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Music is such an important part of worship in church. Who, if any of us, could possibly have imagined that a complete 'general pause' in liturgical music would be a possibility, never mind the reality we are currently living through.

To celebrate Music Sunday is not an anomaly this year. It is an opportunity to shine a spotlight upon the faithful musicians of countless church communities, giving thanks to God for all they have done to this point, are still doing as best they can, and will do again when we eventually emerge into the radiant light from this darkness. In the current climate, being able to support, uphold and encourage them you is of huge importance.

These resources will draw people together in worship, even if the people of God remain physically scattered. Music can unite us, even across cyberspace. It's important to rehearse and learn, so that you can join in with confidence and with full voice. As it says in the hymn *The Day Thou Gavest*: 'The voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away'. Amen!

ORDER OF SERVICE

All

Welcome in the name of Christ. God's grace, mercy and peace be with you and also with you.

Let us recognise God's presence with us.

Silence may be kept.

As God's people we have gathered:

All let us worship him together.

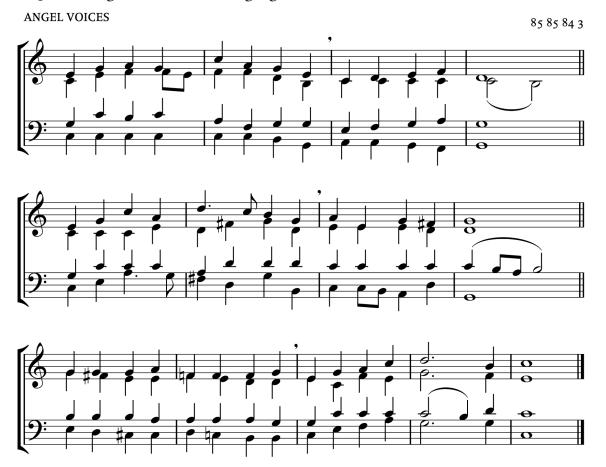
Sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs:

All let us sing to God with thankful hearts.

God is spirit:

All let us worship him in spirit and truth.

Hymn: Angel voices ever singing



- 1 Angel-voices ever singing round thy throne of light, angel-harps for ever ringing, rest not day nor night; thousands only live to bless thee and confess thee Lord of might.
- 2 Thou who art beyond the farthest mortal eye can scan, can it be that thou regardest songs of sinful man?
 Can we know that thou art near us, and wilt hear us?
 Yea, we can.

- 3 Yea, we know that thou rejoicest o'er each work of thine; thou didst ears and hands and voices for thy praise design; craftsman's art and music's measure for thy pleasure all combine.
- In thy house, great God, we offer 4 of thine own to thee; and for thine acceptance proffer all unworthily hearts and minds and hands and voices in our choicest psalmody.

Please turn over for last verse arrangement

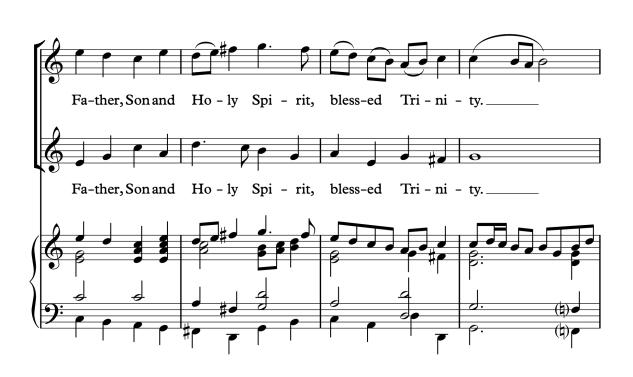
5 Honour, glory, might, and merit thine shall ever be, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, blessèd Trinity. Of the best that thou hast given earth and heaven render thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Music: EDWIN GEORGE MONK (1819–1900)

Descant and last verse arrangement by RICHARD SHEPHARD (b. 1949)







Confession

We have too often exchanged the worship of the living God for idols of our own imagining.

As we gather to offer our praises to the holy and undivided Trinity, and to worship him in spirit and in truth, let us call to mind our sins.

Silence may be kept.

