



Diocese of New Westminster  
ANGELICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

# **St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church**

*serving North Vancouver since October 22, 1899*

*August 10, 2014*

***Ninth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist***

*Celebrant: The Reverend Patrick Blaney*

***St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church***

220 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, North Vancouver BC V7M 1N1

Phone: 604-986-1151 • email: [stjohnnv@telus.net](mailto:stjohnnv@telus.net) • Web: [www.stjohnnv.ca](http://www.stjohnnv.ca)

Priest	Reverend Patrick Blaney	778-989-7176 (c)	<a href="mailto:priest.sjnv@telus.net">priest.sjnv@telus.net</a>
Music Coordinator	Galina Martyniuk	604-983-7026 (h)	<a href="mailto:mgalina7@hotmail.com">mgalina7@hotmail.com</a>
Warden	Raili Mazurek	778-892-5926 (c)	<a href="mailto:r_jokela@hotmail.com">r_jokela@hotmail.com</a>
Warden	Linda Harrison	604-984-9848 (h)	<a href="mailto:lindaharrison2010@gmail.com">lindaharrison2010@gmail.com</a>
Warden	Chris deBeaupre	604-990-7632 (h)	<a href="mailto:maryandchris@shaw.ca">maryandchris@shaw.ca</a>
Parish Office	Eleanor Rogers	604-986-1151 (o)	<a href="mailto:stjohnnv@telus.net">stjohnnv@telus.net</a>
Children & Youth Ministry	Raili Mazurek	778-892-5926 (c)	<a href="mailto:r_jokela@hotmail.com">r_jokela@hotmail.com</a>

## **WELCOME**

*We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. There are candles in the Chapel for those who wish to light one and say a prayer at any time before and during the service. We ask that you please turn off all cell phones and pagers. After the service, we invite newcomers (and others!) to visit our Welcome Table downstairs in the Lounge. This is a place where you can learn more about the various activities and groups here at St. John's, find contact information, and find ways to get involved and have fun!*

**Sunday School** is not in session during the summer months but will resume Sept. 7! All families with children, please help yourself to the baggies with craft supplies located at the main entrance of the church. Children are welcome to use these supplies during the service and take home whatever they make! Happy Summer!

### **Ministering today at our 10:00 a.m. service:**

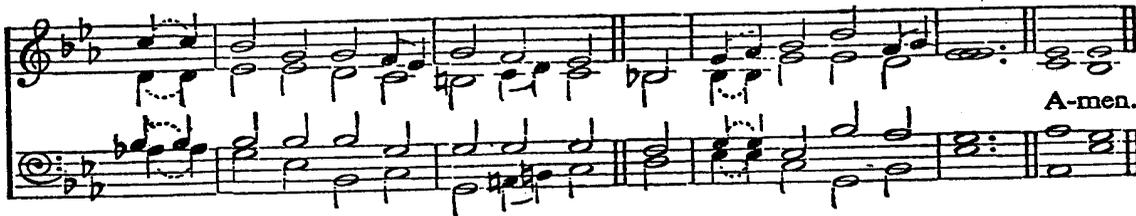
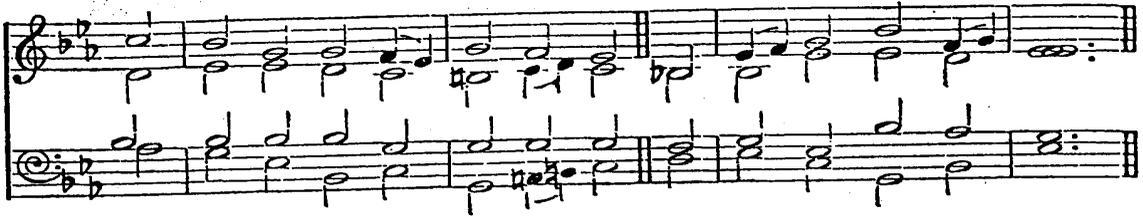
<i>Celebrant and Preacher:</i>	<i>The Reverend Patrick Blaney</i>
<i>Musician:</i>	<i>Galina Martynioug, piano &amp; organ</i>
<i>Choir Director:</i>	<i>Christie Smith</i>
<i>Clarinet:</i>	<i>Deborah Foster</i>
<i>Liturgical Deacon:</i>	<i>Carolyn Iker</i>
<i>Crucifer:</i>	<i>Jessica Mensah</i>
<i>Server:</i>	<i>Hazel Breakey</i>
<i>Readers:</i>	<i>Kevin Benoy, Hazel Breakey</i>
<i>Intercessor/Prayers of the People:</i>	<i>Glenn McDonald</i>
<i>Eucharistic Administrators:</i>	<i>Gillian Lyles, Madeline Cooper, Glenn McDonald, Marilyn Chotem</i>
<i>Outreach:</i>	<i>Madeline Cooper</i>
<i>Greeter:</i>	<i>Dorothy Delaney</i>

**The flowers today** are given to the glory of God from Juanita Clark in fond memory of her Paternal grandparents, Daisy and Arthur Clark.

