

24th Weekend in Ordinary Time
With Guest Homilist, Outgoing Colorado Historian Dr. Jared Orsi
September 16, 2023 at 5pm, Light of Christ ECC

Responses of the people are in ***bold***

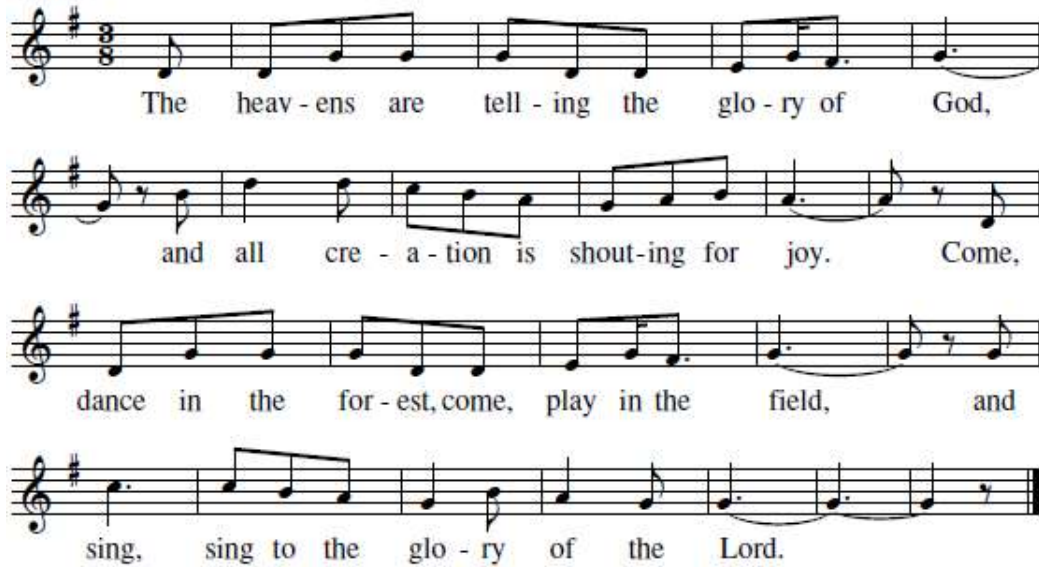
Many Christian faith traditions engage September as the Season of Creation in their liturgies. With that in mind, this liturgy is adapted from Seasons of Creation worship resources found at: <https://seasonofcreation.com/worship-resources/liturgies/>

Welcome and announcements:

Opening Song: # 429 Canticle of the Sun

Canticle of the Sun

Refrain



The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God,
and all cre - a - tion is shout - ing for joy. Come,
dance in the for - est, come, play in the field, and
sing, sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

Verses



1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas might - y
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the
5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The crea - tures you
6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, The knowl - edge of



light of the Lord in his rays;	The moon and the stars who
storms, 7 the gen - tl - est breeze;	They blow where they will, they
crops 7 so all the earth yields;	From death un - to life her
sun 7 to bright - en our night;	He danc - es with joy, his
made 7 to let your life show;	The flow - ers and trees that
loss 7 that helps us to feel;	The gift of your - self, your



light up the way	Un - to your throne.
blow where they please	To please the Lord.
mys - t'ry re - vealed	Springs forth in joy.
spir - it so bright,	He sings of you.
help us to know	The heart of love.
pres - ence re - vealed	To lead us home.

Teri: Let us continue as one expression of God's people. + Father, Son, Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Teri: May the Love of God, the care and compassion of the Incarnation, and the Fire of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Penitential Rite

Teri: Let us ask God for open minds and willing hearts that we might listen and understand.

God, You created and color the sky, Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Christ, You died under dark skies, Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Spirit of God, You are the wind blowing in the sky. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Hear the Good News! Christ's life, death and resurrection have revealed life eternal for you. Your sins are forgiven. Go forth refreshed and renewed in the name of God, in the name of Love, in the name of New Life. Together now we pray. **Amen**

(Let us grab our holy noisemakers, as we sing our glory to God)

Mass of Welcoming Glory and Praise in C

MJS
Text by
Fr. Teri Harroun

Intro

REFRAIN

Bless - ed are you O
God Glo - ry and praise for - ev - er

VERSE 1

Praise - wor - thy and ex - al - ted for - ev - er and
bless-ed is your ho - ly and glo - ri-ous name for all a - ges!