We have not always worshipped God, our creator. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

We have failed to sing the Lord's song in a strange land. Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

We have used your gifts to serve our own ends. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

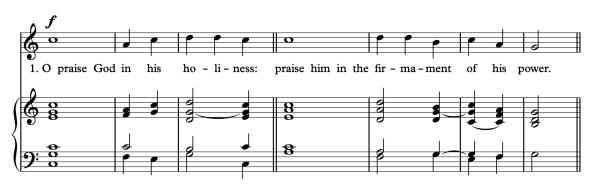
May the God of love bring you back to himself, forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

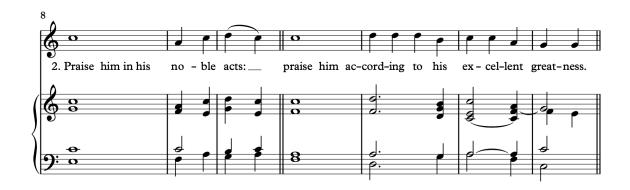
All Amen.

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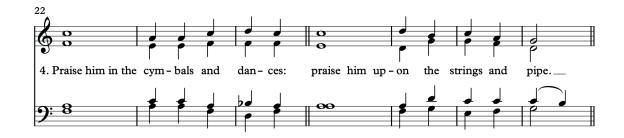
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Charles Villiers Stanford

