

The Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

Convention Eucharist

November 15, 2025

Welcome: *The Rev. Julie Carson*

A Prayer of Indigenous Territorial Acknowledgement *Mr. Will Harron*

Holy God, we acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, and unceded land of the Pocumtuck, Norwottuck, and Mahican people upon which we are worshiping, praying, and visiting today. We also acknowledge the Abenaki people to the north, the Nipmuc and Wampanoag people to the east, the Pequot and Mohegan people to the south, and the Mohican and Haudenosaunee Confederacy to the west: peoples whom the people of this place took refuge with. We give thanks for those who have come before us and those who live among us. We honor all of North America's Native peoples who have been living and working on these lands from time immemorial. We recognize that settler colonialism and the oppression of Native peoples is a current and ongoing process, and we commit to building our awareness of our present participation in these injustices. In our words and actions may we demonstrate our gratitude for the care and sharing of this land. **Amen.**

(Source: St. John's, Northampton)*

Opening Hymn, #473 *Lift high the cross*

Crucifer

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.

till all the world _____ a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.

1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); alt. Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)
 Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

10 10 with Refrain

Opening Acclamation

Bishop Fisher: Blessed be the One who creates all things.

All: **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

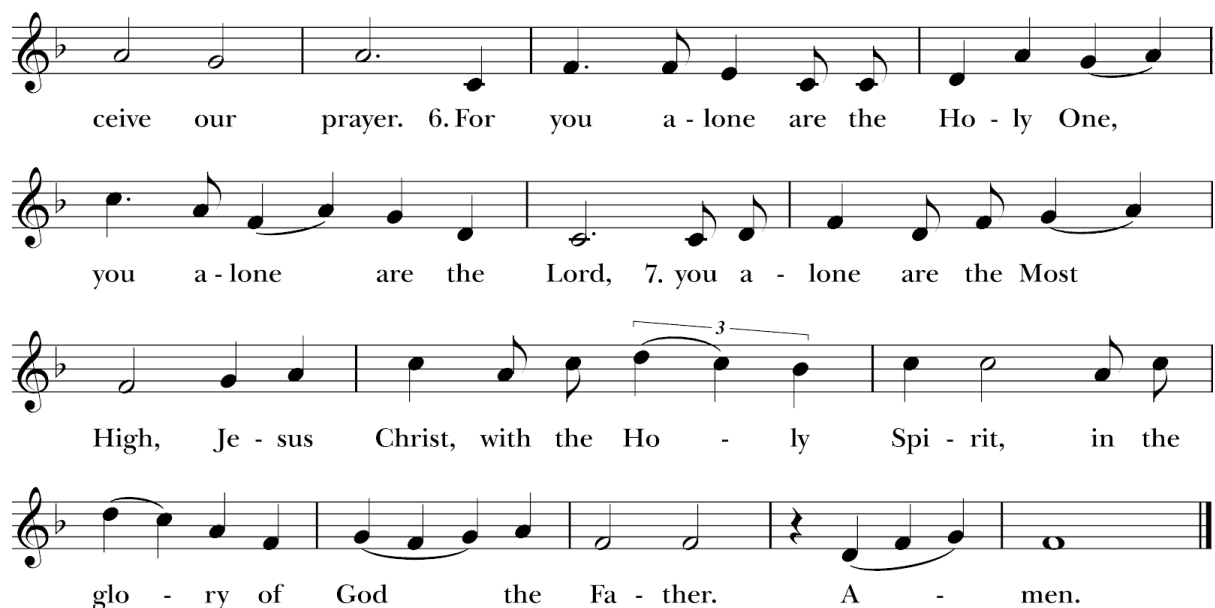
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Hymnal 1982 - S280

Glory to God
Canticle 20



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 -



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Collect

Bishop Fisher: The Creator be with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with us who work for the renewal and mission of your Church, especially here in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

First Reading Isaiah 2: 2-4

A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96: 1-7

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord; bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples.

- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
- 6 Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Second Lesson Ephesians 2:13-22

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #686 *Come thou fount of every blessing*

Nettleton

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of
 2. Here I raise my Eb-en - ez - er, hith-er by Thy help I'm come; and I
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be! Let Thy

mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise. Teach me_
 hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus_
 grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to Thee. Prone to_

some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by_ flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the
 sought me when a stran - ger, wand-ering from the fold of God, Came to
 wan - der, Oh, I feel it, prone to_ leave the God I love; here's my

mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un -chang-ing love.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

Gospel Luke 10:1-9

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon, *The Rev. Nathaniel Anderson*

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows and The Prayers of the People

The people stand, if able, and the Bishop begins

People of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God’s grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

People **We will, with God’s help.**

The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop may bless the water.

