



EASTER: THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS

St. George's Church
Glenn Dale Parish • The Episcopal Diocese of
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Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are welcome to leave your video camera on; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

Prelude: *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #390 *Praise to the Lord*

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Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre - a - tion; O my soul
Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo-rious-ly reign - eth; borne as on
Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy way and de-fend thee; sure-ly his
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore him! All that hath



praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion: Join the great throng,
ea - gle-wings, safe - ly his saints he sus-tain - eth. Hast thou not seen
good-ness and mer - cy shall ev - er at-tend thee; pon - der a - new
life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men



psal - ter - y or-gan, and song, sound-ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
how all thou need-est hath been grant-ed in what he or-dain - eth?
what the Al-might-y can do, who with his love doth be-friend thee.
sound from his peo-ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

All pray together: 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.*

My Heart Sings Out #34 *Amen, we praise your name*

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The musical score is written for a Cantor and an All congregation. It is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The Cantor part is on a single treble staff, and the All part is on a grand staff (treble and bass). The lyrics are: "Sing a - men: A - men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a - men: A - men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a - men: A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, a - men, we praise your name, O God. Sing a - men." The score includes repeat signs and a final double bar line. A note "(not sung final time)" is placed above the final measure of the Cantor part.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day: **O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen..**

Collect for Mother's Day: God made known in the strength and vulnerability of birth, the joy and pain of motherhood, in the nights of sleepless love, in demands without number and questions without answer: give us gratitude for the women who carried us, for the carers who nurture us and for the chance to pass on life to others; through Jesus Christ, Mary's Child. Amen.

The people are seated for the reading of the lessons

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

Psalm 66: 7-18

Praise our God all peoples:

and let the sound of praise be heard.

The Lord has preserved us among the living:

and kept our feet from stumbling.

For you O God have tested us:

and refined us as silver is refined.

You led us into the snare:

you laid a burden of trouble upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads, we went through fire and water:

but you have brought us out into a place of liberty.

I will come into your house with burnt offerings:

and I will pay you my vows,

the vows which I made with my lips:

and swore with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer fat beasts in sacrifice, with the smoke of burning rams:

I will prepare you an offering of bulls and goats.

Come then and listen, all you that hold the Lord in awe:

and I will tell you what God has done for me.

I cried aloud to God:

high praise was ready on my tongue.

If I had cherished evil in my heart:

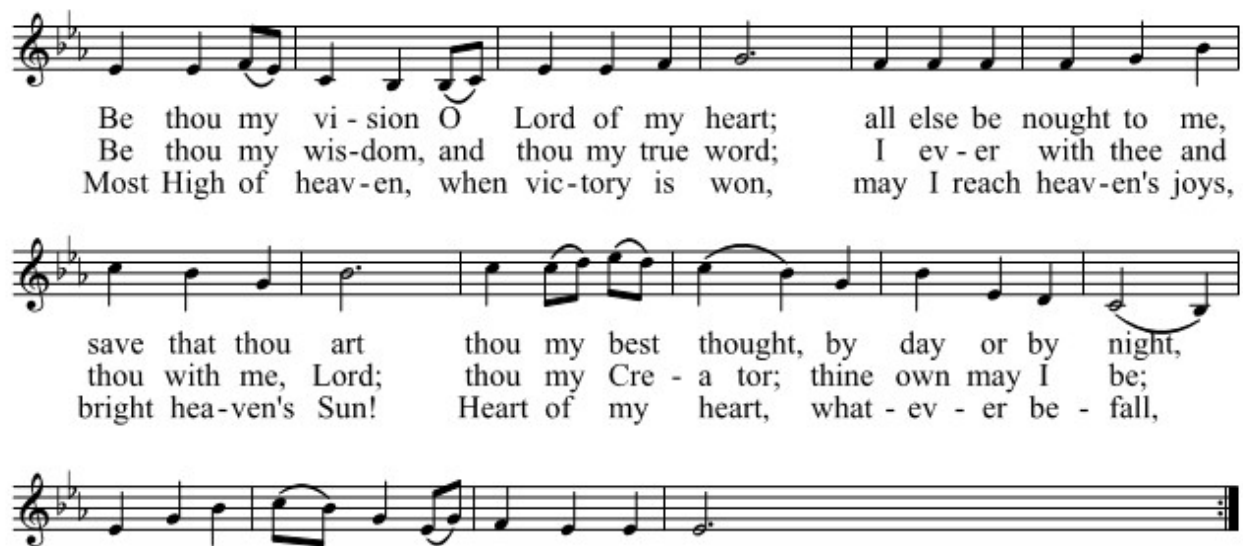
the Lord would not have heard me.

But truly God has heard me:

and has given heed to my prayer.

Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #488 *Be thou my vision*

Words: Irish, ca 700 versified by Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931). Music: *Slane* from *The Church Hymnary*, 1927
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Be thou my vi - sion O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me,
Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er with thee and
Most High of heav - en, when vic - tory is won, may I reach heav - en's joys,

save that thou art thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou with me, Lord; thou my Cre - a tor; thine own may I be;
bright hea - ven's Sun! Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt



Creed: *I Believe, I Do Believe, Truly I Believe It*

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I be-lieve, I do be-lieve, tru - ly I be-lieve it. Tru - ly I be-lieve it, tru-
I be-lieve in God, the Al - migh - ty Lord Cre - a - tor, Migh - ty Lord Cre - a - tor, migh-
I be-lieve in Je - sus, the Sa - vior of the peo - ple, Sa - vior of the peo - ple, Sa-
And I do be-lieve in the pow - er of the Spi - rit, Pow - er of the Spir - it, Pow-



- ly I be-lieve it! I be-lieve, I do be-lieve, tru - ly I be-lieve it. Tru-
- ty Lord Cre - a - tor. I be-lieve in God, the Al - migh - ty Lord Cre - a - tor, Migh-
- vior of the peo - ple, I be-lieve in Je - sus, the Sa - vior of the peo - ple, Sa-
- er of the Spir - it. And I do be-lieve in the pow - er of the Spi - rit, Pow-



- ly I be-lieve it, tru - ly I be-lieve it!
- ty Lord Cre - a - tor, migh - ty Lord Cre - a - tor.
- vior of the peo - ple, Sa - vior of the peo - ple.
- er of the Spir - it, Pow - er of the Spir - it.

The Prayers of the People

God of Resurrection, as we celebrate your victory of love over death, in this season of Easter, we rejoice with Mary Magdalene, the other Mary, and all of those named and unnamed who celebrate the new life you have given Jesus. And so let us pray together saying, we give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Holy and Living One, this Easter we pray in gratitude for your people and your church. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the people of St. George's. May we rejoice in your resurrection we pray saying We give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Holy and Living One, this Easter you make powerless the power of evil and death. Even in this time, we know you are present in places of devastation, war, and violence. We pray for all in harm's way, especially in Ukraine, Sudan and other places of conflict, that you and we may bring light to that darkness. We pray saying We give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Holy and Living One, this Easter you call us to feed those who are hungry, care for those who are poor, and serve those who are oppressed. We pray now for those we support and serve – the guests of the Warm Nights, the Bowie Food Pantry, and for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School. May the light of your new life shine in their hearts and bring grace to their lives. We pray saying, We give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Holy and Living One, this Easter you roll away the stone once again and raise up Jesus. We pray that you roll away the stones that weigh us down in our lives and the lives of those around us, especially those who are sick and those who are suffering, for those on our parish prayer list and for those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* Inspire us to be Jesus' hands and heart to those who need new life. We pray saying We give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Holy and Living One, this Easter you remind us that Jesus is not in the tomb but has risen. We pray for all who have died, and all of those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray that you comfort all who mourn and help us know that those we love and see no longer have found new life in you. We give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Holy and Living One, this Easter we praise you and thank you for all that is good in our lives. We pray for all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for the many blessings you bestow. We pray saying We give thanks to you O God: **for you have done marvelous things.**

Thanks be to you Holy and Living God, who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you**

Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Offertory

The Celebrant says the offertory sentence

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

Although St. George's no longer physically "passes the basket" everyone is invited and encouraged to make a financial offering to express your gratitude to God for the gifts we are given and in support of our mission and ministries. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible; you can text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. You may also donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org or use Cash App to send your donation to [\\$StGeorgesGlennDale](#). Baskets at the doors of the Sanctuary may be used for donations of checks or cash. Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's.



Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #405 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander *1818-1895). Music: *Royal Oak* melody from *The Dancing Master*, adapted by Martin Fallas Shaw. (1875-1958)
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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.
Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings, God
The pur - ple head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by, the
The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun, the
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how
made their glow-ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
sun - set, and the morn-ing that bright-ens up the sky.
ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
great is God Al - mighty, who has made all things well.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

