



St. Peter's Anglican Church  
Loveland, CO

HOLY EUCHARIST  
*Seventh Sunday After Pentecost*

WELCOME  
IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD  
JESUS CHRIST



July 16, 2023



## *Prelude*

### **Processional: Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven** – H #350

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To his feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him still, the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hand he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and  
for ever. Amen.**

**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.**

*Deacon/Priest:* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is  
the first and great commandment.  
And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor  
as yourself. On these two commandments depend all  
the Law and the Prophets. - *Matthew 22:37-40*

## *The Kyrie*

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

## *Gloria in Excelsis*

*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 upon 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.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray:

## *Collect for the Day*

*Celebrant:* Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to  
the prayers of your humble servants; and, that we may  
receive what we ask, teach us by your Holy Spirit to  
ask only those things that are pleasing to you; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the same  
Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*(The people may sit.)*

## **The First Lesson: Isaiah 55**

1 “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and  
he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy  
wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why  
do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen  
diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight  
yourselves in rich food. 3 Incline your ear, and come to  
me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with  
you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for  
David. 4 Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples. 5 Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. 6 “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. 12 “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm Psalm 65** *Te decet hymnus*

1 You, O God, are to be praised in **Zi-on**, \*  
and unto you shall vows be performed / in Je-**ru-salem**.  
2 You who hear our **prayer**, \*  
unto you / shall all **flesh** come.  
3 My misdeeds prevail **a-against** me; \*  
O be merciful and / blot out **our** sins.  
4 Blessed is the man whom you choose and receive un-  
**to** yourself; \*  
he shall dwell in your courts, and shall be satisfied with  
the pleasures of your house, even of your / ho-ly **tem-ple**.  
5 You shall show us wonderful things in your  
righteousness, O God of our sal-**va-tion**, \*  
for you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of  
the isles / that are **far** away.  
6 You in your strength set firm the **moun-tains**, \*  
and are girded / a-**bout with** power.  
7 You still the raging of the **seas**, \*  
the noise of their waves, and the tumult / of the **peo-ples**.

8 Those who dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth  
shall be in fear of your **won-ders**; \*  
you make the morning and evening / to shout **with** joy.  
9 You visit the earth and **bless** it; \*  
you make it / ve-ry **plen-teous**.  
10 The river of God is full of **wa-ter**; \*  
you prepare the grain, for so you pro-/vide for **the** earth.  
11 You water its furrows; you send rain into the little  
**val-leys**; \*  
you make it soft with the drops of rain and **bless** / the in-  
**crease** of it.  
12 You crown the year with your **good-ness**, \*  
and your paths over-/flow with **plen-ty**.  
13 The fields of the wilderness are rich in **pas-ture**, \*  
and the little hills rejoice / on e-**very** side.  
14 The folds shall be full of **sheep**; \*  
the valleys also shall stand so thick with grain that they /  
shall laugh **and** sing.

*All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And / to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be for-/ever A-men.*

**The Second Lesson: Romans 8:7–17**

7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God,  
for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it  
cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.  
9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if  
in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who  
does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to  
him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is  
dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of  
righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus  
from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus  
from the dead will also give life to your mortal  
bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. 12 So  
then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live  
according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to  
the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to  
death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all  
who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of  
God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to  
fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit  
of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba!  
Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our  
spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children,  
then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with  
Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we  
may also be glorified with him.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**Speak O Lord - H #486 (V. 1-2)**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
To receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us,  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail,  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

*Deacon or Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus  
Christ according to Matthew.

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

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, 6 but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears, let him hear."

18 "Hear then the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and

immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. 23 As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*Deacon or Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Speak O Lord - H #486 (V. 3)**

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us,  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down thro' eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak O Lord, till your Church is built,  
And the earth is filled with your glory.

**The Sermon**

*Deacon or Priest:* Let us confess our faith in the words  
of the Nicene Creed.

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

*(Please kneel, stand, or sit as you are able.)*

### **Prayers of the People**

*Deacon or Priest:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

*Intercessor:* For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For our Archbishop, Dr. Foley Beach; for our Bishop, Dr. Bill Atwood; for our Rector, Father Matt Rucker, and for our assisting clergy: Father Bill Easterling, and Deacon Larry Doyle.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others including those we serve in our Outreach Programs, naming especially Bishop’s Well Project, Samaritan’s Purse, and Prodissee Pantry.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially our President, Joseph, and our Governor, Jared. Give them a discerning heart and a wise mind to lead and serve as

God desires. We also pray for those in our armed forces serving our country both home and abroad.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For all the blessings of this life and for the many reasons we have to give thanksgiving, especially for those celebrating *Birthdays: Jessie McKamie (07/17), and Linnea Horlings (07/17).*

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

*(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*(Additional petitions may be made during this moment of silence.)*

*Deacon or Priest:* Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Deacon or Priest:* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**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 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.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all

those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### **The Peace**

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

**All: And with your spirit.**

*(Announcements)*

### **The Offering**

*“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God”.*

*Ephesians 5:2*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### **Offertory: Psalm 126** *(Bifrost Arts)*

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter.

Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.

Restore us, O Lord!

Restore us, O Lord!

*Chorus:*

*Although we are weeping,  
Lord, help us keep sowing  
The seeds of your kingdom  
For the day you will reap them.  
Your sheaves we will carry,  
Lord, please do not tarry!  
All those who sow weeping  
Will go out with songs of joy.*

The nations will say: God has done great things!

The nations will sing songs of joy.

Restore us, O Lord!

Restore us, O Lord!

*(Chorus)*

### **The Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*Praise Him all creatures here below*

*Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Celebrant:* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

**People: And of your own have we given you.**

*1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*(Proper Preface)* Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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.

### **The Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

*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 people may kneel, stand, or sit.)*

*Celebrant:* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned

against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*(Please kneel or stand as you are able.)*

#### **Prayer of Humble Access**

**All: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

#### **Fraction Anthem**

*Cantor: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, Says the Lord.*

**My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, Says the Lord.**

*Cantor: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, And I in them.*

**My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, Says the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*(You may kneel, stand, or sit during Communion.)*



## **Communion Hymns**

### **Your Labor is Not in Vain** (Porter's Gate)

Your labor is not in vain  
Though the ground underneath you  
Is cursed and stained  
Your planting and reaping are never the same  
Your labor is not in vain

Your labor is not unknown  
Though the rocks, they cry out  
And the sea it may groan  
The place of your toil may not seem like a home  
But your labor is not unknown

*Chorus:*

*I am with you, I am with you  
I am with you, I am with you  
For I have called you, called you by name  
Your labor is not in vain*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit  
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth  
For all that is old will at last be made new  
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit  
(Chorus)

The houses you labored to build  
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled  
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed  
And all that is broken be healed  
(Chorus 2x)

### **Ubi Caritas (Taizé)**

*Ubi caritas et amor,  
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.*

*Where there is charity and love  
Where there is charity, there God is.*

### **Raise a Song of Gladness (Taizé)**

*Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.  
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.  
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!  
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!*

### **By Faith** (Getty)

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

*Chorus:*

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth

(Chorus)

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name

(Chorus 2x)

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

*Celebrant:* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***Recessional: This is My Father's World***

This is my Father's world,  
And to my list'ning ears  
All natures sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,  
The birds their carols raise;  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declares their Makers praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
He speaks to me eve'rywhere.

This is my Father's world.  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrongs seem oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heav'n be one.

***The Dismissal***

*Deacon or Priest:* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into  
the world, rejoicing in the power of  
the Holy Spirit.

***People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