# Opening Hymn

600 TERRA BEATA. D.S.M. (Irreg.)

Traditional English Melody.



This is my Father's world,  
 And to my listening ears  
 All nature sings, and round me rings  
 The music of the spheres.  
 This is my Father's world,  
 I rest me in the thought  
 Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
 His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world;  
 He shines in all that's fair;  
 In the rustling grass I hear him pass,  
 He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world;  
 The birds their carols raise;  
 The morning light, the lily white,  
 Declare their Maker's praise.

## ***The Gathering of the Community***

Celebrant            The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**All                    And also with you.**

*Celebrant*            Almighty God,  
**All                    to you all hearts are open,  
all desires are known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
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 Collect***

Celebrant            Almighty God,  
**All                    you sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church.  
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love, joy, and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## ***The Proclamation of the Word***

***The First Reading:*** read by Kevin Benoy

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.



Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All            Amen.**

## **Psalm 105: 11-6, 16-22**

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
and speak of all his marvellous works.**

**Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
Search for the Lord and his strength;  
continually seek his face.**

**Remember the marvels he has done,  
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,  
O offspring of Abraham his servant,  
O children of Jacob his chosen.**

**Then he called for a famine in the land  
and destroyed the supply of bread.  
He sent a man before them,  
Joseph, who was sold as a slave**

**They bruised his feet in fetters;  
his neck they put in an iron collar.  
Until his prediction came to pass,  
the word of the Lord tested him.  
The king sent and released him;  
the ruler of the peoples set him free.**

**He set him as master over his household,  
as a ruler over all his possessions,  
To instruct his princes according to his will  
And to teach his elders wisdom.**

**God of our salvation, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have fulfilled your promise to our ancestors in the faith to redeem the world from slavery and to lead us into the promised land. Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven, that we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

***The Second Reading:*** read by Hazel Breakey

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" ' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

'The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Romans 10: 5-15

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All Amen.**

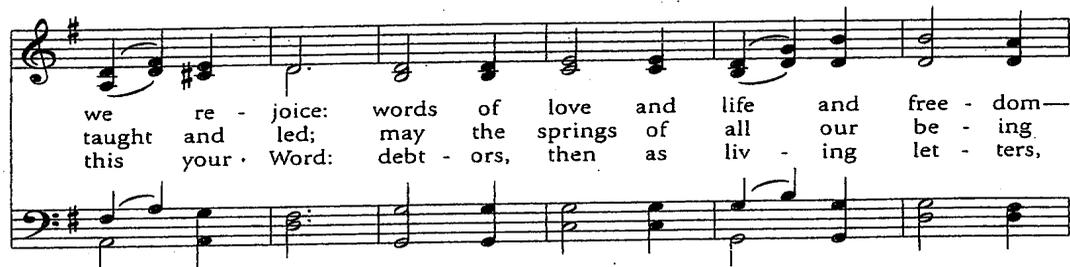
**Gradual Hymn** All stand for the Gospel. Before the reading of the Gospel, the first half of the Gradual Hymn is sung. 9

CALL AND VOCATION

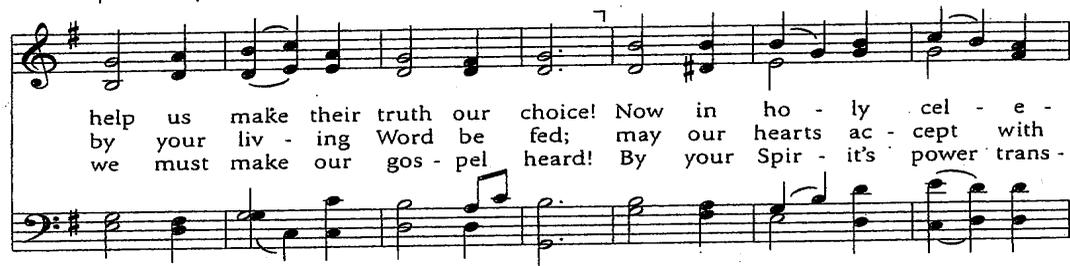
## 447 Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness



