

St. Barnabas

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The Holy Eucharist

September 10, 2023

The Second 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.

The Season of Creation is a relatively new addition to the church year, training us as responsible peacemakers and partners in the health of God's Earth. Whatever you do, and however much or little you do, make all of it count, and seek out the potential for motivation and meaning: lip-service and "just going through the motions" reflects ingratitude for such opportunities passed on through many generations of a global family gathered through the shared "blood" of Christ. The prophet Ezekiel affirms both the deadly seriousness of chosen injustice and the transformational value of changing course, even when it seems too late. In Romans, Paul continues to work on the moral quality and integrity of the worshiping, witnessing community: fellowship and mutual love are the foundations of effective action. This continues in Matthew 18 into the extraordinary care to be shown in church discipline, noting how harmful attitudes and actions left unattended can disrupt the entire community—and yet how a beloved yet wayward member should not simply be sacrificed "for the common good." Be proud of this heritage. And don't be afraid to assert it against less loving ways.

A bell tolls.

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE PRELUDE

Pastorale on "Erie" Alfred V. Fedak

The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GATHERING HYMN (9:30)*

God, Bless the Hands ACS-1022

God, bless the hands stretched out in love through floods be - low and
Bring com - fort to the hearts that mourn, left bro - ken, emp - tied
O God, our strength and ref - uge sure, our hope while storms of
storms a - bove; they search and res - cue, com - fort, calm, give
by the storm. Give hope to those in deep - est grief; em -
life en - dure: teach us to live in har - mo - ny with
shel - ter, of - fer heal - ing balm. Oh, guard them by your
pow - er us to bring re - lief. To you, O God, we
earth and riv - er. sky and sea, pre - serv - ing wa - ters,
stead - fast hand; reach out in love to help us stand.
raise our hands. Save us, we pray, from sink - ing sands.
air, and lands as ho - ly work for hu - man hands.

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. 2. The
pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by, the
sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.

Repeat Refrain

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...Grant us, O God, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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

Ezekiel 33:7-11

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

“Now you, mere mortal, I make you the sentinel for the House of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you must give my warning. If I say to evildoers, ‘You will surely die,’ and you do not warn them to turn from their ways, the evildoers will die because of their sin, but I will hold you responsible for their deaths. But if you warn evildoers to turn from their sin, they will die for their sins, but you will have saved your life.

“Now then, mere mortal, say to the House of Israel, ‘You’ve been saying things like this, complaining, “We are burdened by our sins and our offenses, and we waste away because of them. How can we survive?”’ Say to them, ‘As I live, says Sovereign YHWH, I take no pleasure in the death of sinners— I prefer that they turn from their ways and live. Turn back! Turn back from your evil ways! Why should you die, House of Israel?’”

A brief silence, then:

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:33–40 *Legem pone*

The psalm is prayed in unison.

**Teach me, O God, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.**

**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

**Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.**

**Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.**

**Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me new life in your ways.**

**Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.**

**Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.**

**Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.**

**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 13:8–14

The reading is introduced.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Owe no debt to anyone—except the debt that binds us to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you have fulfilled the Law. The commandments—no committing adultery, no killing, no stealing, no coveting, and all the others—are all summed up in this one: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love never wrongs anyone—hence love is the fulfillment of the Law.

Besides, you know the time in which we are living. It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent; the day draws near. So let us cast off deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as in daylight, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual excess and lust, not in quarreling and jealousy.

Rather, clothe yourselves with our Savior Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the night.

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: Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15–20

The Holy Gospel is announced.

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

Glory to you, O Christ.

[Jesus said,] “If your sibling should commit some wrong against you, go and point out the error, but keep it between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won a loved one back; if not, try again, but take one or two others with you, so that every case may stand on the word of two or three witnesses. If your sibling refuses to listen to them, refer the matter to the church. If they ignore even the church, then treat that sibling as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

“The truth is, whatever you declare bound on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you declare loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven.

“Again I tell you, if two of you on earth join in agreement to pray for anything whatsoever, it will be granted you by my Abba God in heaven. Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.”

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 the people of Maui, Mike, Liz, and Miles, Kathy, Sarah and family, Dominique and family, Diana, the Holbrook family, Katherine and David, Carol and family, Jim and Claire, and those we name aloud or in silence. *(Pause)* Abiding Comforter, we trust in you and pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

For those we love who have entered into larger life, especially Jimmy, Howard, 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 and 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.

