

COMMUNION HYMN *I Am for You*

There is a mountain there is a sea.
There is a wind within all breathing,
There is an arm to break ev'ry chain,
There is a fire in all things living.
There is a voice that speaks from the flame:
"I am for you, I am for you, I am for you is my name."

There was a woman small as a star,
Full of the patient dreams of her nation,
Welcoming in an angel of God,
Welcoming in God's bold invitation.
"Let it be done," she sang, "unto me."
I am for you, I am for you, I am for you: let it be."

There was a man who walked in the storm,
Caught in between the waves and the lightning,
Sharing his bread with those cast aside,
Healing by touch the lost and the dying.
Sending us forth, he says to his friends:
"I am for you, I am for you, I am for you to the end."

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN *America the Beautiful*

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And ev'ry gain divine.

We are anointed, servants of God;
We have been born again of Spirit.
We are the word God speaks to the world,
Freedom and light to all who will hear it.
So let us be the word of the Lord:
I am for you, I am for you, I am for you
evermore.

There is a world that waits in the womb;
There is a hope unborn God is bearing,
Though the powers of death prowl the night,
There is a day our God is preparing.
Sing 'round the fire to waken the dawn:
I am for you, I am for you, I am for you:
We are one.

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O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929



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OPENING HYMN *A Hymn of Glory let Us Sing*

A hymn of glory let us sing!
New songs throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with his faithful foll'wers see
Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Hymnum canamus gloria; Venerable Bede, 673-735; tr. by Benjamin Webb, 1819-1885, The Hymnal Noted, 1854, alt.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

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.

FIRST READING *Acts 1:1-11*

In the first book, Theophilus,
I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught
until the day he was taken up,
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit
to the apostles whom he had chosen.
He presented himself alive to them
by many proofs after he had suffered,
appearing to them during forty days
and speaking about the kingdom of God.
While meeting with them,
he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem,
but to wait for "the promise of the Father

FIRST READING (Cont'd.) Acts 1:1-11

about which you have heard me speak;
for John baptized with water,
but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him,
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”
He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons
that the Father has established by his own authority.
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
throughout Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.”
When he had said this, as they were looking on,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.
While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going,
suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.
They said, “Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there looking at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Refrain: *God Mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

SECOND READING Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters:
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation
resulting in knowledge of him.
May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,
that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call,
what are the riches of glory
in his inheritance among the holy ones,
and what is the surpassing greatness of his power
for us who believe,
in accord with the exercise of his great might:
which he worked in Christ,
raising him from the dead
and seating him at his right hand in the heavens,
far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion,
and every name that is named
not only in this age but also in the one to come.
And he put all things beneath his feet
and gave him as head over all things to the church,
which is his body,
the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 28:19a, 20b *Alleluia, Alleluia*

GOSPEL Lk 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples:
“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the
nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am
sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with
power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed
them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then
returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.

HOMILY

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - THE LORD'S PRAYER - SIGN OF PEACE - LAMB OF GOD - COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN *The Summons*

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.

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