

CHRIST BEFORE US



SHARE ABUNDANTLY IN  
EVERY GOOD WORK  
2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

# The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish  
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

November 16, 2025  
A Service of Holy Eucharist

Welcome to St. George's! If you are new or visiting, we are especially glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has the prayers and hymns needed for your participation in today's service. Wherever you are in your journey, know that you are welcome here.

## Prelude: *Lo, the Mighty God Appearing*

Music: Evan Stephens arr. by Keith D Rowley

## Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #493 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* verses 1-4 and 6

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O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
Glo - ry to God and praise and love be now and ev - er given



the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the Church in earth and heaven

**Celebrant:** This is the day that God our loving Creator has made:

**People:** **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Celebrant:** Blessed be the one who makes all things new:

**People:** **Glory to God forever and ever.**

**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.**

## New Century Hymnal #756 Gloria

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1  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

2  
3  
4  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glor - y to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### 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: **Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### A Collect for Stewardship

Creator and giver of all that is good, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received—abundantly, generously, and joyfully, that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. Inspire us and assist us daily to share abundantly in every good work, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it  
    an infant that lives but a few days,  
    or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
    and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
    they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They shall not build and another inhabit;  
    they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
    and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
They shall not labor in vain,  
    or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--  
    and their descendants as well.  
Before they call I will answer,  
    while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
    the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
    but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
    on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Reader:     Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
People:     **Thanks be to God.**

## **Canticle 9**

Behold God is my salvation:  
    **I will trust and will not be afraid,**  
for the Lord God is my strength and my song:  
    **and has become my salvation.**  
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation:  
    **and in that day all of you will say,**  
'Give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord:  
    **make known among the nations what the Lord has done,**  
    **proclaim that the name of the Lord is exalted.**  
'Sing praises for the Lord has triumphed gloriously:  
    **let this be known in all the earth.**  
'Shout and sing for joy you people of God:  
    **for great in your midst is the Holy One.'**

*At the conclusion, all say together:*

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit;  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #492 *Sing, ye faithful*

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Sing ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest, sweet - est strain,  
Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to Beth - lehem's cave,  
So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man kind the head,  
Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's throne the Son



with the prais - es of your Sa - vior let his house re - sound a - gain;  
stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture, bore the pain, the cross, the grave,  
sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful, Prince of life, a - mong the dead;  
rules and guides the world he ran - somed, till the ap - point - ed work be done,



him let all your mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.  
passed with - in the gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.  
thus he wrought the full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.  
till he see, re - newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in to one.

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

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

### The Creed: *We Believe in God Our Creator*

Words: Nicene Creed para. Terry Doyle, TSSF. Music: 17<sup>th</sup> Century French Carol, *Picardy*;

Hymnal 1982 #324 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent* Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



We be - lieve in God our Cre - a - tor, mak - ing ev - 'ry u - ni - verse,  
We be - lieve in Christ our Re - deem - er, God from God and love from love,  
Christ now con - quers death on the third day, and as - cends to God's holy throne,  
We be - lieve in God's Ho - ly Spi - rit, Breath of life sus - tain - ing Earth.  
We are sim - ple, bro - ken peo - ple, gath - ered in one church and made whole.



who was and will be for - e - ver, source of all that live and breathe.  
one in be - ing with the Cre - a - tor, and the Spir - it three in one.  
God tri - une now rules for all time as the course of stars will run.  
For the Spir - it groans in la - bor as cre - a - tion gives new birth.  
One with seek - ers, saints, and sin - ners, bap - tized in God's mer - cy and love.



All things vis - i - ble, and all that is un - seen come to be through God the One.  
Je - sus born of Ma - ry from the Spir - it formed, shared our flesh and died our death.  
Christ now comes a - gain as judge of all on Earth, re - con - cil - ing all to God.  
And God's Spir - it now re - news all life on Earth, in God's end - less flow - ing love.  
As God's lov - ing kind - ness knows no hu - man bounds, be - yond death we're raised to new life.