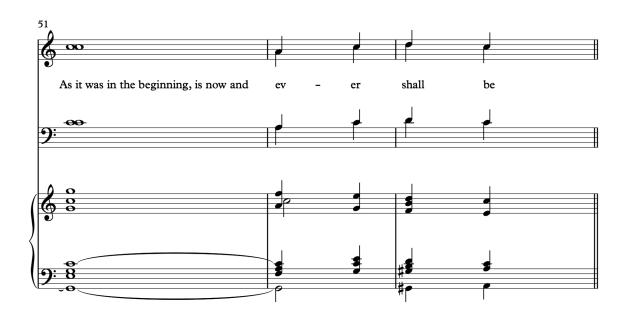


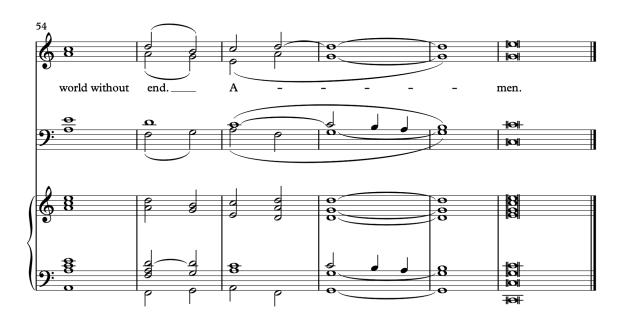








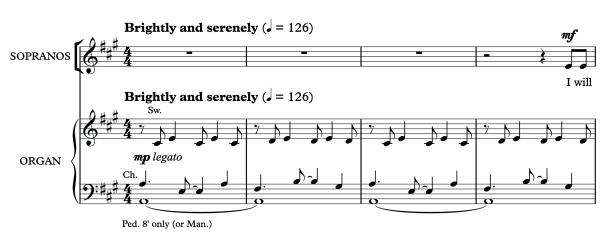


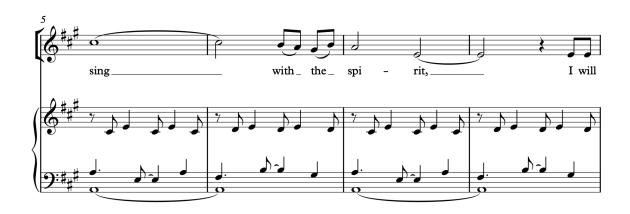


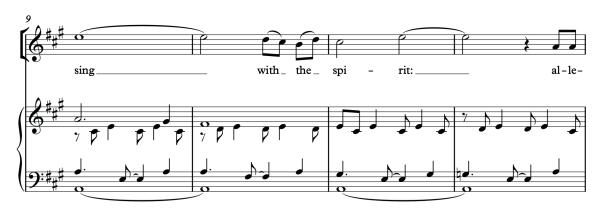
Testimony

Anthem: I will sing with the spirit

1 Corinthians 14:15 JOHN RUTTER



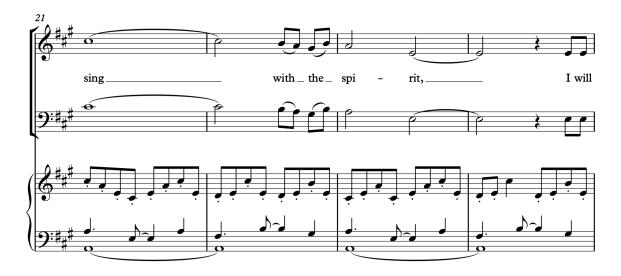




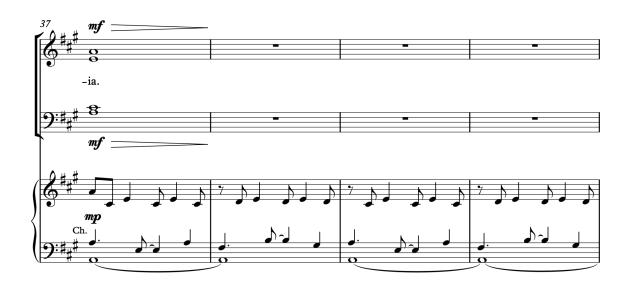
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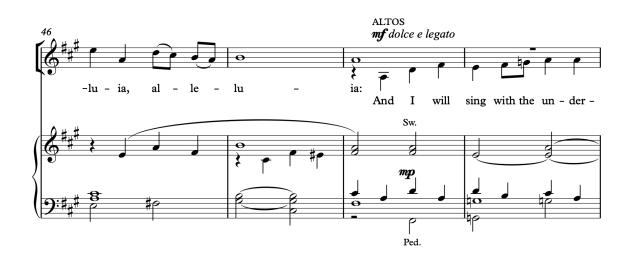








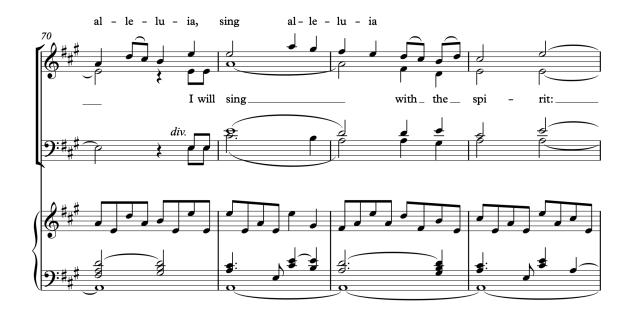


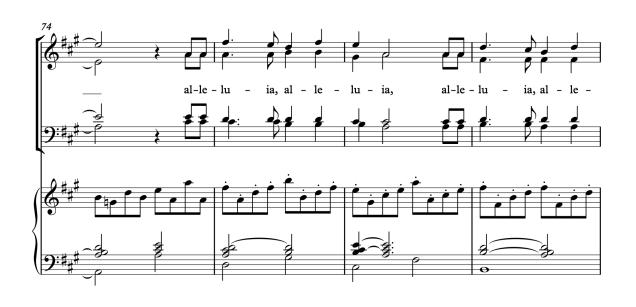


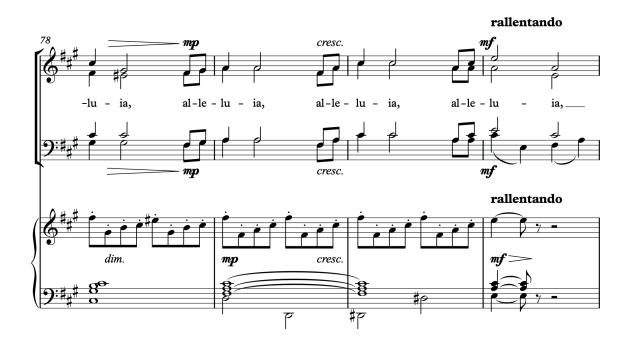




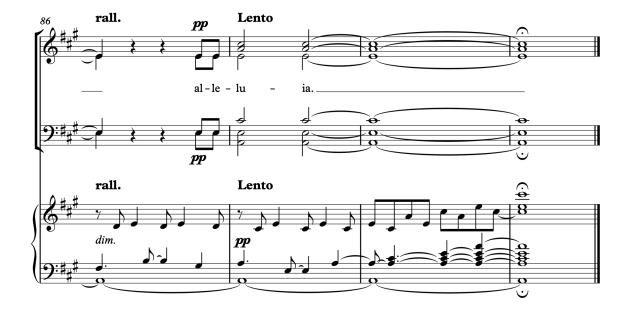












Reading: Revelation 5.6-14

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!'

