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# 1 Thirst

*Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 17, 2024*

Today's Lay Reader: Naamah Leary

### Welcome

### Prelude

Shepherd of Love

John W. Peterson

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM 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 worship the one who hydrates us when we are thirsty.**

**Leader:** Thirst comes in different forms. Many around the world experience physical thirst every day. Others experience a spiritual thirst. Jesus provides for both.

**People:** **Open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to those around us who are thirsty, and give us the wisdom and strength to offer them your refreshing life.**

## Hymn

## I Sing the Almighty Power of God

1. I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains  
 2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord, who filled the earth with  
 3. There's not a plant or flower be-low, but makes thy glo - ries

rise, that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, and built the loft - y skies.  
 food, who formed the crea-tures thru the Word, and then pro-nounced them good.  
 known, and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day;  
 Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,  
 while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care;

the moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky.  
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres - ent there.

## Opening Prayer

God our creator, we sing praise to your name. You have made us rejoice, Lord, by what you have done. We gather in your name, seeking to learn more about you and your precious son, Jesus. Guide us as we discern his final words. Clear our minds and help us focus on nothing but you. Amen.

## Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Hymn

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

(verses 1, 3, and 4)

1. - 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the pot - ter; I am the clay.  
Search me and try me, Sav - ior to - day!  
Wound - ed and wea - ry, help me I pray!  
Hold o'er my be - ing ab - so - lute sway.

Mold me and make me af - ter thy will,  
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,  
Pow - er, all pow - er, sure - ly is thine!  
Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall see

while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.  
 as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.  
 Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!  
 Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me!

**Senior Choir****Lord of All Hopefulness**

arr. Dan Kallman

**Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev****Scripture Lesson**

John 19:28-29

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

**Message***I Thirst***Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God****Offertory**

Be Not Afraid

Douglas Wagner

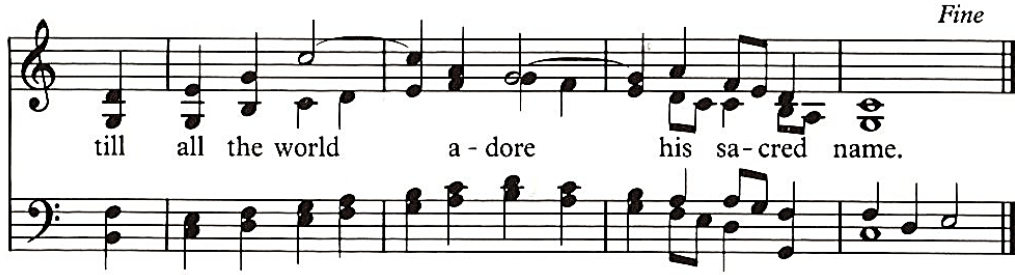
**Offertory Hymn**

Lift High the Cross

*(verse 1)*

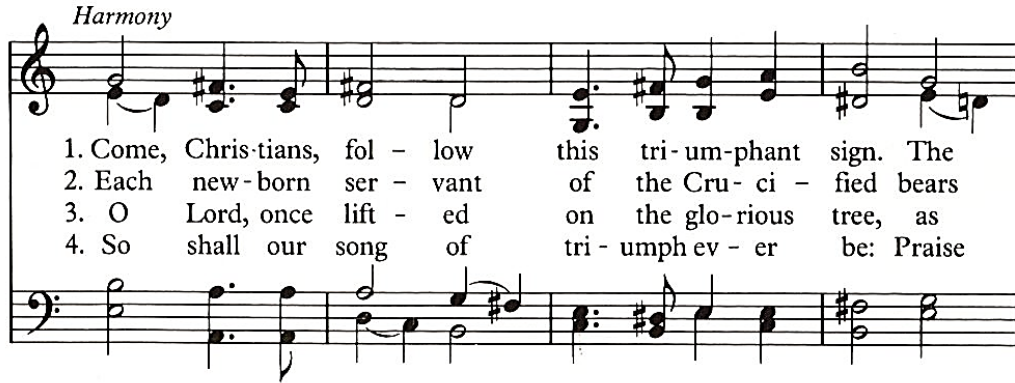
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Fine*



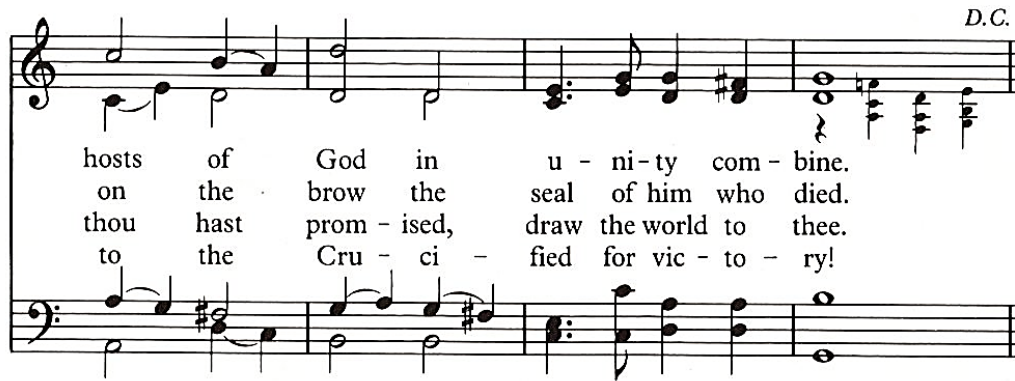
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

*Harmony*



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

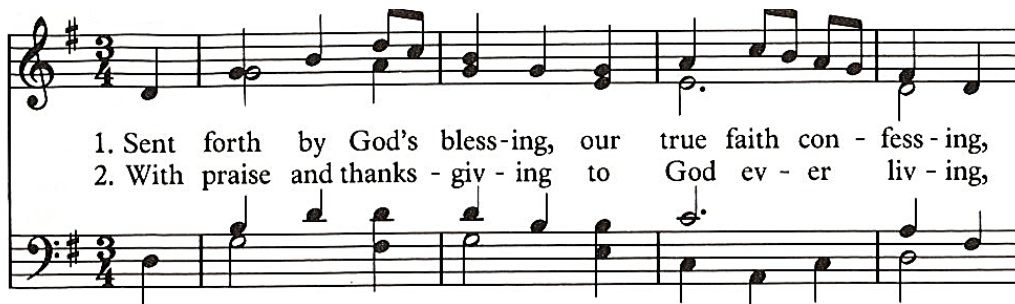
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hosts of God in u - ni - ty com - bine.  
 on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

**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,

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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system of music ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Chaconne**

**Louis Couperin**