To REFRAIN

VERSE 2

Bless - ed are you on the throne of your kin(g) dom _____ Glo - ry and praise for -
ev - er Bless - ed are you who look in - to the depths
Bless - ed are you O God

To REFRAIN

Opening Prayer

Teri:

Let us pray....

God, our Creator, it is a privilege to carry everything we have to you in prayer. We invite the sky to worship with us today proclaiming Your Name throughout the world. We invite the clouds which share rain for the land, and the winds which remind us of the movement of the Spirit. It was the

sky that darkened when Jesus died, and welcomed the resurrected Christ home. May we remember to be good caretakers of our skies, along with all the earth. In the name of the Incarnation, our brother Jesus the Christ we pray: **Amen.**

First Reading: Samantha

Samantha : Our First Reading is from the Book of Leviticus (5:8-17)

Count off seven “weeks” of years - seven times seven years - so that the seven Sabbaths of years come to a period of forty-nine years. Then, on the tenth day of the seventh month - the Day of Atonement - sound the trumpet through all your land. Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim freedom in the land for all its inhabitants. It is your year of Jubilee, each of you is to return to your ancestral land, to your own family. The fiftieth year is a Jubilee for you; do not sow and do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the untended vines. For it is a Jubilee and it is to be holy for you. Eat only what comes directly from the fields.

In this year of Jubilee all of you are to return to your ancestral land. If you sell or buy land among yourselves, neither of you may use the calculation of the Jubilee year to cheat one another. You must determine the price according to the number of years of produce that are left until the next Jubilee. The greater the number of years left until the next Jubilee, the higher the price; the fewer the number of years left, the lower the price: for the seller is selling you a particular number of harvests. You must not cheat one another, but revere YHWH (Yahweh): I am YHWH, your God.

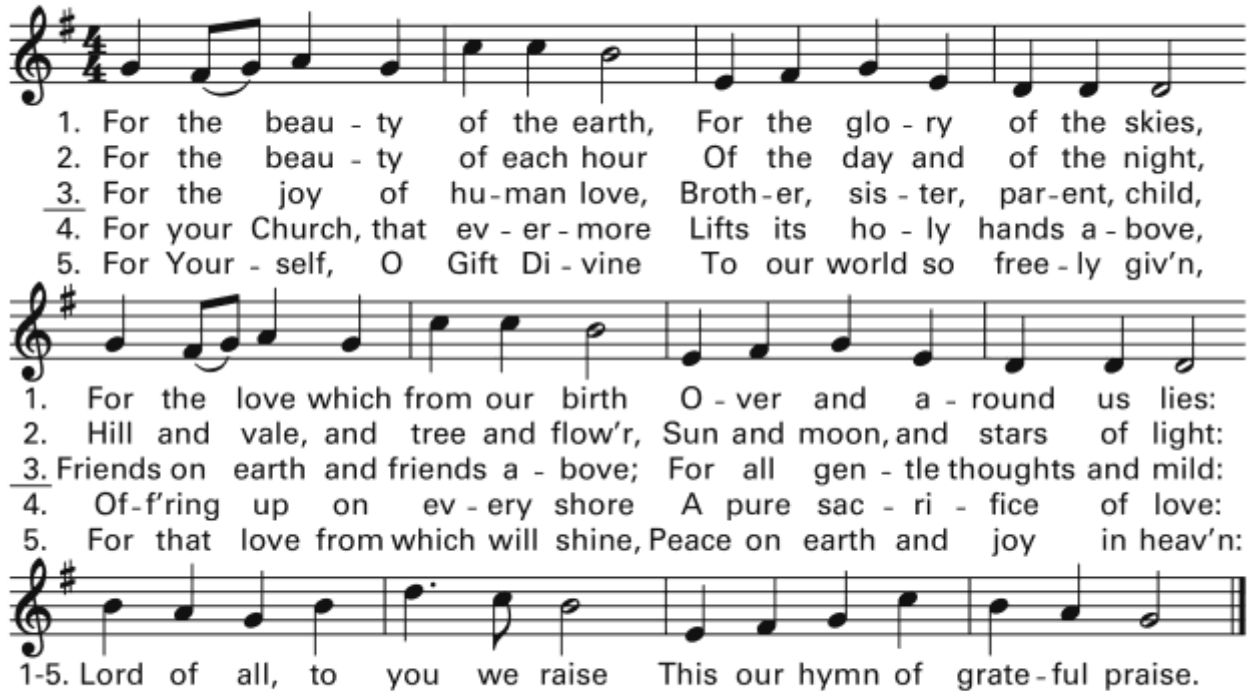
This has been a reading from the Book of Leviticus.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: #614 For the Beauty of the Earth

