

St. Barnabas

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The Holy Eucharist

September 3, 2023

The First Sunday of Creation

St. Barnabas Mission Statement

We experience God’s redeeming love in all and through all and respond to love through faithful worship, life-long spiritual growth, and committed outreach.

Jeremiah reflects grimly on the personal cost and yet the purposefulness of responding, even where change seems beyond his own resources. In Romans, we find Paul in the midst of the necessary building of community, equipping the church with a powerfully counter-cultural love for all whom God makes and calls—repurposing our instincts for hatred and revenge not by passivity, but “overcoming evil with good.” A world in climate crisis is one in which every conflict hurts every creature; and yet Jesus’ determination to confront evil on the cross forces us to reflect on the even more terrifying cost of ignoring the signs of our times, in the illusion that pursuing a quiet safe life in the status quo will make it all go away. The makers of gothic horror films would despair at this technical Biblical identification of “satanic” with seeking a quiet, safe life. Maybe that’s the scariest of all. Dare you use that language when faced with denial and misinformation?

A bell tolls.

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We invite you to quiet your heart and mind as we prepare for worship.

THE PRELUDE

Sing a New Song Antonin Dvorak; Barbara Mattison, vocalist

The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GATHERING HYMN (9:30)*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life ELW-816

Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath; such a
 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a
 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move; such a
 truth as ends all strife; such a life as kill - - - eth death.
 feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
 love as none can part; such a heart as joys _____ in love.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

+Blessed be the One who creates all things.

The Holy One’s love is new every morning.

This is the day the Creator has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 KYRIE (7:45)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE (9:30)*

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all. 1. Each
lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings, he
made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings. Repeat Refrain

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...Lord of all love and glory, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Creation; increase in all true unity; nourish the world with all goodness; and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF DISCERNMENT FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 15:15-21

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

“YHWH, remember me!
Remember me and help me!
Avenge me on my persecutors.
You are slow to anger—do not take me away.
For I suffer insults for your sake.
When your words came, I devoured them.
Your word was my delight
and the joy of my heart.
For I was called by your Name, YHWH God Omnipotent.

I took no pleasure in sitting with merrymakers;
with your hand on me I sat alone,
choking with the indignation you filled me with.

Why is my pain ongoing,
my wound incurable, refusing to heal?
Why, you're like a spring that dries up when it's needed most,
like waters that can't be relied upon!

Then YHWH answered me: “If you repent,
I will return you to my service.

If you extract the valuable from the worthless,
you will be my mouthpiece.
Let them come back to you,
but you must not go back to them
I will make you a bronze wall
fortified against this people.
They will fight against you
but they will not overcome you.
For I am with you,
to save you and deliver you—it is YHWH who speaks.
I will free you from the hand of the evildoer,
and rescue you from the clutches of the violent.”

A brief silence, then:

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26:1–8 *Domine, probasti*

The psalm is prayed in unison.

**Give judgment for me, O God,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in you and have not faltered.**

**Test me, O God, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.**

**For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.**

**I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

**I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.**

**I will wash my hands in innocence, O God
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

**Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.**

**O God, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.**

**Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate
Word and Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
for ever. Amen.**

THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES *Romans 12:9-21*

The reading is introduced.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Your love must be sincere. Hate what is evil and cling to what is good. Love one another with the affection of siblings. Try to outdo one another in showing respect. Don't grow slack, but be fervent in spirit: the One you serve is Christ. Rejoice in hope; be patient under trial; persevere in prayer. Look on the needs of God's holy people as your own; be generous in offering hospitality.

Bless your persecutors—bless and don't curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same attitude toward everyone. Don't be condescending to those who aren't as well off as you; don't be conceited. Don't repay evil with evil. Be concerned with the highest ideal in the eyes of all people. Do all you can to be at peace with everyone. Don't take revenge; leave room, my friends, for God's wrath. To quote scripture, "Vengeance is mine, I will pay them back," says our God." But there is more: "If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them drink. For in doing so, you will heap burning coals upon their heads." Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil by doing good.

A brief silence, then:

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

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (9:30)*

Alleluia



Cantor: I sing a song of thanksgiving and recount all your wonderful deeds.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21–28

The Holy Gospel is announced.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Christ.

From that time on, Jesus began to explain to the disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, to suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and religious scholars, and that he must be killed, and on the third day raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Rabbi!” he said. “This will never happen to you!”

Jesus turned to Peter and said, “Get yourself behind me, you Satan! You are trying to make me stumble and fall. You’re setting your mind not on the things of God, but of mortals.”

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “If you wish to come after me, you must deny your very selves, take up the instrument of your own death and begin to follow in my footsteps. If you would save your life, you will lose it; but if you would lose your life for my sake, you will find it. What profit would you show if you gained the whole world but lost yourself? What can you offer in exchange for your very self?”

“The Promised One will come in the glory of Abba God accompanied by the angels, and will repay all according to their conduct. The truth is, some of you standing here will not taste death before you see the coming of the Promised One’s reign.”

A brief silence, then:

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

THE HOMILY Fr. Jeffrey Nelson

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us confess our faith.