1 Lord, we hear your word with glad - ness: you have spo - ken—  
2 May we hear with un - der - stand - ing, by your Spir - it  
3 You have spo - ken; yours the full - ness, ours the wealth of



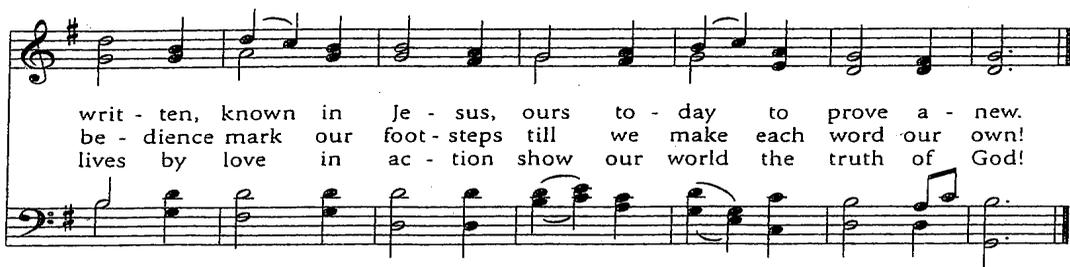
we re - joice: words of love and life and free - dom—  
taught and led; may the springs of all our be - ing  
this your Word: debt - ors, then as liv - ing let - ters,



help us make their truth our choice! Now in ho - ly cel - e -  
by your liv - ing Word be fed; may our hearts ac - cept with  
we must make our gos - pel heard! By your Spir - it's power trans -



bra - tion for your Word we wor - ship you; spo - ken,  
meek - ness all the grace your light makes known; may o -  
form us; shed your sav - ing light a - broad till our



writ - ten, known in Je - sus, ours to - day to prove a - new.  
be - dience mark our foot - steps till we make each word our own!  
lives by love in ac - tion show our world the truth of God!

## ***The Gospel—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost***

*All stand for the Gospel. Before the reading of the Gospel, the first half of the Gradual Hymn is sung.*

Liturgical Deacon The Lord be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

Liturgical Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**All** **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind,\* he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Matthew 14: 22-33

*Liturgical Deacon* The Gospel of Christ.

**All** **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the second half of the Gradual Hymn is sung.*

**Sermon** *The Reverend Patrick Blaney***Time for Reflection**

Celebrant    Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,  
**All**            **I believe in God,**  
                  **the Father almighty,**  
                  **creator of heaven and earth.**  
                  **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
                  **He was conceived by the power of the Holy**  
                  **Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**  
                  **He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
                  **was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
                  **He descended 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.**  
                  **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
                  **the holy catholic Church,**  
                  **the communion of saints,**  
                  **the forgiveness of sins,**  
                  **the resurrection of the body,**  
                  **and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# Prayers of the People

## Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus 227

Helen Lemmel

Copyright © 1922, Renewed 1950 and this arr. © 1983 by Singpiration Music  
All Rights Reserved. International Copyright Secured. Used by Permission of Benson Music Group.

F C Dm F7

Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, Look

Bb Gm G9/B C

full in His won - der - ful face, And the

C7/G F/A C|dim7 Dm F7/C Bb

things of earth will grow strange - ly dim In the

F/C Bb/C C7 F

light of His glo - ry and grace.

## ***Prayers of the People*** (cont.)

**The Church:** Bishop Melissa, Archbishop John, Fred our Primate, and Patrick our Priest; Church of the Leading Star, Taichung (twinned with St. Dunstan, Aldergrove); St. Laurence, Coquitlam, Rev. Keith Gilbert, Rev. Stephen Bailey, Rev. Wally Shea; St. Mary the Virgin, Sapperton, Rev. Georgina Harris.

**The Local Community:** City & District of North Vancouver, Queen Mary Community School.

**The World:**

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

**Those in Need:** For those who are sick, hospitalized and in need of our prayers. This week, our prayers are requested especially for these members and friends of our St. John's faith Community: Anna, Berna, Jim W., Joan T., June, Wendy, Moyra, Rose, Tess, Marie, Jim, Gail, Gary D., Peggy, Pilar, Nadia, Frances T., Dianne & James, Connie, Alexandra V, Bruce & Ann, Ingrid, Zina, and Olga, Richard, & Romilda.