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

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1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
4. For your Church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly hands a - bove,
5. For Your - self, O Gift Di - vine To our world so free - ly giv'n,

1. For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:
2. Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light:
3. Friends on earth and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
4. Of - f'ring up on ev - ery shore A pure sac - ri - fice of love:
5. For that love from which will shine, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:

1-5. Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Text: 77 77 77; *Lyra Eucharistica*, 1864; Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823–1899.

Second Reading: Samantha

Our Second Reading is from Black Elk, a holy man of the Ogalala Lakota people.

My friend, I am going to tell you the story of my life,
It is the story of all life that is holy and is good to tell, and of us two-leggeds sharing in it with the four-leggeds and the wings of the air and all green things; for these are children of one mother and their father is one Spirit.

But now that I can see it all as from a lonely hilltop, I know it was the story of a mighty vision given to a man too weak to use it; of a holy tree that should have flourished in a people's heart with flowers and singing birds, and now is withered; and of a people's dream that died in bloody snow.

Is not the sky a father and the earth a mother, and are not all living things with feet or wings or roots their children?

Once we were happy in our own country and we were seldom hungry, for then the two-leggeds and the four-leggeds lived together like relatives, and there was plenty for them and for us. But the Wasichus [White people] came, and they have made little islands for us and other little islands for the four-leggeds, and always these islands are becoming smaller, for around them surges the gnawing flood of the Wasichu; and it is dirty with lies and greed.

This has been a reading from Black Elk Speaks.
Thanks be to God.

Mass of Welcoming Gospel Acclamation

MJS

Intro

Al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia al - le -

1. lu - ia 2. ia Speak O Lord, your peo - ple are

list-'ning You have the words of ev - er - last - ing life

Final REFRAIN

Al - le - lu - a al - le - lu - a al - le - lu - ia

Teri or Dr. Orsi:

The Risen Christ be with you all. ***And also with you.***

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (5:1-7)

Glory to you, O God+

One day, Jesus was standing by Lake Gennesaret, and the crowd pressed in on him to hear the word of God. He saw two boats moored by the side of the lake; the fishers had disembarked and were washing their nets. Jesus stepped into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to pull out a short distance from the shore; then, remaining seated, he continued to teach the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Pull out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."

Simon answers, "Rabbi, we've been working hard all night long and have caught nothing; but if you say so, I'll lower the nets."

Upon doing so, they caught such a great number of fish that their nets were at the breaking point. They signaled to their mates in the other boat to come and help them, and together they filled the two boats until they both nearly sank.

The Gospel according to Luke. ***Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.***

Homily - Dr. Jared Orsi

Prayers of the People - Samantha

Teri: I'd like to invite "Samantha" back to lead us in the prayers that have been prepared for today. The rest of you may remain seated.

