

# Holy Eucharist

Season after Pentecost, Proper 12

Sunday, July 30, 2023

## Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Rite

*At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.*

### Hymn

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee*

Hymnal 635

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681) tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) alt. Music: *Wor nur hohen Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living One.


*People* You come to your people and set them free.

*The Celebrant says*

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.

*The following is sung, all standing*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we




praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



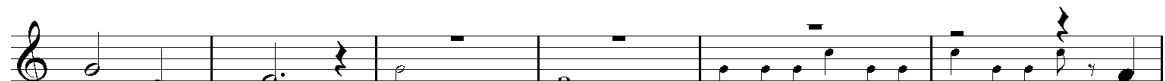
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you




take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -




ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

*All sit.*

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Remain seated.*

*Inclina Domine*

- 11 Teach me your way, O LORD,  
and I will walk in your truth; \*  
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
- 12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, \*  
and glorify your Name for evermore.
- 13 For great is your love toward me; \*  
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
and a band of violent men seeks my life; \*  
they have not set you before their eyes.
- 15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

**Second Reading**

Romans 8:26-39

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

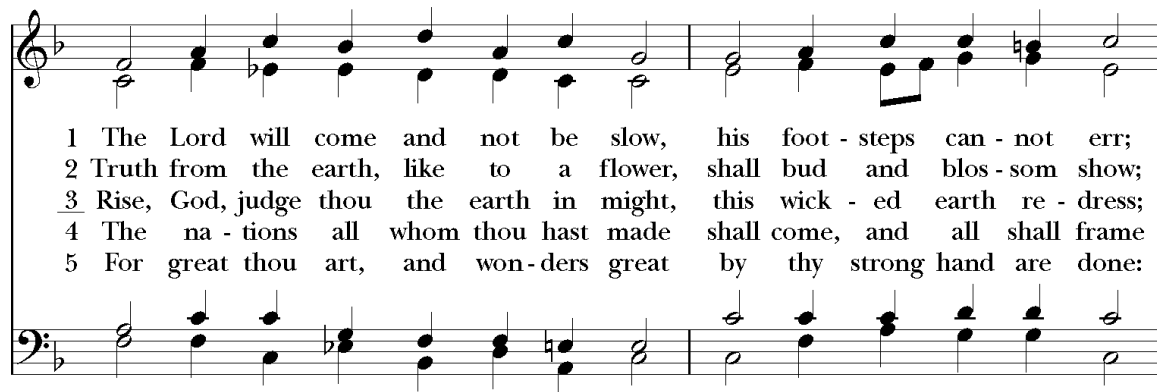
The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he

also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

## **Sequence**

*All stand.*



1 The Lord will come and not be slow, his foot - steps can - not err;  
 2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blos - som show;  
 3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, this wick - ed earth re - dress;  
 4 The na - tions all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame  
 5 For great thou art, and won - ders great by thy strong hand are done:



1 be - fore him right - eous - ness shall go, his roy - al har - bin - ger.  
 2 and jus - tice, from her heaven - ly bower, look down on us be - low.  
 3 for thou art he who shalt by right the na - tions all pos - sess.  
 4 to bow them low be - fore thee, Lord, and glo - ri - fy thy Name.  
 5 thou in thy ev - er - last - ing seat re - main - est God a - lone.

Words: John Milton (1608-1674), alt.

Music: York, melody from *The CL Psalmes of David*, 1615; adapt. *The Whole Book of Psalmes*, 1621; harm. John Milton, Sr. (1563?-1647)

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

All stand.