We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Bishop Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism.

Water is poured into the font and the Bishop leads the renewal of baptismal vows.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 to the dead. 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The intercessor continues

Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this gathering, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

For the Church universal, of which we are all a part,

We thank you, Lord.

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,

We thank you, Lord.

For the places where we may be still and know that you are God,

We thank you, Lord.

For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life. We are especially grateful for the episcopal ministry of our bishop, Doug. Give us grace in the days ahead as we celebrate his leadership among us, and guide us with your Spirit as we elect our next bishop today.

We thank you, Lord.

For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,

We thank you, Lord.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

We thank you, Lord.

For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,

We thank you, Lord.

For the blessing of our baptismal vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

We thank you, Lord.

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,

We thank you, Lord.

We pray especially for those who have died. For:

The Rev. Frances Hills

The Rev. Fletcher Davis

The Rev. Randall Wilburn

The Rev. Charles Sutton

The Rev. Donna Larson

The Rev. Kenneth Campbell

Hamilton “Chip” Doherty

Anne Wescott

Allan Taylor

Joaquim Samuel Da Silva Ribeiro

Eleanor “Andy” Parke

Patricia Pearson Dunn

For the fellowship of all your Saints,

We thank you, Lord.

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop blesses the people during the singing of “Wade in the Water”

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

Fine

1. See that host all dressed in white,
2. See that band all dressed in red,
3. Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

God's a-gon-na trou-ble the

wa - ter.

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,
2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com-ing on me,
4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

D.C.

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual, arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*.

The Peace

Bishop Fisher: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence & Instruction

Bishop Fisher: Our offering today is taken for **Human To Human**. You may use the link on the screen to make a gift during the offertory. Or, at the end of the liturgy, you may leave your gift in the designated box which will be located with the UTO box.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn, *I come with joy to meet my God*

Land of Rest



1. I come with joy___ to meet my God,___ For - giv - en, loved, and free,___ In
2. I come with Christ-ians far and near___ To find, as all___ are fed,___ The
3. As Christ breaks bread___ and bids us share, Each proud di - vi - sion ends.___ The
4. And thus with joy___ we meet our God,___ whose pres - ence, al - ways near,___ Is
5. To - geth - er met,___ to - geth - er bound, We'll go our dif - ferent ways,___ And

awe and won - der to re - call___ the life laid down for me._____
new com - mu - ni - ty of love___ In Christ's com - mu - nion bread._____
love that made___ us, makes us one,___ And stran - gers now___ are friends._____
in such friend - ship bet - ter known: We see and praise God here._____
as God's peo - ple in the world, We'll live and sing___ and praise._____
and sing___ and praise._____
and sing___ and praise._____
and sing___ and praise._____
and sing___ and praise._____
and sing___ and praise._____

The Great Thanksgiving: Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2

El Señor sea con ustedes.

Y con tu espíritu.

Elevemos los corazones.

Los elevamos al Señor.

Demos gracias a Dios nuestro Señor.

Es justo darle gracias y alabanza.

We praise you and we bless you,
holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.
You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through
eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus Wonder, Love, & Praise - #785 *Santo, santo, santo*

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text. Music: Composer of melody unknown; arr. based on a two-part version as taught by Pablo D. Sosa (b. 1933).

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
 To deliver us from the power of sin and death
 and to reveal the riches of your grace,
 you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
 that she might conceive and bear a son,
 Jesus the holy child of God.
 Living among us, Jesus loved us.
 He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
 healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
 He yearned to draw all the world to himself
 yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
 Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
 the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
 Jesus was at table with his friends.
 He took bread, gave thanks to you,
 broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
 "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.
In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say in the language of our hearts,

The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction

This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.

Music during communion & during the election

Evangelical Lutheran Worship - #723

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the




weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



1. God of all hope - ful - ness, God of all joy, whose
 2. God of all ea - ger - ness, God of all faith, whose
 3. God of all kind - li - ness, God of all grace, your
 4. God of all gent - le - ness, God of all calm, whose



trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could des - troy: be
 strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be
 hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace: be
 voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm: be



there at our wa - king, and give us, we pray, your
 there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray, your
 there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray, your
 there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray, your



bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
 2. Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
 3. Come and stir us, come, and heal us, o - pen our eyes, we pray.