### Prayers of the People

God of mercy, God of graciousness, God of compassion: In your abounding love for us and the whole human race, you nurture our spirits; and in your loving-kindness you calm our fears and give us strength. Trusting in your goodness we pray to you, saying: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we ask that you guide us and lead us to just action, even as we pray that those in authority would use their power justly for the good of all people and of the earth. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, grace your church with your love, that we may know that Jesus is present to us and to all. We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Connie our rector, and for the people of St. George's. Help us to embody your compassion in all that we say and do. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, you hear the cries of all who suffer and comfort those who are afraid. We pray you pour out your grace on those caught in violence, famine, war, and natural disaster, especially in Ukraine, Sudan, Jamaica, Haiti, Gaza, and other affected places. May there be a just peace for all your people. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Nourishing God, we pray for all who are hungry and for those experiencing homelessness; we pray for those who live in fear of deportation, for immigrants, and for asylum seekers. Inspire us to be your hands serving those in need. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you give us the bread we need for today, and remind us that to share what we have is to walk in the way of Jesus. We pray for government workers and contractors who are furloughed, who have lost their jobs, and whose funding is at risk or ending. May they be sustained by your love and the support of their communities. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, with your generous touch, heal those who are sick. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all who have died and for those whom we love but see no longer. *The people may add their own petitions.* Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Loving God, accept our gratitude for the abundance of your grace. Help us to share abundantly in every good work. Trusting in your goodness we pray: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Holy One, fill our lives with the outpouring of your Spirit, that we may be courageous and faithful disciples of the one whose mercy and loving-kindness reaches across all boundaries, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **The Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant:* Now let us confess our sins to God. *Silence is kept.*

*All pray together:* **Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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.**

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

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

## Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

*The celebrant then offers the following prayer for those celebrating birthdays and 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

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

### Offertory Hymn: LEVAS #160 *This Little Light of Mine*

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This lit-tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, This lit-tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,



This lit-tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. Everywhere I go ...

3. All through the night ...

*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. Baskets for donations by check or cash are located at the corner entrances to the Sanctuary. We encourage you to give electronically: you can text\* stgeodragon to 73256, use a web browser to go to [onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/give](http://onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/give), or donate via Zelle to [donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org](mailto:donations@stgeorgesglennedale.org). (\*For texts, message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.)*

## 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.**

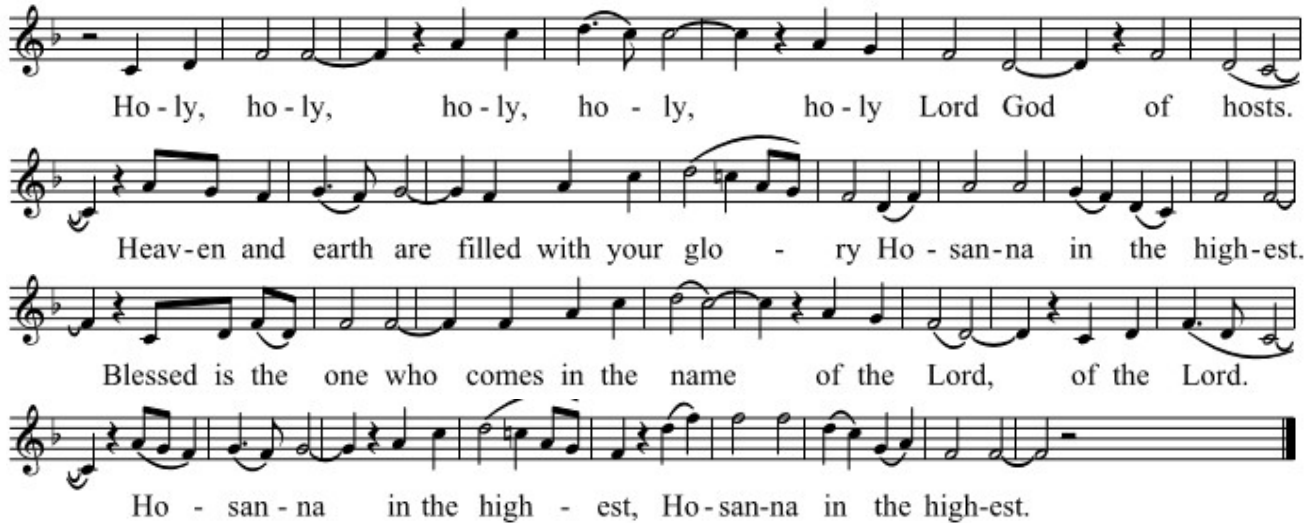
We give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe and fill all things with your grace.