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!'

And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

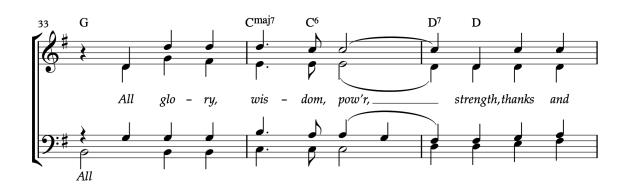
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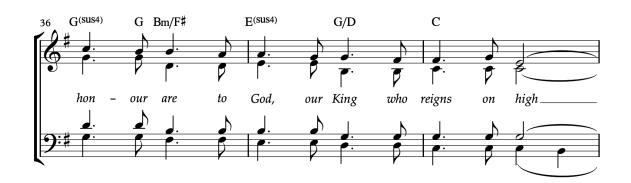
Hymn: There is a higher throne

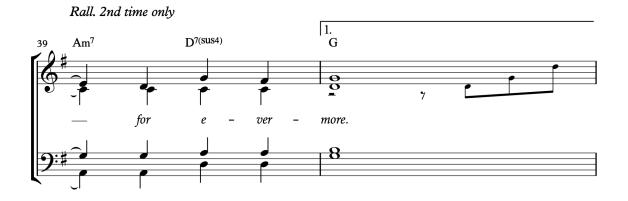


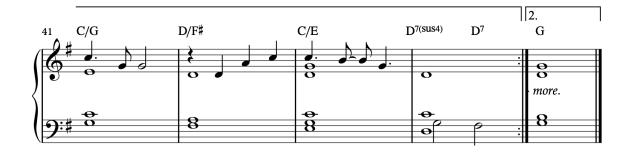
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Testimony

Reading: Matthew 28. 16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

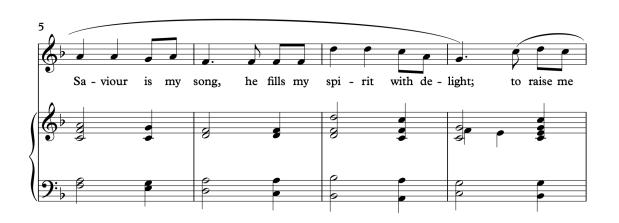
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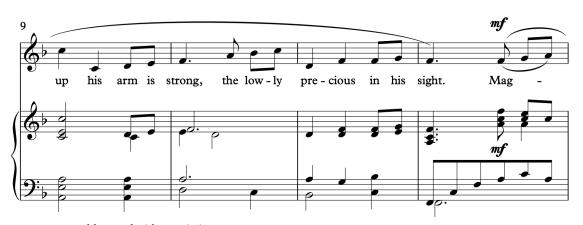
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Gospel Canticle: Song of Mary

