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Today's Lay Reader: Barbara Sabath

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11am on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **We come ready to put our fears to the side, and trust in God!**

Leader: Fear makes us do things we shouldn't. Fear can be a tool that powerful people use to get what they want. But what does God want?

People: **In the face of betrayal, loneliness, pain and death, Jesus never showed fear. He knew that fear could not get in the way of God's love.**

Prelude

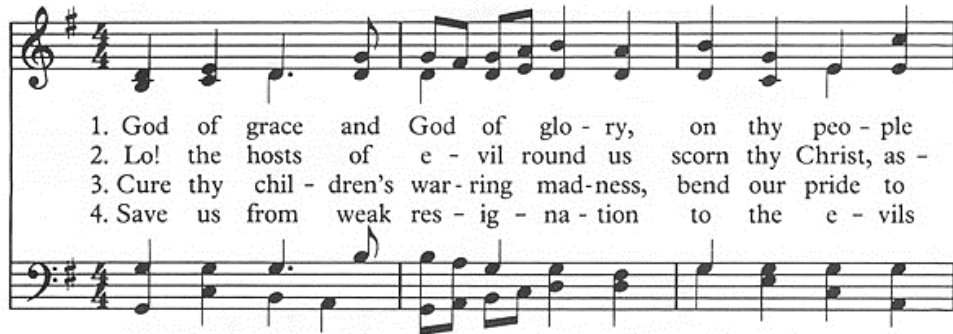
Legende

Alexandre Guilmant

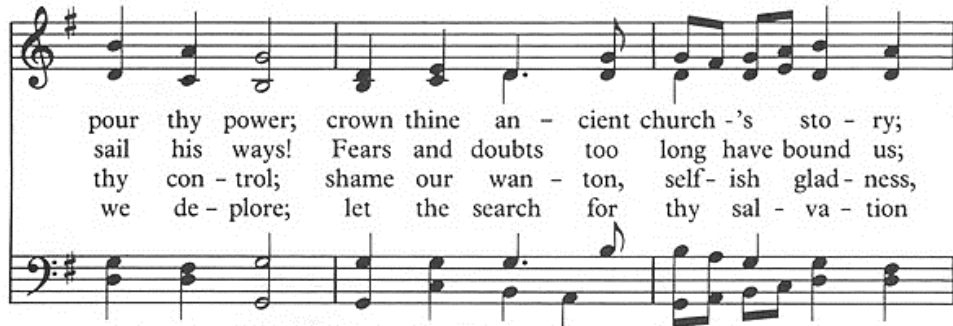
Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

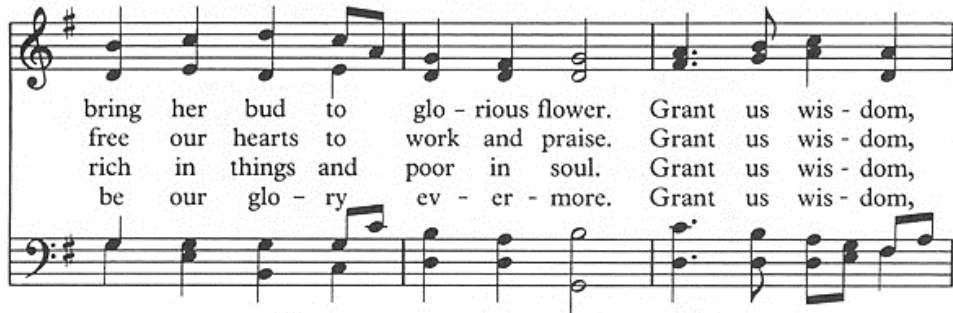
(verses 1, 2, and 4)



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion



bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -



hour, (of this hour) for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, (of these days) for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, (king - dom's goal) lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, (we a - dore) serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Opening Prayer

Lord, thank you for waking us up this morning! Thank you for calling us to the sanctuary and to our screens to connect with you and your people. We thank you for the things that lift us up, and we give to you the things that weigh us down, just as you taught us to. We pray for our brothers and sisters who are living in fear. Some have many things to fear today. Help us, your Church, stand up to the things we fear with love! Amen!

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

Hallelujah, My Father

Hallelujah, my Father, for giving us your Son;
Sending Him into the world to be given up for us,
Knowing we would bruise Him and smite Him from the earth.
Hallelujah, my Father, in His death is my birth;
Hallelujah, my Father, in His life is my life.

Senior Choir

Jesus Loves Me
Saxophone: Jim Daly

William B. Bradbury

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Mark 14:53-64

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus said, "I am; and

'you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of the Power,'
and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death.

Message *Condemned by the "Righteous"*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory *Steal Away* arr. Gilbert Martin

***Offertory Hymn** *Lift High the Cross* (verse 1)

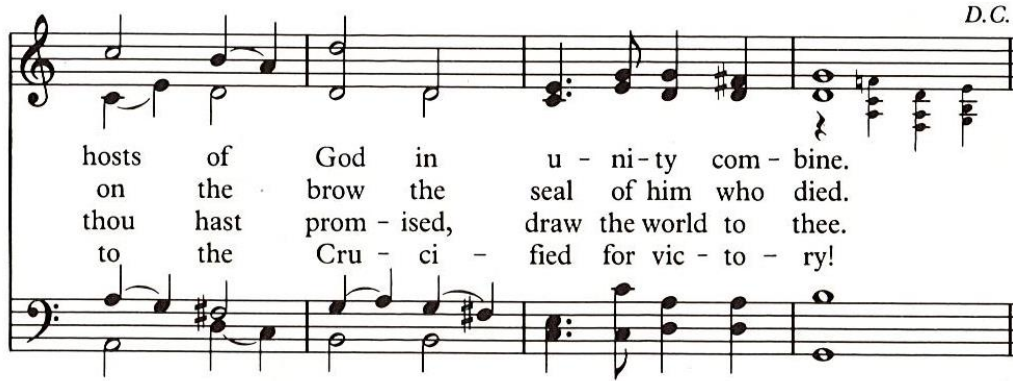
Musical notation for the first part of the hymn. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim".

Musical notation for the second part of the hymn. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "till all the world a-dore his sa-cred name." The word "Fine" is written above the treble staff.

Musical notation for the "Harmony" section. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "1. Come, Chris-tians, fol-low this tri-um-phant sign. The 2. Each new-born ser-vant of the Cru-ci-fied bears 3. O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, as 4. So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: Praise".

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hosts of God in u - ni - ty com - bine.
 on the brow the seal of him who died.
 thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1. Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2. With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face.



The ser - vice is end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed
 Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

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the fruits of our wor - ship in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of the teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;

shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for God's king - dom and an - swer the call.
give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

Benediction

Postlude

Solid Rock

William Bradbury

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