Priest            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
 People            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until

all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

*Priest*                The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **Sermon**

## **Nicene Creed**

*All stand and together say*

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 the People**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us bow before Almighty God, offering our thanksgiving and making known our requests for the whole human family and for all the world, saying: O God, in your goodness, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor*

*(The Prayers of the People will change each week to reflect the readings and needs of the world.)*

*They will end with the phrase below and the congregation is asked to respond with the words in bold.)*

..... O God, in your goodness, **hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says*

Hear these words, O Lord, as you hear and understand the unspoken thoughts of our hearts and minds, and grant their fulfillment through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*All kneel.*

*The Celebrant says*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

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

## **Peace**

*All stand.*

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

*People*            And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements**

*Announcements may be made at this point in the service.*

## **Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

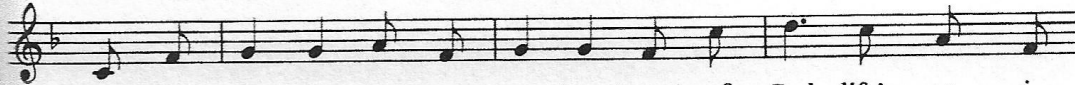
Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and  
labor to the Lord.

# Offertory Hymn

## The Holy Spirit

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### Introduction



1 Praise the Spi - rit in cre - a - tion, breath of God, life's or - i -  
2 Praise the Spi - rit, close com - pan - ion of our in - most thoughts and  
3 Praise the Spi - rit, who en - light - ened priests and pro - phets with the  
4 Tell of how the a - scend - ed Je - sus armed a peo - ple for his  
5 Pray we then, O Lord the Spi - rit, on our lives de - scend in  
6 Praise, O praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit, praise the Fa - ther, praise the



1 gin: Spi - rit, mov - ing on the wa - ters, quick - ening  
2 ways; who, in show - ing us God's won - ders, is him -  
3 word; his the truth be - hind the wis - doms which as  
4 own; how a hun - dred men and wo - men turned the  
5 might; let your flame break out with - in us, fire our  
6 Word, Source, and Truth, and In - spi - ra - tion, Trin - i -



1 worlds to life with - in, source of breath to all things  
2 self the power to gaze; and God's will, to those who  
3 yet know not our Lord; by whose love and power, in  
4 known world up - side down, to its dark and fur - thest  
5 hearts and clear our sight, till, white - hot in your pos -  
6 ty in deep ac - cord: through your voice which speaks with -

### Interlude/Conclusion



1 breath - ing, life in whom all lives be - gin.  
2 lis - ten, by a still small voice con - veys.  
3 Je - sus God him - self was seen and heard.  
4 cor - ners by the wind of hea - ven blown.  
5 ses - sion, we, too, set the world a - light.  
6 in us we, your crea - tures, call you Lord.



Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

## Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

*Celebrant*                                  *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                                  *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven 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.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

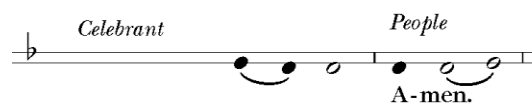
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.



*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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.

## Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor, then all*

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

*Fine Verses*

— of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -



*All repeat Antiphon*

ia, is the com - mun-ion of the Bod - y of Christ.  
ia, for though - ma - ny we share one - bread.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

## Communion Hymn

*Eternal Spirit of the living Christ*

Hymnal 698

1 E - ter - nal Spi - rit of the liv - ing Christ,  
2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;  
3 Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need

I know not how to ask or what to say;  
help me to see your pur - pose and your will—  
to serve my God, and all hu - man - i - ty;

I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,  
where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;  
ful - fill - ment of my life in love out - poured—



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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life  
and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **Blessing**