**Glory to you O God forever and ever.**

You created us to love you with our whole hearts, and to love each other as ourselves, but over and over we wander far from you and refuse to live your way of love. Yet you never give up on us. In Jesus your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one people. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wondrous name, as we sing:

**Sanctus: LEVAS #255 Holy, Holy, Holy**

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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.

We give you thanks and praise O God because in sending us Jesus you showed us the depth of your love for us.

**Jesus cares for the poor and the hungry; he suffers with the sick and rejected. He calls us to welcome the stranger and work for your justice and your peace.**

Even betrayed and forsaken, Jesus embodied your grace, overcoming hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death, and by raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all people.

**Glory to you O God forever and ever.**

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to them saying ‘Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me.’

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said ‘Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.’

**Glory to you O God forever and ever.**

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the risen life with him and all your people.

## Glory to you O God forever and ever.

You call us to be your servants O God; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather with joy at the table of your kingdom.

**We sing your praise, O God, through Jesus our Lord, in the power of the Spirit, now and always. Glory to you forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The bread is broken. After a time of silence, all sing together*

### Fraction Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #S 155 *Christ our Passover*

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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.

*Celebrant:* 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.

# The Communion



*Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe,  
know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.*

*If you would prefer not to receive the Eucharist, you are welcome to come up for a blessing;  
cross your hands to your shoulders to indicate this to the priest.*

## Communion Hymn 1: New Century Hymnal #476 *My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

Words: Psalm 46, 1 Corinthians and 2 Corinthians. Anna Warner, Doris Plenn verse 3.

Music: *Endless Song*, Attr. Robert Lowery in *Bright Jewels for the Sunday School*, New York 1869. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion.  
What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is liv - ing.  
When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells ring - ing.  
I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a - bove it.



I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A new song Christ is giv - ing.  
When friends re - joice both far and near, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
And day by day this path - way smooths, since first I learned to love it.



Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing;  
No storm can shake my in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing;  
In pri - son cell and dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing;  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing;



It finds an ech - o in my soul - how can I keep from sing - ing?  
Since love com - mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
When friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
All things are mine since I am Christ's how can I keep from sing - ing?

## Communion Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 #491 *Where is this stupendous stranger?*

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Where is this stu - pen-dous stran - ger? Pro - phets, shep-herds, kings, ad - vise.  
O Most Might - y! O Most Ho - ly! Far be - yond the ser-aph's thought:  
O the mag - ni - tude of meek-ness! Worth from worth im - mor - tal sprung;  
God all boun-teous, all cre - a - tive, whom no ills from good dis - suade.



Lead me to my Mas - ter's man - ger, show me where the Sav - ior lies.  
art thou then so weak and low - ly as un - heed - ed pro-phets taught?  
O the strength of in - fant weak-ness, if e - ter - nal is so strong!  
is in - car - nate, and a na - tive of the ve - ry world he made.

## Communion Hymn 3: LEVAS #205 *Trust and Obey*

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When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glo - ry he sheds on our way!  
Not a shad-ow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, but his smile quick-ly drives it a - way;  
Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor-row we share, but our toil he doth rich - ly re - pay;  
But we nev - er can prove the de-lights of his love un - til all on the al - tar we lay;  
When in fel - low-ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way;



While we do his good will, he a - bides with us still, and with all who will trust and o-bey,  
Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear, can a - bide while we trust and o-bey,  
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross, but is blest if we trust and o-bey,  
For the fav - or he shows, and the joy he be-stows are for them who will trust and o-bey,  
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go, nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o-bey,



Trust and o-bey, for there's no bet-ter way to be hap-py in Je-sus, but to trust and o-bey.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* Let us pray: **Holy and Gracious God, we give you thanks for the abundant life you share with us in the bread of life and cup of salvation around this table. As we go forth into the good world you have made, we pray that you continue to form us into generous stewards, that we too may share abundantly in every good work through Jesus Christ, giver of all good gifts. Amen.**

The people may be seated for announcements.

## Announcements

### The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God, and of God's beloved Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God, God who created us, Christ Jesus who brings us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### LEVAS #12 *We're Marching to Zion*

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Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our God;  
The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred sweets,  
Then let our songs a - bound, And ev - 'ery tear be dry;



Join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with sweet ac - cord.  
But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King,  
Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields,  
We're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march - ing thro' Im - man - uel's ground,



And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.  
May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.  
Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets,  
To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;



We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

### The Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude: *Prelude in C Minor Op. 28, #20*

Music: Fryderyk Chopin