**The Dearly Departed:** Those dear to us who are forever in our hearts.

**In Thanksgiving:** In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Elizabeth Guilbride, Bob & Nancy Hardy, Brooke Hardy, Linda & Jim Harrison, Marilyn Hicks, Tom & Doreen Hodges, Joan Hodgson, Trevor Holness & Linda Battiston, Lynden Holness.

## ***Confession and Absolution***

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,  
 God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
 he welcomes sinners  
 and invites them to his table.  
 Let us confess our sins,  
 confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Celebrant Most merciful God,  
**All we confess that we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us and forgive us,  
 that we may delight in your will,  
 and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
 pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
 confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
 and keep you in eternal life;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## ***The Peace***

*We stand as we are able and greet our neighbours in the peace of Christ.*

Celebrant May the peace of Christ always be with you.  
**All And also with you.**

# In the Garden

C. AUSTIN MILES

Verse

1. I come to the gar-den a-lone, While the dew is still on the ros-es; And the

voice I hear, Fall-ing on my ear, The Son of God dis-clos-es.

Chorus

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His

own; And the joy we share, as we tar-ry there, None oth-er has ev-er known...

2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet, the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody,  
That He gave to me,  
Within my heart is ringing.

Chorus

3. I'd stay in the garden with Him,  
Tho' the night around me be falling,  
But He bids me go;  
Thro' the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling.

Chorus

## ***The Celebration of the Eucharist***

### ***Preparation of the Gifts***

*Representatives of the people present the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist (with money and other gifts for the needs and responsibilities of the Church) to the deacon or celebrant before the altar.*

### ***The Prayer Over the Gifts***

Celebrant            Father,  
**All**                    **receive all we offer you this day,  
 and grant that in this eucharist  
 we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit.  
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.**

### ***The Great Thanksgiving***

Celebrant            The Lord be with you.  
**All**                    **And also with you.**

Celebrant            Lift up your hearts.  
**All**                    **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All**                    **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant            Eternal God, Source of all being,  
 we give you thanks and praise  
 for your faithful love.  
 You call us into friendship  
 with you and one another  
 to be your holy people,  
 a sign of your presence in the world.

Celebrant            When those we trust betray us,  
 unfaithfully you remain with us.  
 When we injure others,  
 you confront us in your love  
 and call us to the paths of righteousness.

Celebrant            You stand with the weak,  
                              and those, broken and alone,  
                              whom you have always welcomed home,  
                              making the first last, and the last first.  
                              Therefore we raise our voices  
                              with angels and archangels,  
                              forever praising you and singing:

**All                    Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
                              God of power and might,  
                              Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
                              God of power and might,  
                              heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
                              Hosanna in the highest,  
                              Hosanna in the highest.  
                              Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
                              Hosanna in the highest,  
                              Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant            Blessed are you, O Holy One:  
                              when Hagar was driven into the wilderness  
                              you followed her and gave her hope.  
                              When Joseph was sold into bondage,  
                              you turned malice to your people's good.  
                              When you called Israel out of slavery,  
                              you brought them through the wilderness  
                              into the promised land.  
                              When your people were taken into exile,  
                              you wept with them by the river of Babylon  
                              and carried them home.

**All                    Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant            At the right time you sent your Anointed One  
                              to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.  
                              Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.



## ***The Great Thanksgiving*** (cont.)

Celebrant            Pour out your Spirit on these gifts  
that through them you may sustain us  
in our hunger for your peace.  
We hold before you  
all whose lives are marked by suffering,  
our sisters and brothers.  
When we are broken and cast aside,  
embrace us in your love.

**All                    Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant            Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O Source of all life, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

Celebrant            As our Saviour taught us to pray,

**All                    Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving (cont.)

### The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

**All Give us this bread for ever.**

Celebrant "I am the vine, you are the branches."

**All May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

### The Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for the people of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*All who love God and desire Christ are welcome to receive communion at this table. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the Eucharistic Administrator know if you wish to receive one. Anyone desiring a blessing should fold their arms across their chest after receiving communion, as an indication to the priest.*

### Communion Hymns

#### Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

814

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: John L. Bell

Text and music © 1995 Iona Community, admin. GIA Publications, Inc.