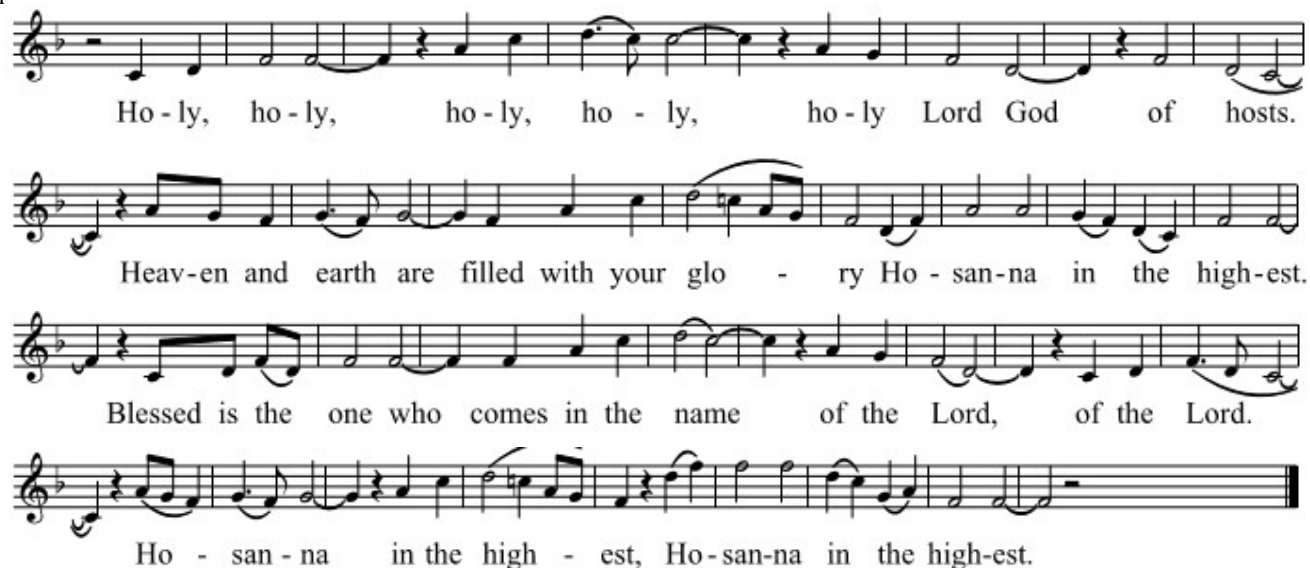
Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, bringing order from chaos and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in your light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to warm our hearts to love. As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Levas #255

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry Ho - san-na in the high-est.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on all your people.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples Jesus took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

And so we recall his passion and death, his resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his holy reign.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us O God, and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and that we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us to live and work to your praise and glory, and may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the whole family of God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord by whom and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: The Risen Christ is in our midst, and so with Christ we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is 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 forever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken, and after a period of silence, all sing together:

Fraction Hymn: Wonder, Love and Praise #865 *Christ our Passover*

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The Celebrant then says:

Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.


Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are invited to receive the Holy Communion.
 Whatever you believe or don't believe, you are welcome at this table.
 For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.




*If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine,
 Please indicate this to the Celebrant by crossing your arms in front of your chest.*

Communion Hymn 1: Hymnal 1982 #512 *Come, gracious Spirit*


Words: Simon Browne (1780-1732). Music: Mendon, melody from *Methodist Harmonist*, 1821 adapted by Lowell Mason (1792-1872)
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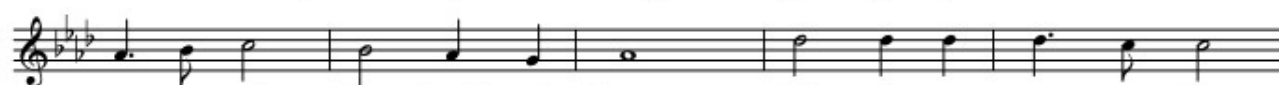

 Come, gra-cious Spi - rit, heaven-ly Dove, with light and com - fort from a - bove;
 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us know and choose thy way;
 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us from his pre - cepts stray;
 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of joy for ev - er there;


 be thou our guard-ian, thou our guide o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
 plant ho - ly fear in ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.
 lead us to ho - li - ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
 lead us to God, our fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

Communion Hymn 2: LEVAS #87 *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

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 More love to thee, O Christ, More love to thee! Hear thou the
 Once earth - ly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest; Now thee a-
 Then shall my ev - ery breath Sing out your praise; This be the


 prayer I make On bend - ed knee; This is my ear - nest plea:
 - lone I seek, Give what is best; This all my prayer shall be:
 on - ly song My heart shall raise; This still my prayer shall be:


 More love, O Christ to Thee, More love to thee, More love to thee!

Post-communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Holy and gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the bread of life, and sustaining us with the presence of the Risen Christ. Grant that we who have gathered together this season of Resurrection will go out as people of hope and new life. May the meal we have shared revive us in body and soul, and make us glad to share the good news that Christ is risen; for he is alive and reigns with you, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

The Blessing

Let us go forth in light to honor our God and share what we know of the Risen Christ.

And now may God strengthen you and bless you with peace;

May Christ Jesus bring you the Easter joy of new life;

And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved, this day and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #686 *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

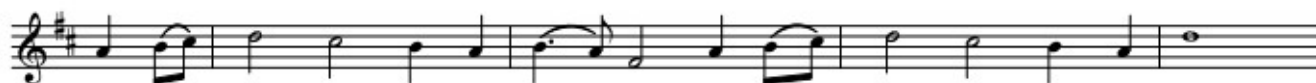
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Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Here I find my great - est trea - sure; high - er, by thy help, I've come;
Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home
Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering from the fold of God;
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



Praise the mount! Oh fix me on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: *Be Thou My Vision*