Words: MARY HOLTBY Music: MARGARET RIZZA

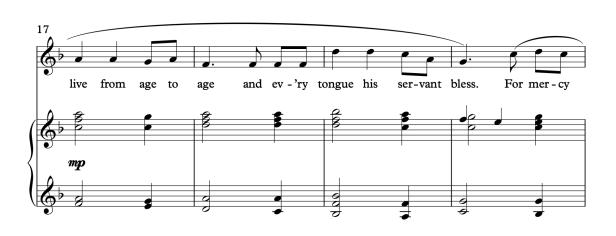


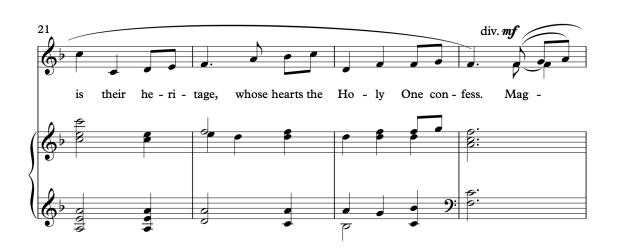




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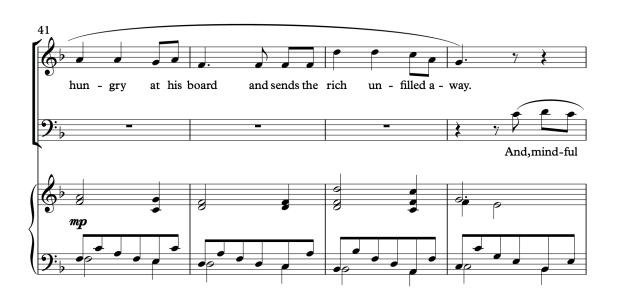