Samantha : Our response today is: Creator God, inspire us. ***Creator God, inspire us.***

For all the people and places of the world that would benefit from our prayer, and the grace we can share soul to soul. We pray: **Creator God, inspire us.**

For all church leaders, that they may embrace God's Divine Work and join that work for the flourishing of all of humanity and the earth. We pray: **Creator God, inspire us.**

For those who are sick, (especially ____). May they know God's presence and receive all that they need. We pray: **Creator God, inspire us.**

For those who have died, (especially _____). May they enjoy the Eternal Banquet of the Divine Host. We pray: **Creator God, inspire us.**

Samantha : Fr. Teri will now read the prayers that have been typed in the comments (PAUSE until Teri tells you to go on.) For these and for all the prayers we share through our hearts, we pray: **Creator God, inspire us.**

Samantha : In addition, Prayer Partners will be available after Mass here in the Sanctuary by the back altar. For those at home, or those who have a prayer to share during the week, you can email our Prayer Companion Team at prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org and someone will reach out to you. These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words.

Teri: Collect (*adlib*)

Sign of Peace

Offertory Song: #610 All Good Gifts

ALL GOOD GIFTS

Kevin Keil (ASCAP)



1. We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the
2. You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and
3. We thank you, then, Cre - a - tor, for all things bright and



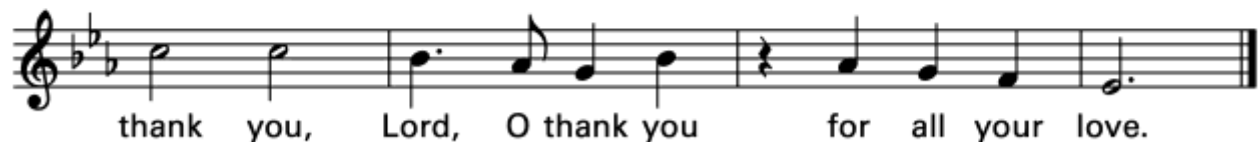
1. land, but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y
2. far, you paint the way-side flow - er, you light the eve - ning
3. good, the seed-time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our



1. hand. God sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the
2. star. The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are
3. food. And all that we can of - fer, your bound-less love im-



1. grain, the breez-es and the sun-shine, and soft, re-fresh-ing rain.
2. fed; much more, to us, your chil-dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
3. parts; the gifts to you most pleas - ing are hum-ble, thank-ful hearts.



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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine to place on your table. Work of earth and human hands. May it become our spiritual food and drink. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your table. They represent our entire lives, and all that we have to offer. These gifts have traveled through purses, pockets, and even the mail. May they become the Light of Christ in your world. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Teri: Pray my sisters and brothers, my family, that these our gifts, our lives may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's world.

Teri: The peace of our God be with you all.
And also with you.

Teri: Let us open up our hearts.
We open them up to God.

Teri: Let us give thanks to our Loving God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer:

Teri: Blessed are you, O holy God, Breath and Life of the world. It is right to celebrate and give you thanks. Your Word is the origination for all things to be: for space, stars and stardust to appear; for Earth to emerge from the deep; for life to be born of earth and for humans to be born of Earth and the Spirit. You chose to be born among us, to become a part of the Earth, and as Incarnation to suffer, die, and be raised from death renewing all of creation with love. Your presence is the Living Breath with us today, the

Christ deep among us, filling the earth including the land, the sea, and the air and the grain and grapes that we share with You, God, this day. Therefore, with the ancient voices of the forest, the wisdom songs of the air, and the deep vibrato from the depths of the sea, we proclaim Your presence among us as we sing:

Sanctus:

Mass of Welcoming
Holy, Holy, Holy

MJS
Text by
Fr. Teri Hamoun

Intro

Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly One God of pow-er and
love hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -
san - na in the high - est Bless - ed is the
One who comes in the name of this Ho - ly One Ho - san - na in the
high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Teri: God, Goodness of the World, you prepare tables before us. Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around tables throughout your world and gathered as your Body that we may become signs of your love and transforming work in the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine to make them holy so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying - **"Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you."**

We remember also, that on the night before Jesus died, He took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying, **"Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood. The blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."**

Teri: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.....

Mass of Welcoming Rising You Revealed New Life

MJS
Text by
Fr. Teri Harroun

Intro

Dy - ing You de - stroyed our death ris - ing You re -

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vealed new life Oh — Je - sus you are here and yet to come.