It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 Light our fire____ for the mis - sion we have been called by grace.

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 Swahili: Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.

1. Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet
 2. Hold my hand Hold my hand
 3. Stand by me Stand by me
 4. I'm Your child I'm Your child

Yes, my Lord!

while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this
 Hold my hand
 Stand by me
 I'm Your child

Yes, my Lord!

race, For I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

1. We are walk - ing in the light of God we are walk - ing in the light of God.
 2. Si - ya ham - b'e - ku - ka nyen - i kwen khos, si - ya - ham - b'e - ku - kah nyen - i kwen - khos.

2. We are
 We are walk - ing in the light of God (light of God) We are
 Si - ya ham - b'e - ku - kah - nyen - i kwen - khos, (nyen i kwen - khos) Si - ya -

walk - ing, Ooh
 walk - ing, we are walk - ing, walk - ing, we are
 ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -

D.S.
 walk - ing in the light of God! We are
 ham - b'e - ku - ka nyen - i - kwen - khos. Si - ya -

Yo vengo a Ofrecer mi Corazón

Quién dijo que todo está perdido
Yo vengo a ofrecer mi corazón
Tanta sangre que se llevó el río
Yo vengo a ofrecer mi corazón

**No será tan fácil / ya sé que pasa
No será tan simple como pensaba
Como abrir el pecho y sacar el alma / una cuchillada de Amor.**

Luna de los pobres siempre abierta / yo vengo a ofrecer mi corazón
Como un documento inalterable / yo vengo a ofrecer mi corazón.

**Y uniré las puntas del mismo lazo
Y me iré tranquilo, me iré despacio
Y te daré todo y me darás algo / algo que me alivie un poco más...**

Cuando no haya nadie cerca o lejos / yo vengo a ofrecer mi corazón
Cuando los satélites no alcancen / yo vengo a ofrecer mi corazón.

**Y hablo de países y de esperanza
Hablo por la Vida y hablo por la nada
Hablo de cambiar ésta nuestra casa
De cambiarla por cambiar nomás**

Quién dijo que todo está perdido
Yo vengo a ofrecer mi corazón
Quién dijo que todo está perdido...
Yo vengo a ofrecer... mi corazón

#557 Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain

Lead me, guide me along the way
For if You lead me I cannot stray
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee
Lead me, O Lord, won't You lead me

I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r
To help me over my weakest hour
Help me through the darkness Thy face to see
Lead me, O Lord, lead me

Refrain

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress
I am putting all my trust in Thee
Lead me, O Lord, lead me

Refrain

I am lost if You take your hand from me
I am blind without Thy Light to see
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be
Lead me, O Lord, lead me

Refrain

How Great Thou Art / Cuán Grande Es Él

Señor, mi Dios / al contemplar los Cielos
Y al pensar en toda tu Creación
Al escuchar tu Voz en cada trueno
Y al meditar en tu inmenso Poder

**Mi corazón entona la canción
Cuán grande es Él / cuán grande es Él
Te cantaré cuán grande eres Señor
Te adoraré mi Salvador**

And when I think / that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die / I scarce can take it in
That on that Cross / my burdens gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sins

**Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee
How great Thou Art / How great Thou Art
Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee
How great Thou Art / how great Thou Art**

Cuando el Señor / me llame a su Presencia
Al dulce hogar, al Cielo de esplendor
Le adoraré / cantando la Grandeza
De su Poder / y su infinito Amor

**Mi corazón entona la canción
Cuán grande es Él / cuán grande es Él
Te cantaré cuán grande eres Señor
Te adoraré mi Salvador**

***Great and Mighty / Awesome Wonderful / You conquer all
God our Father / God Omnipotent / You reign on High (X2)***

**Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee
How great Thou Art / How great Thou Art
Te cantaré cuán grande eres Señor
Te alabaré / eterno Rey**

#184 Blessed Assurance
En Jesucristo, Puerto De Paz

Blessed assurance / Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste / of glory divine
Heir of salvation / purchased of God
Born of His Spirit / washed in His Blood

*This is my story / this is my song / praising my Savior / all the day long
This is my story / this is my song / praising my Savior / all the day long*