TAKE ME AS I AM

7774



D G A D Bm

Spir- it, Spir- it of gen- tle- ness, blow thro' the wil- der- ness

E A D G A D

call- ing and free, Spir- it, Spir- it of rest- less- ness,

Bm G A7 D G D A D fine

stir me from plac- id- ness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

D G A G D

1. You moved on the wa- ters, you called to the deep,  
 2. You swept thro' the des- ert, you stung with the sand,  
 3. You sang in a sta- ble, you cried from a hill,

Bm Bm7 E A

then you coaxed up the moun- tains from the val- leys of sleep:  
and you goad- ed your peo- ple with a law and a land:  
then you whis- pered in si- lence when the whole world was still:

D G A G

and o- ver the ae- ons you called to each  
and when they were blind- ed with their i- dols and  
and down in the ci- ty you called once a-

D Bm G

thing: - - wake from your slum- bers  
lies, then you spoke thro' your proph- ets  
gain, when you blew thro' your peo- ple

A7 D G/A D A D.C.

and rise on your wings.  
to o- pen their eyes.  
on the rush of the wind.

## ***Prayer after Communion***

Celebrant

Eternal God,

**All**

**grant to your Church the unity and peace  
that we have tasted in this eucharist,  
the fruit of your life-giving Spirit.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
Amen.**

## ***Announcements***

### ***The Doxology***

Celebrant

Almighty God,

**All**

**Whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
Than we can ask or imagine.**

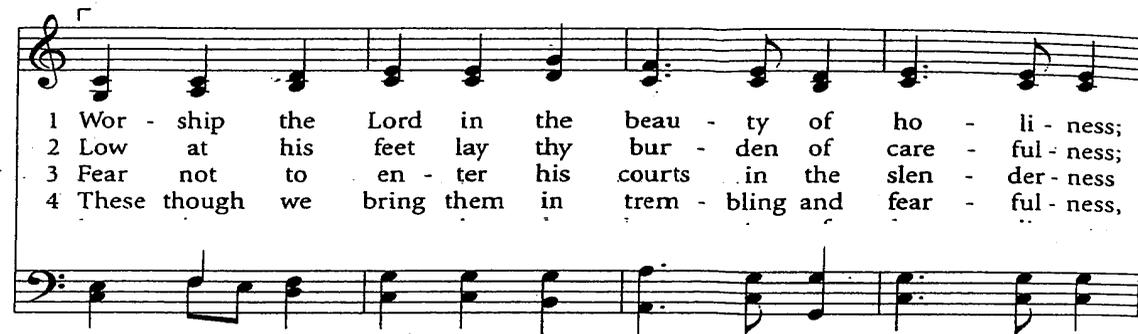
**Glory to God from generation to generation,  
In the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

### ***The Blessing***

# Closing Hymn

PRAISE

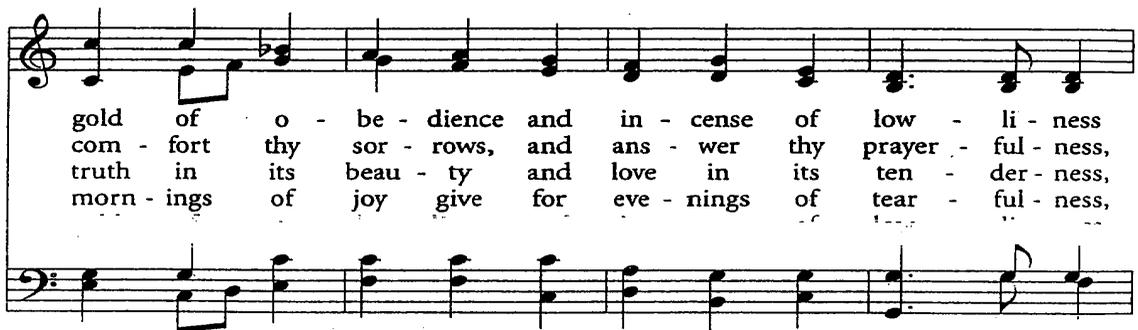
## 385 Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness



1 Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness;  
2 Low at his feet lay thy bur - den of care - ful - ness;  
3 Fear not to en - ter his courts in the slen - der - ness  
4 These though we bring them in trem - bling and fear - ful - ness,



bow down be - fore him, his glo - ry pro - claim;  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;  
he will accept for the name that is dear,



gold of o - be - dience and in - cense of low - li - ness  
com - fort thy sor - rows, and answer thy prayer - ful - ness,  
truth in its beau - ty and love in its ten - der - ness,  
morn - ings of joy give for eve - nings of tear - ful - ness,



bring, and a - dore him: the Lord is his name!  
guid - ing thy steps as may best for thee be.  
these are the of - ferings to lay on his shrine.  
trust for our trem - bling, and hope for our fear.

***Dismissal***

Liturgical Deacon

Go forth into the world,  
Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**All****Thanks be to God.**