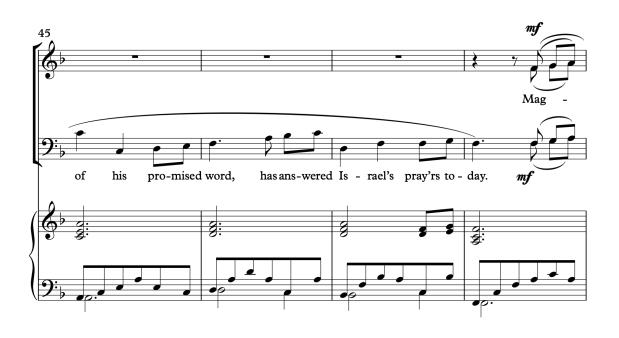


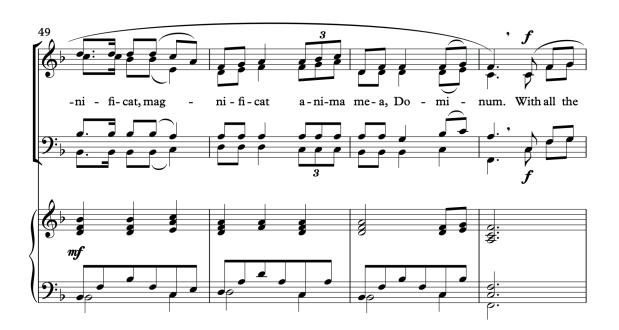


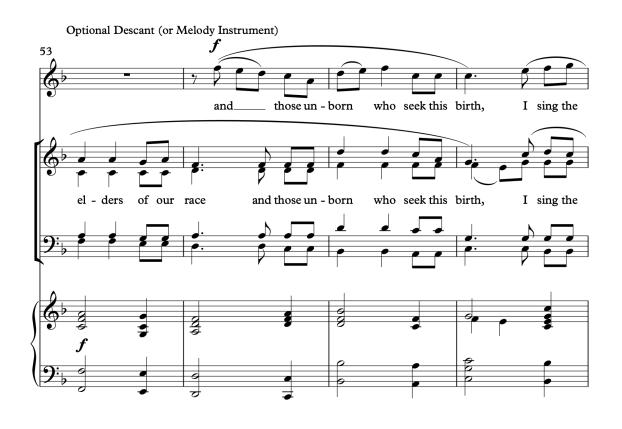






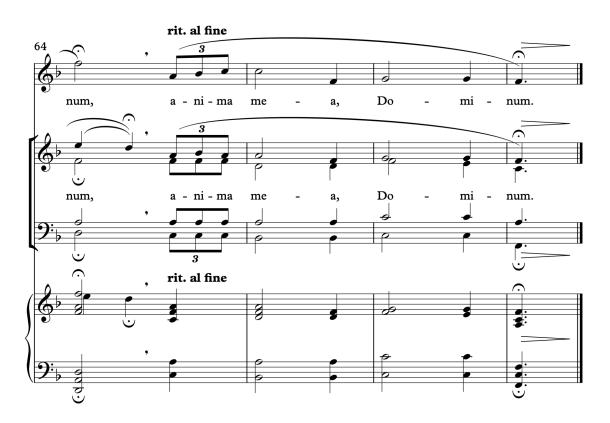










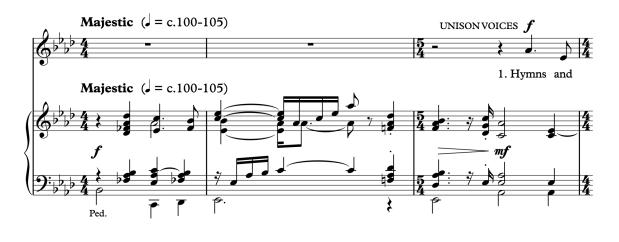


Homily: Looking forward to the future

Anthem for Music Sunday: Hymns, psalms and sacred songs

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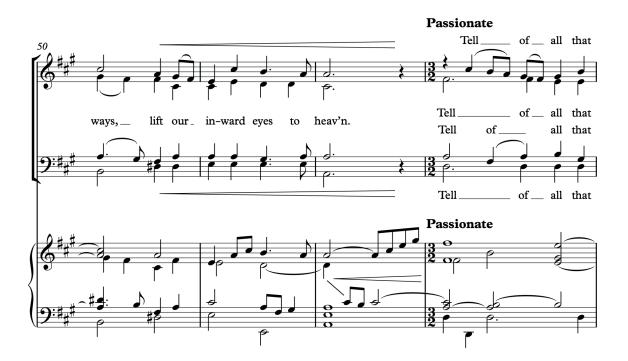
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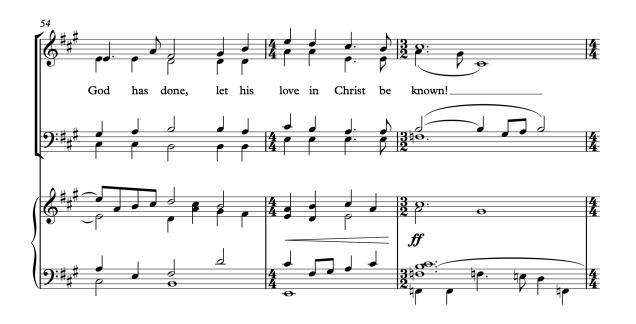






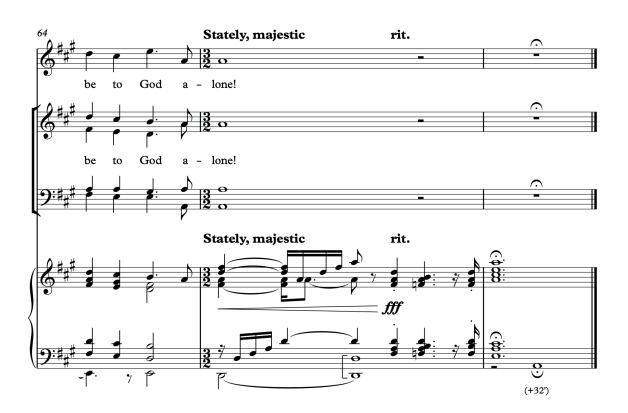












The Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

> I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

We bring to God in prayer the needs of the world.

Through silence, spoken word and music,

let us be open to the God who both listens and speaks to us.



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Ukuthula Kulomhlabawezono Alleluia Igazi lika Jesu linyenyez Peace, In this world of sin Alleluia, The blood of Jesus brings...

1. Ukuthula Peace

Lord God, we pray for *peace* across the nations in these challenging times.

You brought order out of chaos at the beginning of creation and in you all things now hold together.

Give your Church confidence to proclaim Christ, the Prince of Peace, in word and action.



Ukuthula Kulomhlabawezono Alleluia Igazi lika Jesu linyenyez *Peace, In this world of sin Alleluia, The blood of Jesus brings...*2. Usindiso *Redemption*

Lord God, we pray for the *redemption* of the world at a time of crisis in the knowledge that all creation groans and looks to you in hope. Jesus, the Lamb of God, has rescued us through the shedding of his blood.

Let your Church proclaim Christ's promise to be with us always here on earth and in the age to come.



Ukuthula Kulomhlabawezono Alleluia Igazi lika Jesu linyenyez *Peace, In this world of sin Alleluia, The blood of Jesus brings...*3. Ukubonga *Praise*

Lord God, we bring you the *praise* that is rightly due your name, giving thanks for the gift of music, its beauty and power, for all whom you inspire to compose music, and for all to whom you give skill and devotion to perform it. Let your Church be filled with song, worshipping your holy name in spirit and in truth.