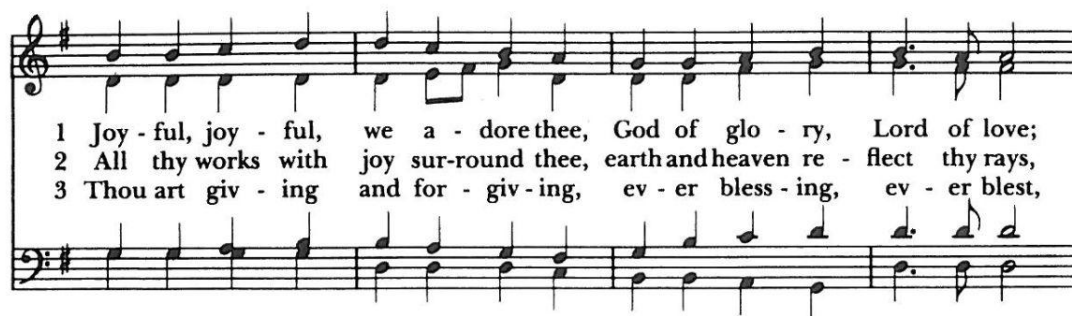
En Jesucristo / Puerto de Paz / en rudas horas de tempestad
Hallan las almas / dulce solaz / grato consuelo, felicidad

*Gloria cantemos / al Redentor / Que por nosotros / vino a morir
Y que la Gracia / del Salvador / Siempre dirija / nuestro vivir*

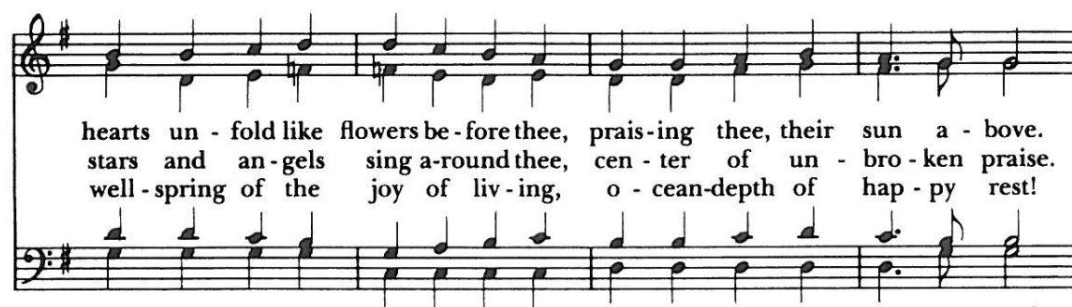
Perfect submission / all is at rest
I in my Savior / am happy and blest
Watching and waiting / looking above
Filled with His Goodness / lost in His Love

*This is my story / this is my song / Praising my Savior / all the day long
This is my story / this is my song / Praising my Savior / all the day long*

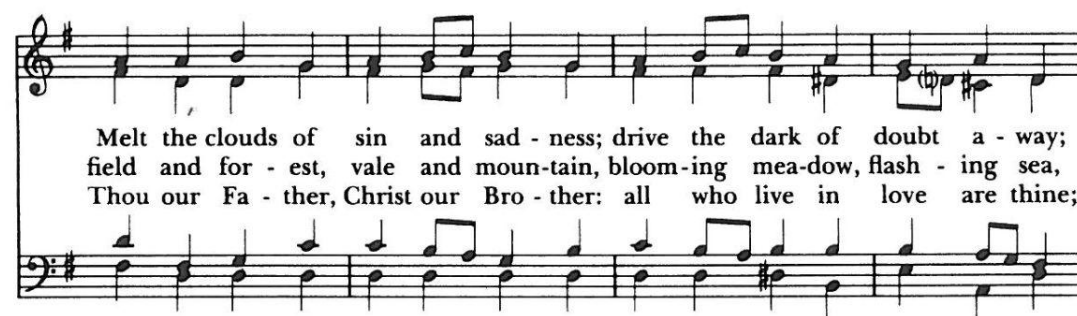
*Gloria cantemos / al Redentor / que por nosotros / vino a morir
Y que la Gracia / del Salvador / siempre dirija / nuestro vivir
Praising my Savior / all the day long*



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Music: *Hymn to joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

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Post Communion Prayer

Bishop Fisher: Let us give thanks for this meal.

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Instruction for UTO Ingathering:

For those parishes that have brought their UTO gifts, during the final hymn, please place them in the UTO box near the exit door. For your convenience, the Human To Human box will be at the same location, as mentioned earlier.