Silence for reflection.

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.**

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day

God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The refrain is sung once.*

Lord, listen to your children praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;
Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

We come before you, Faithful God, during this Season of Creation, bringing our concerns for creation care and environmental justice as we offer these prayers.

For the Universal Church as it responds to its mission: for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican Communion; Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; and Kym, Bishop of Colorado. Constant Guardian, guide us as we seek to do your will. *(Pause)* We pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

For Jeffrey, Patti, and our lay leaders as they encourage our creativity in discovering and doing our work. Empowering Presence, help us to fulfill our commission. *(Pause)* We pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

For our nation and its leaders: President Joe Biden, the Congress and the Supreme Court; our Governor Jared Polis; and Mayor Michael Johnston that they may help us rediscover government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Abiding Wisdom, sustain our vision. *(Pause)* We pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

For this glorious creation, Earth, our island home, that together we may discern how to heal the damage done and to secure the bounty of creation for those who come after us. Cosmic Creator, help us to be co-creators with you. *(Pause)* We pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

For our community within these walls and beyond, that we may choose to produce and share what creation needs to grow and flourish. Source of Abundance, encourage us in this challenge. *(Pause)* We pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

For all who suffer or are in any distress or grief, that they may be sustained by your abiding presence and comforted by our care, especially Sally, Nate, William, Dave, Diana, Nicolle, James, Selah Kay, Lonnie, the Baylosis family, the Ompoy family, the people of Maui, and those we name aloud or in silence. *(Pause)* Abiding Comforter, we trust in you. We pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

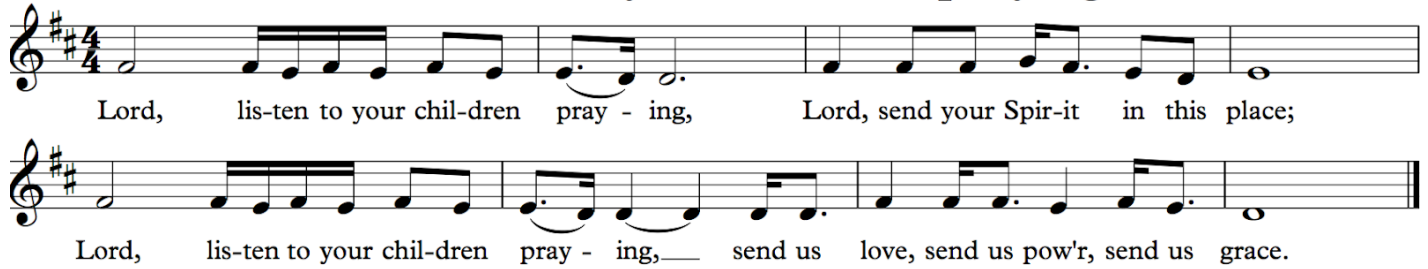
For those we love who have entered into larger life, especially Jeneal and those we name in silence or aloud *(pause)*, and for those who grieve. Gentle Receiver of all who pass into larger life, we hold this hope. We pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

We bring all these prayers to you, Abba God, Ground of our being and Source of our vision. **Amen.**

The refrain is sung once more.

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THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess to God our sins against the creation.

Silence for reflection.

We confess that we have not paid attention to the whole of creation. In our concern for our own species, we have trampled others. We have not understood how our actions influence the lives of bugs, birds, and fish. We have elevated our existence over that of bears, whales, and dragonflies. We have ignored our scientists and pushed aside the concerns of our children. We beg forgiveness from future peoples. We beg forgiveness from our sibling species with whom we share this planet. God of creation, have mercy on us and help us. Turn us, change us, and heal us, that we might be good siblings and generous partners with creation Amen.

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

THE PEACE

Peace with yourself.

Peace with Creation.

Peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All share a greeting of peace.

The Liturgy of the Meal

THE OFFERTORY

The Offertory Sentence

Please sit.

The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

OFFERTORY MUSIC

I Will Sing New Songs Antonin Dvorak; Barbara Mattison, vocalist

Please stand in body or spirit.

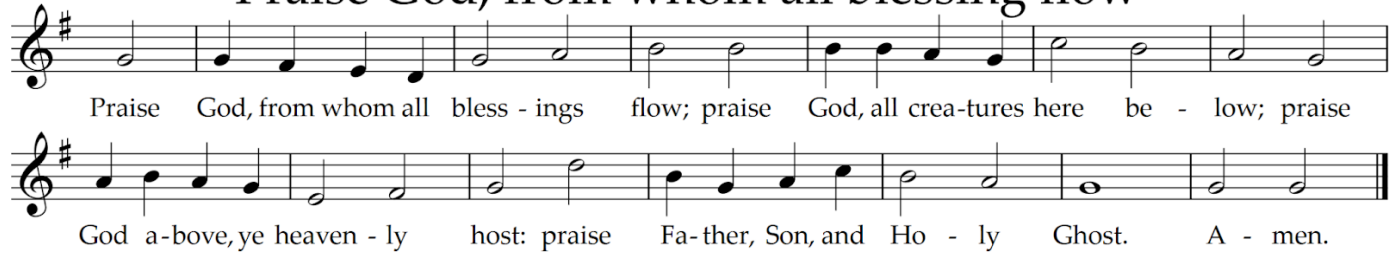
THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (7:45)

All things come of thee, O Lord,

and of thine own have we given thee.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN (9:30)*

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
God a-bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Preface and Proper Preface

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, O God, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By Christ's blood, we were reconciled. By Christ's wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus (7:45)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Sanctus (9:30)*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues:

And so, Holy One, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Remembering now Christ's work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection, as we await the day of Christ's coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Isaac and Rebekah, and God of Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in Christ's name.

