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19 June 2022

The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer of Preparation

God of all trust, may we who confess your faith prove it in our lives, with abundant joy, outrageous hope, and dependence on nothing but your word alone, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Welcome

The Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

This Is My Father's World

Babcock/Sheppard

Call to Worship

I am the vine, Jesus said.

We are the branches.

Those who abide in Christ and who
Christ abides in are here

We desire to bear much fruit.

Apart from me, you can do nothing, Jesus said.

We want to do our part - to do something

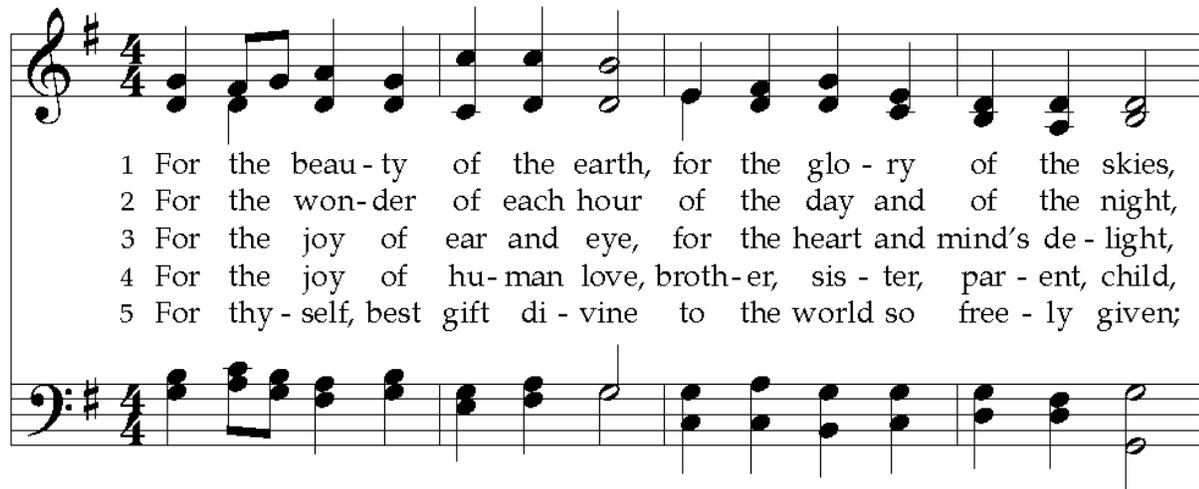
Let us worship God!

Hymn 14

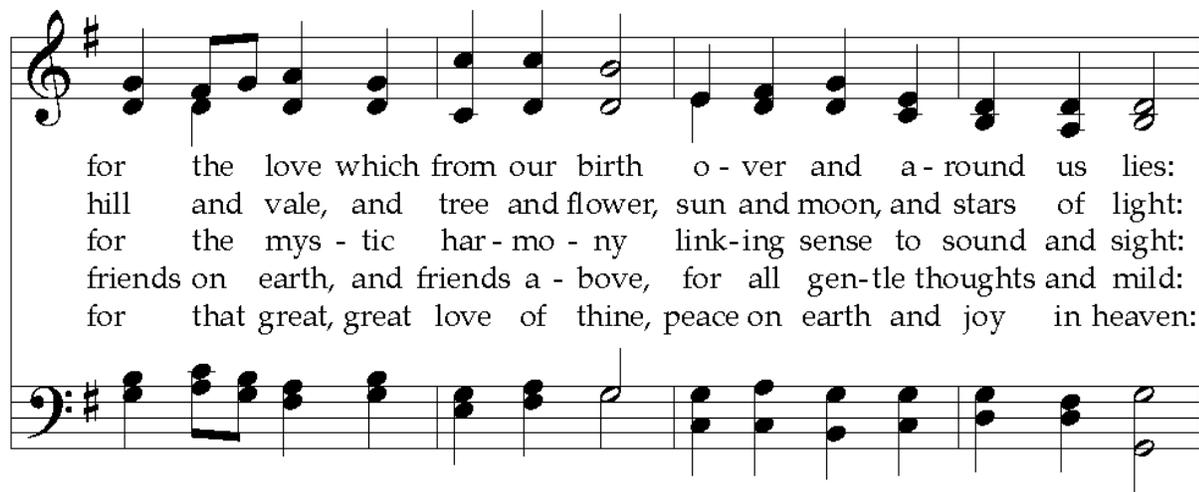
For the Beauty of the Earth

Pierpoint/Kocher

Hymn 14



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot

change; open to us a future where we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image.

(we pause for a time of silent confession)

Create in us a clean heart, O God. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law

Matthew 22:37-39

“‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading

1 Samuel 18:1-9

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Anna Pinckney Straight

Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith, 1977

Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society troubled by the common problems of the world. His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of being rejected. Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin.

Jesus was what we should be. He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit, Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself.

We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be. He exposes our failure to live as he lived. He demonstrates the new humanity God promises to give us through him.

Anthem

Cantate Domino “Sing to the Lord”

David Hurd

Psalm 98

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

...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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Benediction

Response

Lord, Make Us More Holy

African-American spiritual

Organist: Vance Harper Jones

Ensemble: Members of the Daybreak and Sanctuary Choirs

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