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.

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

The Choir Anthem

All Things New Elaine Hagenberg

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 blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise
God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.**

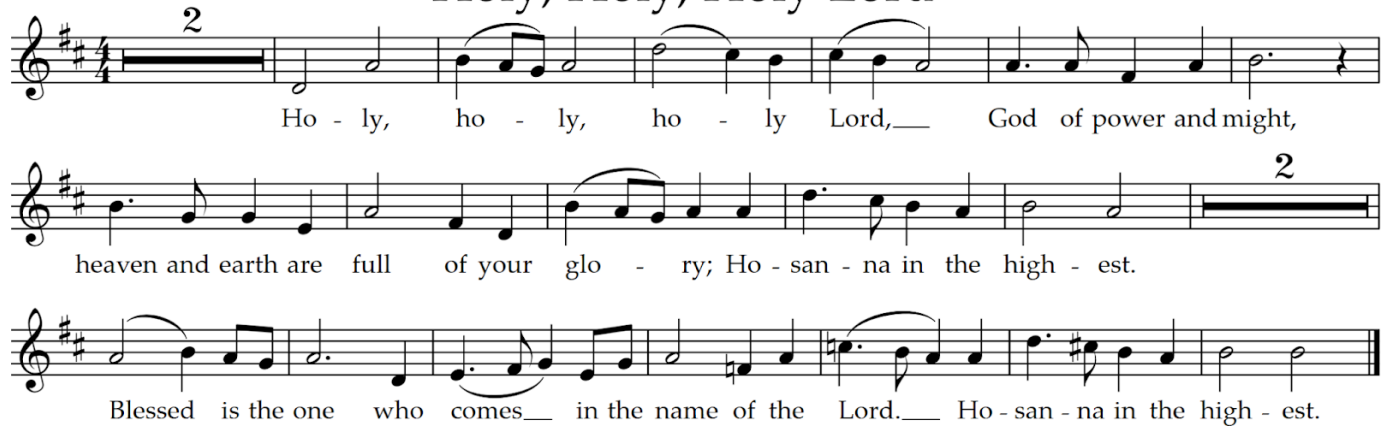
Hosanna in the highest.

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

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-against 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)*

Alleluia S-155

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver 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**

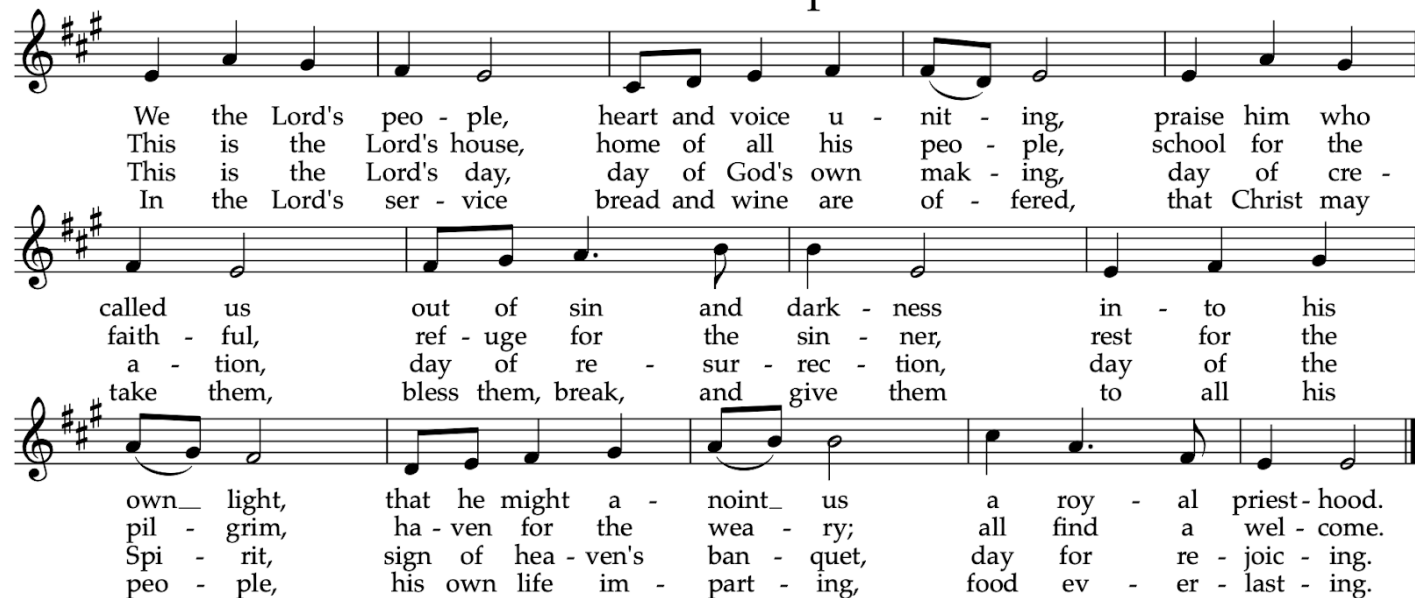
Jesus invites you to this Table. Come, eat and live.