Risen One, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Holy One, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (7:45)

It is our custom to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer.

As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:

**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.**

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Our Fa-ther in hea ven, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al,
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for-ev-er. A-men.

The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem (7:45)

This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

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

The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem (9:30)*

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
Christ our Pass-over is sac-ri-ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

The Invitation to Communion**

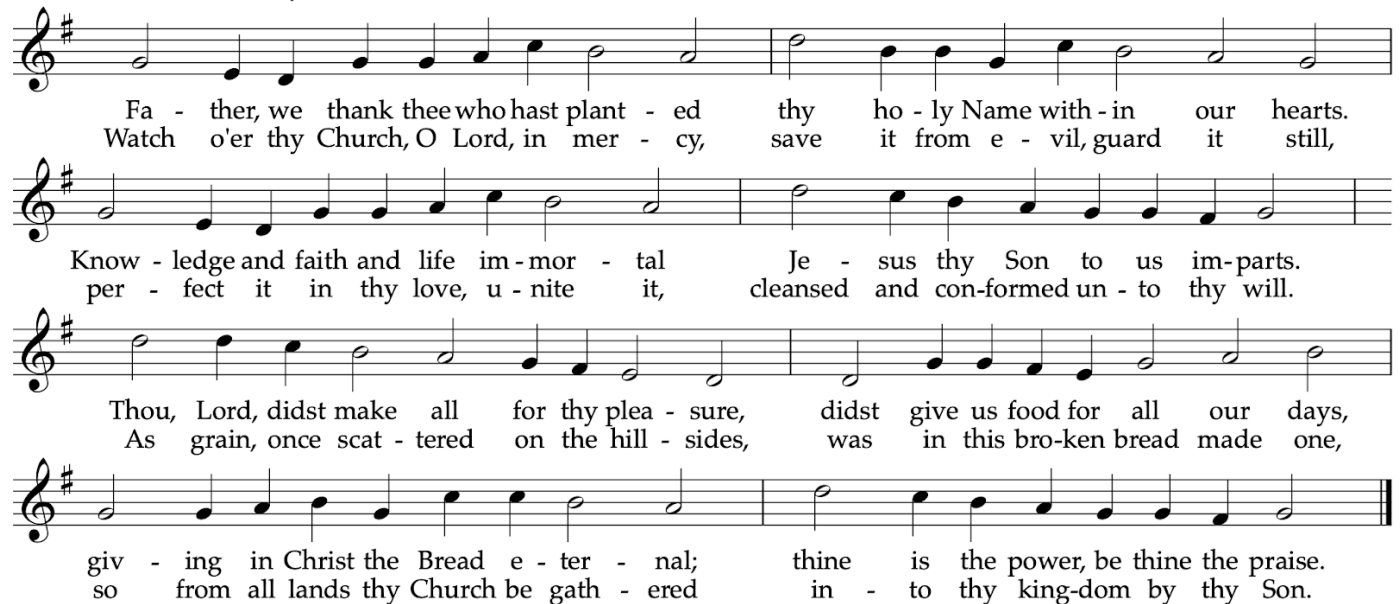
Jesus invites you to this Table. Come, eat and live.

Please sit. Jesus welcomed everyone to his table, and so we at St. Barnabas welcome everyone to this table. Gather around the Altar as you are directed. You may stand or kneel as is your custom. The Celebrant will

place the gluten-free bread into your hand. You have two options to receive the wine. A Chalice Bearer will offer the Common Cup from which you may drink, or you may dip the bread in the wine when a second chalice comes in turn. You may also choose not to partake of the Cup. When you have received the Sacrament, please return to your seat. If you or your children prefer only to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.

The Hymn During Communion

Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted H-302



Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with - in our hearts.
 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil, guard it still,
 Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy Son to us im - parts.
 per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con - formed un - to thy will.
 Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure, didst give us food for all our days,
 As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides, was in this bro - ken bread made one,
 giv - ing in Christ the Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 so from all lands thy Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...O God,

create in us a new heart and a new vision, 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 Lord, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of Sending

THE SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (Occasional)

N., in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.

THE BLESSING

The Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in the creation and the pulsing of Christ within; and the blessing of +the most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity, one God, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN (9:30)*

How Great Thou Art ELW-856

O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
Refrain
thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played; Then sings my
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my
soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serving Christ and loving creation. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

Processional Alfred V. Fedak

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