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HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.

Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Our service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

CELEBRANT Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

PEOPLE The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 7:55-60

God's servants spread the gospel throughout the ancient world, despite enemies who continually nip at their heels to trip them.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

**2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

**4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.**

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

**15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Jesus is the foundation of our faith.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”, and
“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

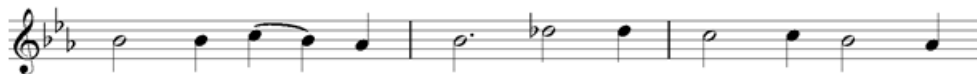
READER The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
part; such a heart as joys _____ in love.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-14

CELEBRANT The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

CELEBRANT The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE REV. DAVID LAQUINTANO

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and 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**

of one 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 became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

**in accordance with 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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray in faith to God for the Church and for the world.

Grant that the Church may always follow in the way of Christ, proclaim his truth and live his risen life. Let us pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael and our Diocesan Bishop, Daniel, and our friends at St. Martin's Church. Keep Christian people in knowledge and service of the Father, that his will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Response: Risen Jesus, Hear our Prayer.

As the disciples were led to understand and taught to seek God in prayer, so may those who are counted wise in the world learn where true wisdom is to be found. Teach those in positions of authority to know that all earthly power is given from above.

Response: Risen Jesus, Hear our Prayer.

When our hearts are troubled, bless us with faith to offer strength and assurance in our homes and in our work. Bless those in this community who help by teaching or example to bring people to know God and to walk in his ways.

Response: Risen Jesus, Hear our Prayer.

Gracious God, bless the growing covenant relationship between Christ Church and St. Martin's. Deepen the ties that bind us and open our hearts to what you yearn for us. Guide us in our search for a shared Rector. Empower us in love as we grown our mission together, so we can move forward into a future that is exciting and full of hope, though Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Response: Risen Jesus, Hear our Prayer.

Hear the prayers of those who cry out for relief in their afflictions, in sickness, poverty, loneliness, uncertainty. Grant them the assurance that Christ, who has gone before them through suffering to glory, is near to them and will bring them home.

Response: Risen Jesus, Hear our Prayer.

We remember today...

Lunetta, Art, Mary, Anne, Celeste, Pam L., Jerald M., Claudia, Alex, Patricia A., David M., Doug & Marilyn, Laurie, Sophie, Molly, Richard, Emily, Sally, John, Lori, Gabby, for leaders of this county, for all refugees fleeing from the horror of war, famine, or oppression, and for all the members of our armed forces. Be with them in their need. healing Give them relief in their affliction and the hope of new life.

Response: Risen Jesus, Hear our Prayer.

We pray for the departed who have come to the place which Christ has prepared for them, where they shall be with him forever. We pray that we may so follow him in this world that we too shall be gathered into the Father's house.

Response: Risen Jesus, Hear our Prayer.

If you have any people you wish to mention or prayers for particular needs, please do so at this time.

We pray in the name of Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, ETC.

OFFERTORY

“Day by Day”

MARTIN HOW

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day. (Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester)

WHEN THE OFFERING IS BROUGHT TO THE ALTAR, THE CONGREGATION SAYS:

“All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

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 HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

**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.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

Celebrant and People

“My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.” (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

SILENCE

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant and People

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING & DISMISSAL

HYMN 518

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

SEE NEXT PAGE

POSTLUDE

“If you but trust in God to guide you, BWV 642”

J. S. BACH

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, 9th cent.; to Emma, Duchess and Mother, 1061; after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.