?

People: We will.

Bishop: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

The Litany for Ordinations

You may sit or kneel.

Leader: O God the Father,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: O God the Son,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: O God the Holy Spirit

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: O holy Trinity, one God,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: We beseech you to hear us good Lord; and that it may please you to grant peace to the whole world, and to your Church;

People: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please you to sanctify and bless your holy Church throughout the world;

People: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please you to inspire all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons with the love of you and your truth.

People: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please you to endue all Ministers of your Church with devotion to your glory and to the salvation of souls;

People: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please you to bless Peter your servant, now to be admitted to the Order of Deacons, and to pour your grace upon him; that he may duly execute his Office to the edification of your Church, and to the glory of your holy Name;

People: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please you to guide by your indwelling Spirit those whom you call to the ministry of your Church; that they may go forward with courage, and persevere to the end;

People: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please you to increase the number of Ministers in your Church, that the Gospel may be preached to all people;

People: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please you to grant us true repentance, amendment of life and the forgiveness of all our sins;

People: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please you to hasten the fulfillment of your purpose, that your Church may be one;

People: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please you to grant that we, with all your saints, may be partakers of your everlasting Kingdom;

People: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Hear us, O Lord, when we cry out to you;

People: **Have mercy upon us and hear us.**

Leader: O Lord, arise and help us;

People: **And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

Leader: Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;

People: **And let your saints sing with joy.**

Leader: Lord, hear our prayer;

People: **And let our cry come to you.**

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who by your divine providence has appointed diverse Orders of Ministers in your Church, and who inspired your Apostles to choose into the Order of Deacons the first martyr Stephen, with others; mercifully behold Peter your servant now called to the same Office and Administration: so fill him with the truth of your Doctrine and adorn him with holiness of life, that, both by word and good example, he may faithfully serve you in this Office, to the glory of your Name and the edification of your Church; through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

The Word of God

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Read by Elizabeth and Corin Berg

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." ⁷ But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a youth';
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,
and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
declares the Lord."

⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me,

"Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

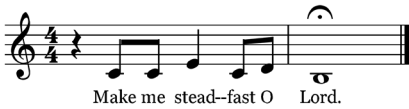
¹⁰ See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to break down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:1-8



- ¹ Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!
² Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart,

Make me steadfast O Lord.

- ³ who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways!
⁴ You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.

Make me steadfast O Lord.

- ⁵ Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
⁶ Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

Make me steadfast O Lord.

- ⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous rules.
⁸ I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me!

Make me steadfast O Lord.

The Holy Bible, ESV

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the / Ho/ly / Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for/e/ver /A/men.**

Acts 6:1-7

Read by Jordan Gilbert, Peter's Friend

¹ Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will

appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia (please stand)

At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia, sing praise to his name**

Donald Fishel

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Luke 12:35-40

³⁵ "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Repeat the Alleluia

Sermon Resurrection and the Deacon

Rev. Christian Ruch

Charge

Rt. Rev. Stewart Ruch

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

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 from the Holy Spirit and 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,
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.

* universal

The Examination

Bishop: It belongs to the Office of a Deacon, to assist the Priest in public worship, especially in the administration of Holy Communion; to lead in public prayer; to read the Gospel, and to instruct both young and old in the Catechism; and at the direction of the Priest, to baptize and to preach. Furthermore, it is the Deacon's Office to work with the laity in searching for the sick, the poor, and the helpless, that they may be relieved.

Bishop: Will you do this gladly and willingly?

Ordinand: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon yourself this Office and ministry, to serve God for the promoting of his glory and the edifying of his people?

Ordinand: I so trust.

Bishop: Do you believe that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in accordance with the Canons of this Church, to the ministry of the same?

Ordinand: I so believe.

Bishop: Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all Doctrine required as necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

Ordinand: I am so persuaded.

Bishop: Will you diligently read the same to the people assembled in the church where you are appointed to serve?

Ordinand: I will.

Bishop: Will you be diligent to frame and fashion your own life, and the life of your family, according to the Doctrine of Christ; and to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lies, wholesome examples to the flock of Christ?

Ordinand: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: Will you reverently obey your Bishop, and other Ministers, who, according to the Canons of the Church, may have charge and authority over you; following with a glad mind and a good will their godly admonitions?

Ordinand: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

The congregation shall pray silently for the fulfillment of these purposes.

Bishop: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has given you a good will to do all these things, grant you also the strength and power to perform the same; that, he accomplishing in you the good work which he has begun, you may be found perfect and without reproach on the last day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

You may sit or kneel.

Come Holy Ghost



1. Come Ho - ly Ghost our souls in - spire and light - en with ce - les - tial fire.
 2. Thy bless - ed un - ction from a - bove is com - fort, life and fire of love.
 3. A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face with the a - bun - dance of Thy grace.
 4. Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son and Thee of both to be but One.



Thou the an - oint - ing Spi - rit art, Who dost Thy se - ven fold gifts im - part.
 En - a - ble with - per - pe - tual light the dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.
 Keep far our foes, give peace at home. Where Thou art guide no ill can come.
 That through the a - ges all a - long this may be our end - less song.



Praise to Thy e - ter - nal me - rit. Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit.