Ukuthula Kulomhlabawezono Alleluia Igazi lika Jesu linyenyez *Peace, In this world of sin Alleluia, The blood of Jesus brings...*4. Ukukholwa *Faith*

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Lord God, we pray for *faith* to follow in the footsteps of Christ, in the knowledge that your Son, Jesus, is the way, the truth and the life.
Call your Church to serve you with wisdom and joy, and to witness boldly to Christ in every generation.



Ukuthula Kulomhlabawezono Alleluia Igazi lika Jesu linyenyez *Peace, In this world of sin Alleluia, The blood of Jesus brings...* 5. Ukunqoba *Victory*

Lord God, we thank you for a hope that is steadfast and certain, established through Christ's *victory* over sin and death. Equip your Church to declare joyfully that we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.



Ukuthula Kulomhlabawezono Alleluia Igazi lika Jesu linyenyez *Peace, In this world of sin Alleluia, The blood of Jesus brings...* 6. Induduso *Comfort*

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Lord God, we pray for the *comfort* of all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

Your mercies are endless and your compassion never fails. May your Church give consolation to the sick and grieving, strength to the weak and courage to the anxious that your peace may abound.



Ukuthula Kulomhlabawezono Alleluia Igazi lika Jesu linyenyez Peace, In this world of sin Alleluia, The blood of Jesus brings...

1. Ukuthula Peace

Collect

Creator God, composer of life's unending melodies, rich harmonies and compelling rhythms, inspire our worship and open for us a vision of your glory. Help us by your Spirit to offer you ourselves as living sacrifices, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn: How shall I sing that majesty

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Music: Kenneth Naylor (1931–1991)

Descant by Geoff Weaver

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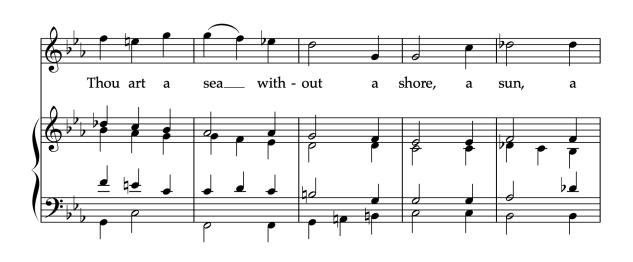
- How shall I sing that Majesty
 which angels do admire?
 Let dust in dust and silence lie;
 sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
 Thousands of thousands stand around
 thy throne, O God most high;
 ten thousand times ten thousand sound
 thy praise; but who am I?
- 2 Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I thy footsteps trace; a sound of God comes to my ears; but they behold thy face: they sing because thou art their sun: Lord, send a beam on me; for where heaven is but once begun, there alleluias be.
- 3 Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire; then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir.

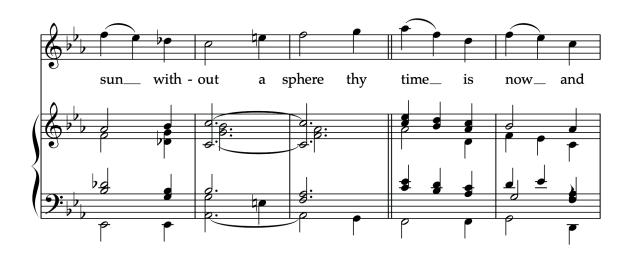
 I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light; yet when thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.

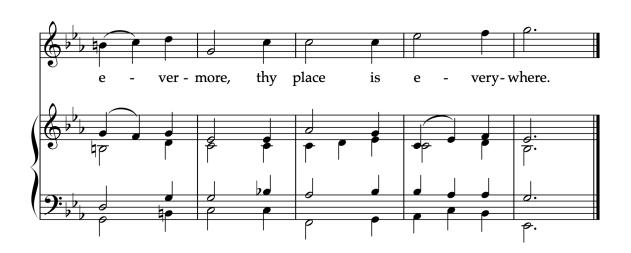
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4 How great a being Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep: thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere; thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.