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

We the Lord's People H-51



We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who
 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the
 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -
 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may
 called us out of sin and dark - ness in - to his
 faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the
 a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the
 take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his
 own_ light, that he might a - noint_ us a roy - al priest - hood.
 pil - grim, ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.
 Spi - rit, sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.
 peo - ple, his own life im - part - ing, food ev - er - last - ing.

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.

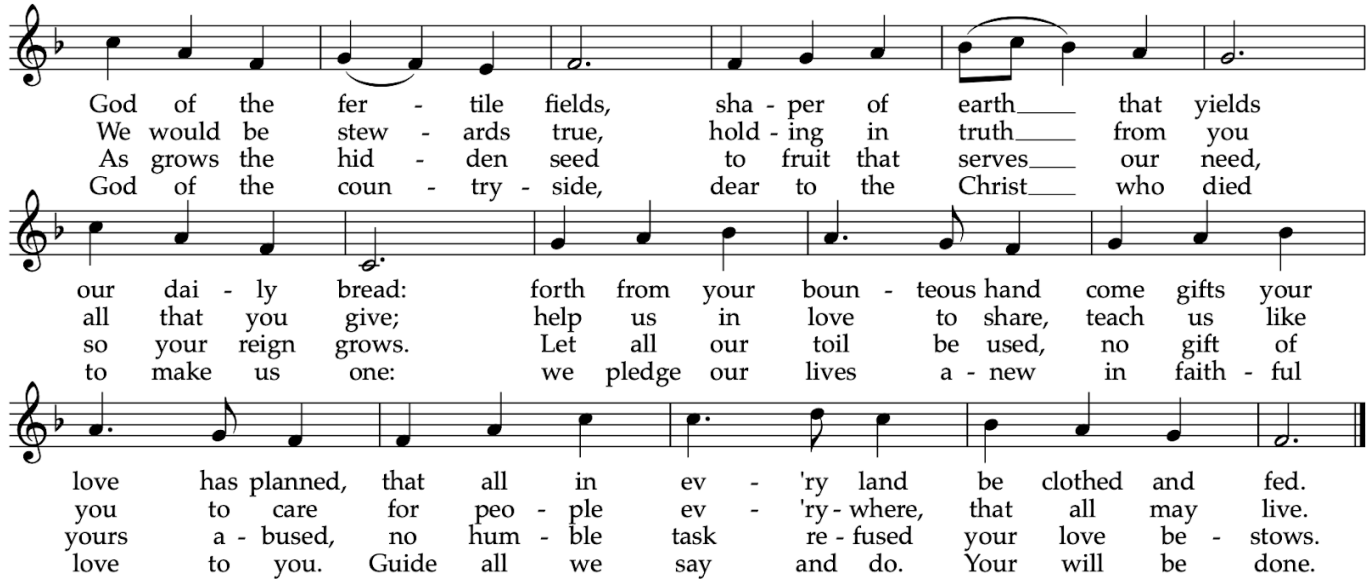
We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.

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)*

God of the Fertile Fields ACS-1063



God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of earth that yields
We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in truth from you
As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that serves our need,
God of the coun - try - side, dear to the Christ who died

our dai - ly bread: forth from your boun - teous hand come gifts your
all that you give; help us in love to share, teach us like
so your reign grows. Let all our toil be used, no gift of
to make us one: we pledge our lives a - new in faith - ful

love has planned, that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
you to care for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
yours a - bused, no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
love to you. Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

Let the Whole Creation Cry David N. Johnson

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