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A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST ON THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 19 (YEAR A)

Sunday, September 17, 2023

7:00 A.M. – Holy Eucharist with Hymns

9:30 A.M. – Choral Eucharist

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of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living
God. Psalm 84: 1,2 ~*



ALTAR FLOWERS:

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THE PREPARATION

OPENING PRAYER

Entrance of Choir and Liturgical Ministers

INTROIT HYMN

CPWIH 6

Now that the daylight fills the sky

Now that the daylight fills the sky
We lift our hearts to God on high,
That He, in all we do or say,
Would keep us free from harm to-day.

May He restrain our tongues from strife,
And shield from anger's din our life,
And guard with watchful care our eyes
From earth's absorbing vanities.

O may our inmost hearts be pure,
From thoughts of folly kept secure,
And pride of sinful flesh subdued
Through sparing use of daily food.

So we, when this day's work is o'er,
And shades of night return once more,
Our path of trial safely trod,
Shall give the glory to our God.

All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee,
Whom with the Spirit we adore
For ever and for evermore.

THE OPENING SENTENCE

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THE GREETING

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PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

ALL:

**And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.
Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE PRAYER OF INTENTION

BCP, PAGE 101

ALL:

**Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your
Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us
by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy
word. Teach us to pray for your world and your
Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may
worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living**

sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, PAGE 101

ALL:

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

BCP, PAGE 102

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord:**

**you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PRESIDENT: Let us pray.

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O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

EXODUS 14:19-31

A reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Exodus, Chapter 14, beginning to read from verse 19:

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt

and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."²⁶Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers."²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea,

the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ³⁰Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 114

BCP, PAGE 621

1. Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
2. Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion.
3. The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went back.
4. The mountains skipped like rams, * and the little hills like young sheep.
5. What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? * O Jordan, that you turned back?
6. You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * you little hills like young sheep?

7. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8. Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint stone into a flowing spring.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son * and to the
Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now * and
will be forever. Amen.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ROMANS 14:1-12

*A reading from the Word of God, written in the Epistle
of Paul to the Romans, Chapter 14, beginning to read
from verse 1:*

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since

they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

CPWIH 350

There's a wideness in God's mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
And more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Saviour;
There is healing in His blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.
There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
We should take Him at His word;
And our life would be thanksgiving
For the goodness of the Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 18: 21-35

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

GOSPELLER: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eighteenth chapter, beginning at the twenty-first verse.

ALL: **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him

over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

GOSPELLER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

THE SERMON

THE REVEREND MARK HARWOOD

Rector, Christ Church Parish Church

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, PAGE 104

ALL:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake He was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS/INTERCESSIONS

Form G

BCP, Page 118

LEADER:

Brothers and Sisters I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Michael; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

LEADER:

Brothers and Sisters I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among and within nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

LEADER:

Brothers and Sisters I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison and for the victims of crime and violence. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

LEADER:

Brothers and Sisters I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of Him.

Pray that they may find and be found by Him.

Silence

LEADER:

Brothers and Sisters I ask your prayers for the departed (Especially _____)

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

LEADER:

Brothers and Sisters I ask your prayers for

_____.

Brothers and Sisters I ask your thanksgiving for

_____.

Silence

LEADER:

Brothers and Sisters praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honoured (especially _____ whom we remember today).

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The President adds a concluding Collect.

PRESIDENT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A period of silence shall be kept.

PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

One of the following forms will be used:

Form A

BCP, Page 123

ALL:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ALL:

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 neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. 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.

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP, PAGE 124

PRESIDENT:

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

ALL: Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

BCP, PAGES 124-125

One of the following forms shall be said:

FORM A

PRESIDENT: We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL: Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

FORM B

PRESIDENT: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

ALL: Leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

FORM C

PRESIDENT: The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

ALL: They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.

PRESIDENT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you

HYMN OF PEACE

BIND US TOGETHER

*Bind us together, Lord
bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken
bind us together, Lord
bind us together
O Bind us together in Love*

There is only one God,
There is only one King
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing.

Refrain:

Made for the glory of God,
purchased by his precious Son
born with the right to be clean
for Jesus the victory has won.

Refrain:

You are the family of God
you are the promise divine
you are God's chosen desire
you are the glorious new wine.

Refrain:

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY & NOTICES

The Welcome Song

Welcome friend on this day

Yes, we're glad you have joined us.
Take your place fill your hearts
With Christ's love which surrounds us.
Glory to God may you live and grow,
In His love forever
Welcome friend on this day
Know we're glad you have joined us.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY HYMN

CPWIH 324

Lord of lords and King eternal

Lord of lords and King eternal,
down the years in wondrous ways
you have blessed our land and guided,
leading us through darkest days.
For your rich and faithful mercies,
Lord, accept our thankful praise.