A Prayer

All God of majesty,
whom saints and angels
delight to worship in heaven:
be with your servants
who make music for your people,
that with joy we on earth
may glimpse your beauty;
and bring us to the fulfilment
of that hope of perfection,
which will be ours as we stand
before your unveiled glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

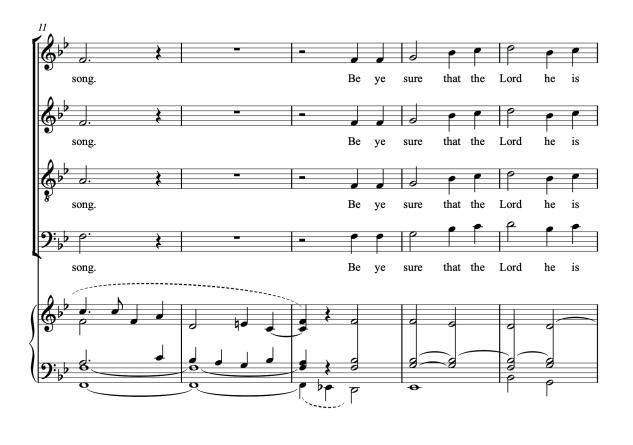
(Prayer from Calvin Institute of Christian Worship)

Anthem: Jubilate in B flat



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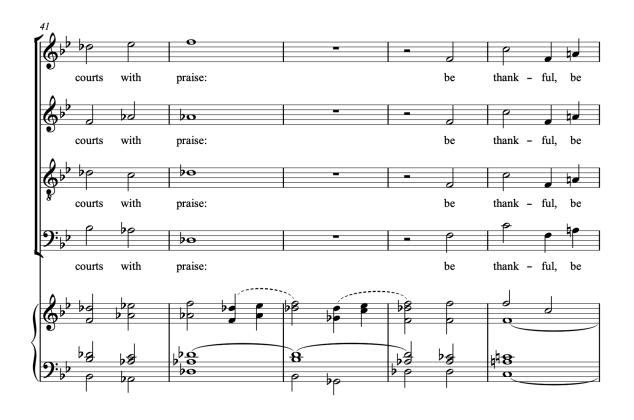










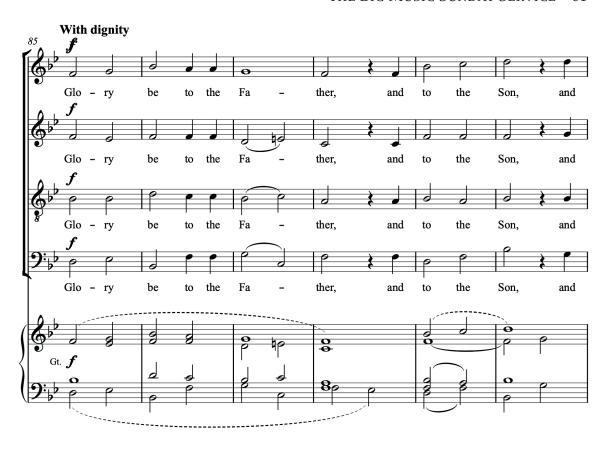


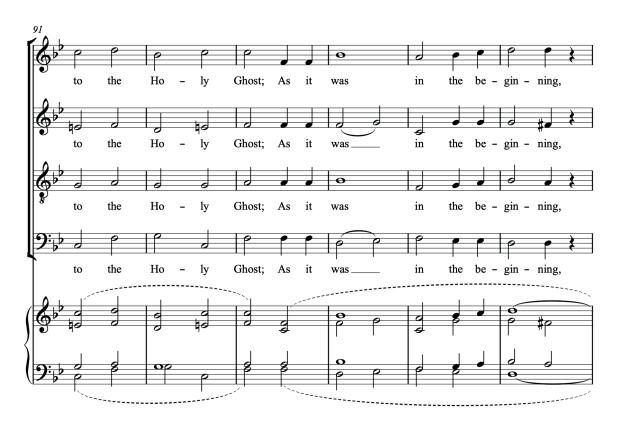
















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The Blessing

May the songs of the angels sustain you, may the praises of the saints inspire you, may the silent music of the Unseen Trinity be in your heart, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

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