Praise to Thy e - ter - nal me - rit. Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

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The Ordination of Deacons

Please stand as witnesses.

Bishop: Let us pray.

O God, most merciful Father, we praise you for sending your Son Jesus Christ, who took on himself the form of a servant, and humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on a cross. We praise you that you have highly exalted him, and made him Lord of all; and that, through him, we know that whoever would be great must be servant of all. We praise you for the many ministries in your Church, and for calling Peter your servant to the Order of Deacons.

Bishop: Receive the Holy Spirit for the Office and Work of a Deacon in the Church of God, now committed to you by the Imposition of Hands; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

In your great goodness, O Lord, make Peter your servant a Deacon in your Church; give him grace to be modest, humble, and constant in his ministry; give him a ready will to observe all spiritual discipline; and with the testimony of a good conscience always before him, may he continue stable and strong in the service of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and honor, world without end.

People: AMEN.

The new Deacon is now vested with a Stole, according to the Order of Deacons.

Bishop: Receive this Stole as a sign of the yoke of Christ, your Savior.

The Bishop delivers to the Deacon a Book of Gospels.

Bishop: Take the Authority to read the Gospel in the Church of God and to preach the same.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

As we remember the peace that we have been given with God through his forgiveness, we also remember that He has made us at peace with one another. That is why we "exchange the peace." You may say "The peace of the Lord" to those around you, or just say "Hello."

Children may be picked up from the nursery at this time.

Announcements

Offertory

God of My Life to Thee I Call

Aleah Keske, Ben & Natalie Nichols,
Eden & Liam Wilhelm

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Voice

6 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly lord, God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are
12 full, O Lord, of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
18 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the
24 name of the Lord. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
30 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high -
36 est. Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are
41 full, O Lord, of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

John Fawcett 1995

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father...

...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...

...All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

Celebrant and People:

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

Celebrant: And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say together,

Celebrant and People:

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,

for ever and ever. Amen

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

You will be dismissed by row to receive communion. As you come forward you will first be given a piece of bread, which you may eat upon receiving. Gluten-free wafers are available for those with diet restrictions. If you would prefer a wafer, please let the person serving bread know.

After eating the bread, you may receive either from the larger chalice, which has wine in it; or from the tray of smaller cups which are filled with grape juice.

If you would like to receive prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, prayer ministers are available at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you during our communion worship and for a short time after the service. If others are being prayed for, you may wait in the front pew. This time of prayer is considered private and confidential, and whatever you share with prayer ministers will not be brought up again by them unless you initiate.

A New Jerusalem

A new Jerusalem coming down from heaven
Like a bride adorned in all her splendor
And God will dwell with us, he will live among us
We will be his people, he will be our God

He will wipe away every tear from our eyes
There'll be no more death, no more mourning
No more crying there, there'll be no more pain
When God shall make his home with us again

For God will make all things new
These are his words, trustworthy and true
A promise made on which we can depend
He's the Beginning and the End

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Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1

Be Thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought
By day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

Verse 2

Be Thou my wisdom
And Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father
I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

Verse 3

Be Thou my battle-shield
Sword for the fight
Be Thou my dignity
Thou my delight
Thou my soul's shelter
Thou my high tower
Raise Thou me heavenward
O Power of my power

Verse 4

Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance
Now and always
Thou and Thou only
Be first in my heart
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art

Verse 5

High King of heaven
When vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart
Whatever befall
Still be my vision
O Ruler of all

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God Is Working His Purpose Out

Verse 1

God is working his purpose out
As year succeeds to year
God is working His purpose out
And the time is drawing near
Nearer and nearer draws the time
The time that shall surely be
When the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea

Verse 4

All we can do is nothing worth
Unless God blesses the deed
Vainly we hope for harvest-tide
Till God gives life to the seed
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time
The time that shall surely be
When the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea

Verse 2

From utmost East to utmost West
Where'er man's foot hath trod
By the mouth of many messengers
Goes forth the voice of God
Give ear to me ye continents
Ye isles give ear to Me
That the earth may be filled
With the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea

Verse 3

March we forth in the strength of God
With the banner of Christ unfurled
That the light of the glorious gospel's truth
May shine throughout the world
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin
To set their captives free
That the earth may be filled
With the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea

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The Lamb Has Overcome

The Lamb has overcome
The Lamb has overcome
The battle's done
And the victory is won
For the Lamb has overcome

No grave could hold him down
No grave could hold him down
Up from the ground,
"He is risen!" was the sound
No grave could hold him down

At God's right hand is he
At God's right hand is he
Our Perfect Plea
As he lives to intercede
At God's right hand is he

Chorus
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Glory be unto his name (2x)

The table now is spread
The table now is spread
This wine and bread
Broken body and blood shed
The table now is spread

The day is drawing near
The day is drawing near
He shall appear
And will wipe away each tear
The day is drawing near

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: All our problems of this life on earth...

All: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All the difficulties of our circumstances...

All: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All the devil's works from his temporary power...

All: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All our hopes for wholeness and eternal life...

All: **We set on the risen Christ.**

Celebrant: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the
darkness from before your path, and the blessings of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with
you always.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness
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Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

Verse 2

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

Verse 3

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

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Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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