Teri: God of Imagination and Creator of diversity, You have invited each of us here today, And so we gather around these tables, knowing that all tables are your table, O God, and all food is sacrament. We remember in prayer our chosen Shepherds, Bishops Kae and Bishop Paul. May you grant them the grace they need each day to love and serve in your Name. God of Love, we trust that our beloved ancestors now live in the fullness of your eternal embrace. Share with us the grace needed that we may dwell in the fullness of Your Love one day with all the saints, martyrs, friends, and others who have modeled Your Will throughout the world.

You are here with us now, O God. You are at these Tables with all your kin and You share with all in need. You share the gift of healing for those in

pain, the gift of forgiveness for those who are broken, the gift of assurance for those in doubt, and the gift of hope for those in tears. May we who share in these gifts and grace, share Christ with one another and with all of Creation.

May we together praise and glorify You, through Jesus the Christ.

Teri: Together now, we say.....

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours all loving God, forever and ever.

Mass of Welcoming Amen

MJS

Intro

A men A men.

A men A men.

LORD'S PRAYER

Teri: Let us join hearts together, a symbol of how God is circling the world right now and prayer words that have been prayed for centuries.

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 the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Mass of Welcoming Agnus Dei

MJS

Text by:
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1. Liv - ing God, You feed the world that hun - gers for
2. Liv - ing God, You quench the world that thir - sts for

You Your Love trans - forms us To Verse 3

3. Liv - ing God You bless the world cre - a - ted by You

Grant us _____ peace. Grant us peace.

Teri: This is the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the one who transforms the world. Blessed are we who are called to this meal.

God, I am ready to receive you. Because by your invitation, I am here.

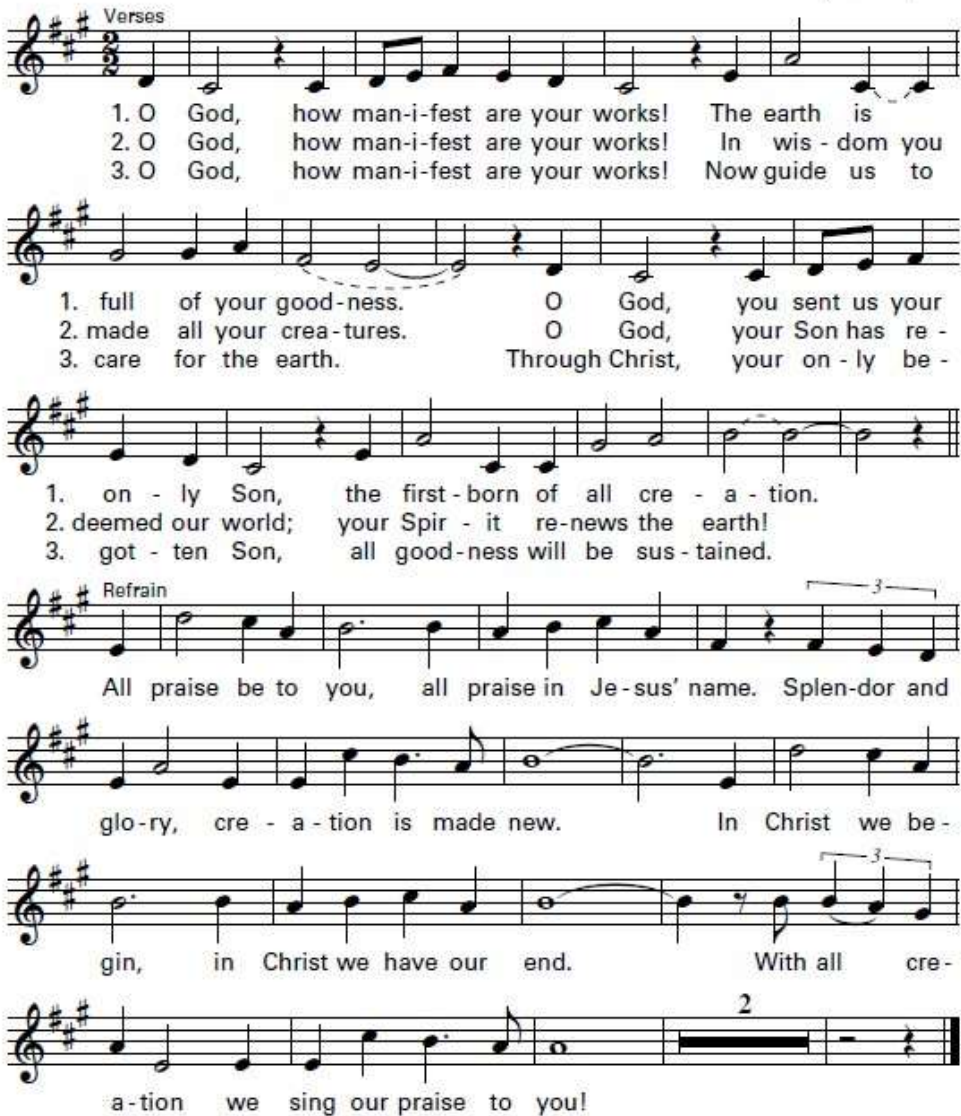
We are invited to these tables just as we are. Wherever you are on this journey of life, you are welcome here: here in this place, here in this community, here at this table. Let us look for God in the breaking of this bread.