The Bishop's Blessing

Closing Hymn: 527 Yo Tengo Un Gozo/How Great The Joy In My Heart

**How great the joy in my heart / Joy in my heart
Joy in my heart and in my soul / Alleluia, praise the Lord
It's like a stream of living water
Stream of living water
Stream of living water in my heart and my soul**

Come join in singing / give Glory to the Lord
Come join in singing / give Glory to the Lord
O praise the Lord / praise the Lord / praise our God
Come join in singing / give Glory to the Lord

**Yo tengo gozo en mi alma / gozo en mi alma
Gozo en mi alma y en mi ser
Aleluya, Gloria a Dios /es como un río de Agua Viva
Río de Agua Viva / río de Agua Viva en mi alma y en mi ser**

Vamos cantando con todo su Poder
Vamos cantando con todo su Poder
Da Gloria a Dios / Gloria a Dios / da Gloria a Él
Vamos cantando con todo su Poder

**How great the joy in my heart / Joy in my heart
Joy in my heart and in my soul / Alleluia, praise the Lord
It's like a stream of living water
Stream of living water
Stream of living water in my heart and my soul**

Love one another / give Glory to the Lord
Love one another / give Glory to the Lord
O praise the Lord / praise the Lord / praise our God
Love one another / give Glory to the Lord

**Yo tengo gozo en mi alma / gozo en mi alma
Gozo en mi alma y en mi ser
Aleluya, Gloria a Dios /es como un río de Agua Viva
Río de Agua Viva / río de Agua Viva en mi alma y en mi ser**

Alza tus brazos y alaba a tu Señor
Alza tus brazos y alaba a tu Señor
Da Gloria a Dios / Gloria a Dios / da Gloria a Él
Alza tus brazos y alaba a tu Señor

**Yo tengo gozo en mi alma / gozo en mi alma
Gozo en mi alma y en mi ser
Aleluya, Gloria a Dios /es como un río de Agua Viva
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The Dismissal *Deacon*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Ministers of the Liturgy

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Douglas J. Fisher

Preacher: The Rev. Nathaniel Anderson

Deacons: The Rev. Deacon Jaclyn Mayo and The Rev. Deacon Rebecca Grant

Lectors: Ms. Talia Pott and Ms. Em Gamber

Intercessor: Mx Alex Blenman

Eucharistic Ministers: The Rev. Nathaniel Anderson; The Rev. Heather Blais; The Rev. Julie Carson; Mx. Alex Blenman; Mr. Will Harron; Ms. Talia Pott; Ms. Katherine Leary

Musicians: Sergio D'Orsini, guitar; Kell Juliard, piano; Colin Britt, piano

Chaplains to Convention & Search Process: The Rev. Julie Carson and Mr. Will Harron

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About Land Acknowledgments

At the 80th General Convention (2022), the Episcopal Church committed to ensure that all public gatherings and worship of the Episcopal Church, its boards commissions, and committees will begin to implement land acknowledgement liturgies and prayers to begin public meetings or worship. To that end, our worship begins with *A Prayer of Indigenous Territorial Acknowledgement*, created and used by St. John's in Northampton, Massachusetts. To learn more about this resolution and the use of land acknowledgements, please visit: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2023/06/IndMin-Land-Acknowledgment-Resource-EN-1.pdf>

About Spirituals

Songs like *Wade in the Water* were described by Abolitionist W.E.B. DuBois as "Sorrow Songs" and considered them one of African Americans greatest gifts. The song was created and first sung by enslaved people in religious services. It is thought Harriet Tubman used the song on the Underground Railroad, "...to warn slaves to get off the trail and into the water to prevent being sniffed out by dogs that were used to hunt

them.” The lyrics were first published in 1901 in New Jubilee Songs as Sung by the Fisk Jubilee Singers. The book was published by Frederick J. Work and his brother John Wesley Work Jr. Learn more: <https://americansongwriter.com/behind-the-meaning-of-the-classic-gospel-song-wade-in-the-water/>

Spirituals are an important part of the contribution that African Americans have made to our faith tradition. While churches pay royalties to arrangers and contemporary composers through the Episcopal Church’s licensing agreement, there has been no way to compensate the original, unknown, enslaved composers of the Spirituals. As we engage in the ongoing work of racial reconciliation and becoming a beloved community, we felt it was important to find a small way to acknowledge this truth.

To that end, we have followed the model of Grace Church in Great Barrington. For the past few years they have made note of the spirituals that their parish sings during the year and to honor the anonymous creators of these important and beautiful songs they have made a payment to a local organization that is rebuilding the Clinton A.M.E. Zion Church, where W.E.B. DuBois worshiped, as an African American Cultural center - The DuBois Freedom Center. <https://www.duboisfreedomcenter.org/>