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

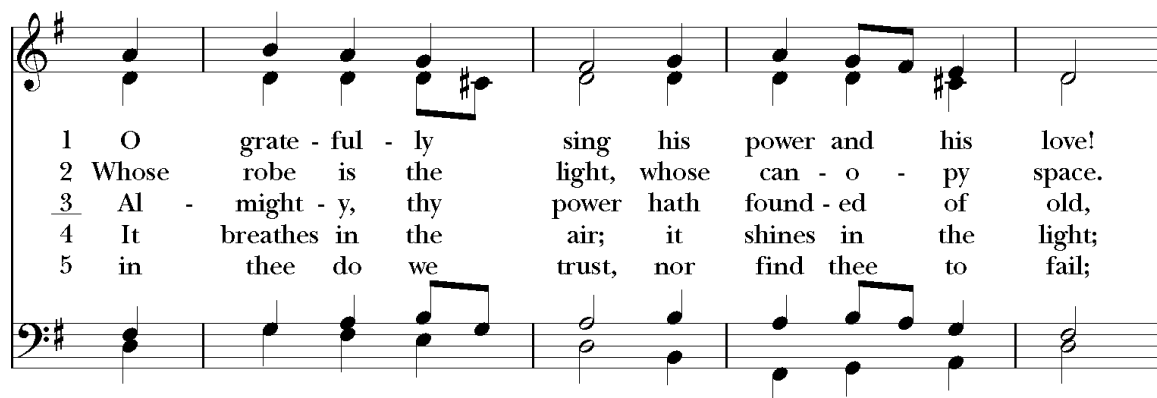
# Recessional Hymn

*O worship the King, all glorious above*

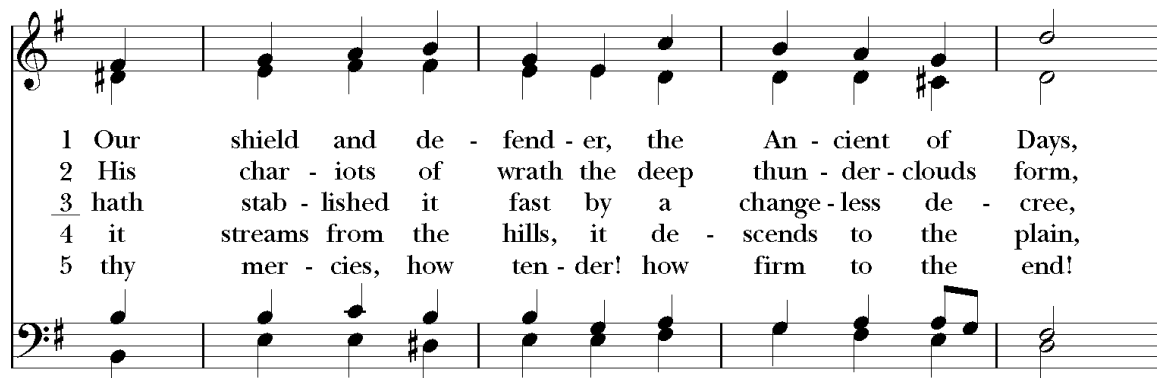
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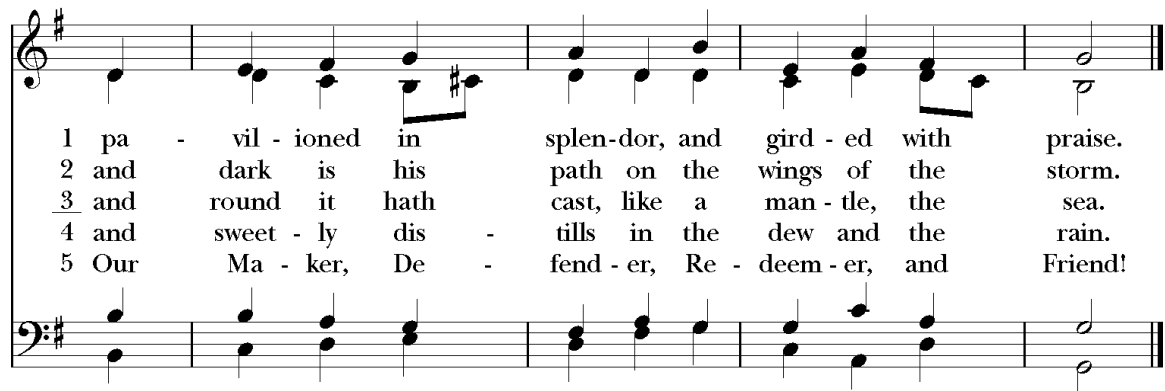
1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!  
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,  
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;



1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!



1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.