Speak to us and every nation,
bid our jarring discords cease;
to the starving and the homeless
bid us bring a full release;
and on all this earth's sore turmoil
breathe the healing of your peace.

Love that binds us all together
be upon the church outpoured;

shame our pride and quell our factions,
smite them with your Spirit's sword;
till the world, our love beholding,
claims your power and calls you Lord.

Brace the wills of all your people
who in every land and race
know the secrets of your kingdom,
share the treasures of your grace;
till the summons of your Spirit
wakes new life in every place.

Saviour, by your mighty passion
once you turned sheer loss to gain,
resting in your risen glory
victory from your cross and pain;
now in us be dead and risen,
in us triumph, live, and reign.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS BCP, PAGE 126

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all

your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum Corda

BCP, Page 126

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

Preface of The Lord's Day

BCP, Page 130

Because on this most glorious day, a triple light was given. On the first day of creation you brought light and life into being. On the first day, for our salvation, you raised your Son victorious over death; and on

this day you gave your Holy and lifegiving Spirit to your church.

Sanctus and Benedictus

BCP, Page 131

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

Eucharistic Rite A-E (as announced) BCP, Pages 131-142

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, PAGE 144

PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name;
your kingdom come;**

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP, PAGE 145

Form A

PRESIDENT: We break this bread to share in the
body of Christ.

ALL: **Though we are many, we are one
body, because we all share in one
bread.**

Form B

PRESIDENT: God of promise, You have prepared a
Banquet for us

ALL: **Happy are those who are called to
the supper of the Lamb.**

Form C

PRESIDENT: This is the true bread which comes
from heaven

ALL: **Whoever eats this bread will live
forever.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

Form A

PRESIDENT:

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

ALL:

Grant gracious Lord, that we so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

Form B

PRESIDENT:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL:

Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

Form C

PRESIDENT:

Draw near and receive the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

ALL:

We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore, Lord of grace and love, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us.

HYMNS FOR COMMUNION

CPWIH 607, 572

CPWIH 607 – Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead.
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia! alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now,
Alleluia! alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
alleluia, alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified.

CPWIH 572 – Be still, my soul! for God is near!

Be still, my soul! for God is near!
The great High Priest is with thee now;
The Lord of life himself is near,
before whose face the angels bow.

To make thy heart his lowly throne
thy Saviour God in love draws nigh;
he gives himself unto his own,
for whom he once came down to die.

He pleads before the mercy-seat;
he pleads with God; he pleads for thee;
he gives thee bread from heaven to eat,
his flesh and blood in mystery.

I come, O Lord! For thou dost call -
to blend my pleading prayer with thine;
to thee I give myself - my all,
and feed on thee and make thee mine.

HYMNS FOR BLESSINGS

CPWIH 644, 463

CPWIH 644 – Come, sing with holy gladness

Come, sing with holy gladness,
high alleluias sing,
uplift your loud hosannas

to Jesus, Lord and King;
sing, boys, in joyful chorus
your hymn of praise today,
and sing, ye gentle maidens,
your sweet responsive lay.

'Tis good for boys and maidens
sweet hymns to Christ to sing,
'tis meet that children's voices
should praise the children's King:
for Jesus is salvation,
and glory, grace, and rest:
to babe, and boy, and maiden
the one Redeemer Blest.

O boys, be strong in Jesus,
to toil for him is gain,
and Jesus wrought with Joseph
with chisel, saw, and plane;
O maidens, live for Jesus,
who was a maiden's Son;
be patient, pure, and gentle,
and perfect grace begun.

Soon in the golden city
the boys and girls shall play,
and through the dazzling mansions
rejoice in endless day;
O Christ, prepare thy children

with that triumphant throng
to pass the burnished portals,
and sing the eternal song.

CPWIH 463 – Come, thou fount of every blessing

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy praise!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,

prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

THE DISMISSAL

POST COMMUNION PRAYER **BCP, PAGES 147-149**

BLESSING **BCP, PAGES 149-152**

PRESIDENT: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

GO IN PEACE

Go in peace and the peace of God

Be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God

Be with you always.

Celebrate and share the joy

Celebrate new life

Go in peace and the peace of God

Be with you always.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

CPWIH 270

Come down, O Love divine

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,

and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

RECESSION AND ORGAN POSTLUDE



Gladsome stars sang
together and all the sons of
God shouted for joy

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