Communion Song: # 428 O God, How Manifest are Your Works

O GOD, HOW MANIFEST ARE YOUR WORKS

Ricky Manalo, CSP

Verses



1. O God, how man-i-fest are your works! The earth is
2. O God, how man-i-fest are your works! In wis - dom you
3. O God, how man-i-fest are your works! Now guide us to

1. full of your good-ness. O God, you sent us your
2. made all your crea-tures. O God, your Son has re -
3. care for the earth. Through Christ, your on - ly be -

1. on - ly Son, the first-born of all cre - a - tion.
2. deemed our world; your Spir - it re-news the earth!
3. got - ten Son, all good-ness will be sus - tained.

Refrain



All praise be to you, all praise in Je-sus' name. Splen-dor and
glo-ry, cre - a - tion is made new. In Christ we be -
gin, in Christ we have our end. With all cre -
a-tion we sing our praise to you!

Text inspired by Psalm 104:1; Colossians 1:15; Revelation 22:13.

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Prayer after Communion:

Teri: Let us pray... God, by the healing power of Christ's Body and Blood, may we become healing agents for all the earth. In the name of Jesus our Brother we pray. **Amen**

Blessing of Dr. Orsi.

Teri: We call upon the name of God to share blessing with you. Our God is the teller of all stories, and cherishes the unfolding of each of our stories. As a student and teacher of history, you have a unique role in giving voice to the story of God and humanity together. So for this blessing, let us invoke the prayerful words of Martin Luther King Jr.

O God, ...we thank Thee for Thy Church, founded upon Thy Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon Thee ... Help us to realize that humanity {man} was created to shine like the stars and live on through all eternity. Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace, help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God's children, Black, White, Red, and Yellow, will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the kingdom of our Lord and of our God, we pray. Amen.

Jared, may the soul of this prayer live in you, in your work, and in the story of history that you share with the world. We ask for this blessing now to be bestowed upon you with our gratitude in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Teri: The Love of God continue to be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts and ask for God's blessing. May we be blessed by the Spirit of God that is above all, within all, and between all. May we be filled with the assurance of God's presence everywhere, and the pulse of Christ within our own bodies. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Please repeat our sending forth after me:

We are Light of Christ.... **We are Light of Christ**

Let us go forth as such..... **Let us go forth as such**

Loving and serving God..... **Loving and serving God**

As we get to love and serve in God's world....**As we get to love and serve in God's world.**

And the people respond together, **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song: # 430 How Great Thou Art

430

HOW GREAT THOU ART

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Stuart K. Hine

Verses



1. O Lord my God! When I in awe-some won-der Con - si - der
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from
3. die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my
4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in



1. hear the *roll - ing thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the
2. lof - ty moun-tain gran - deur And hear the brook, and
3. bur - den glad - ly bear - ing, He bled and died to
4. hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my



1. u - ni - verse dis-played; Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God to
2. feel the gen - tle breeze;
3. take a - way my sin;
4. God, how great thou art!



thee; How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav-ior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!

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