

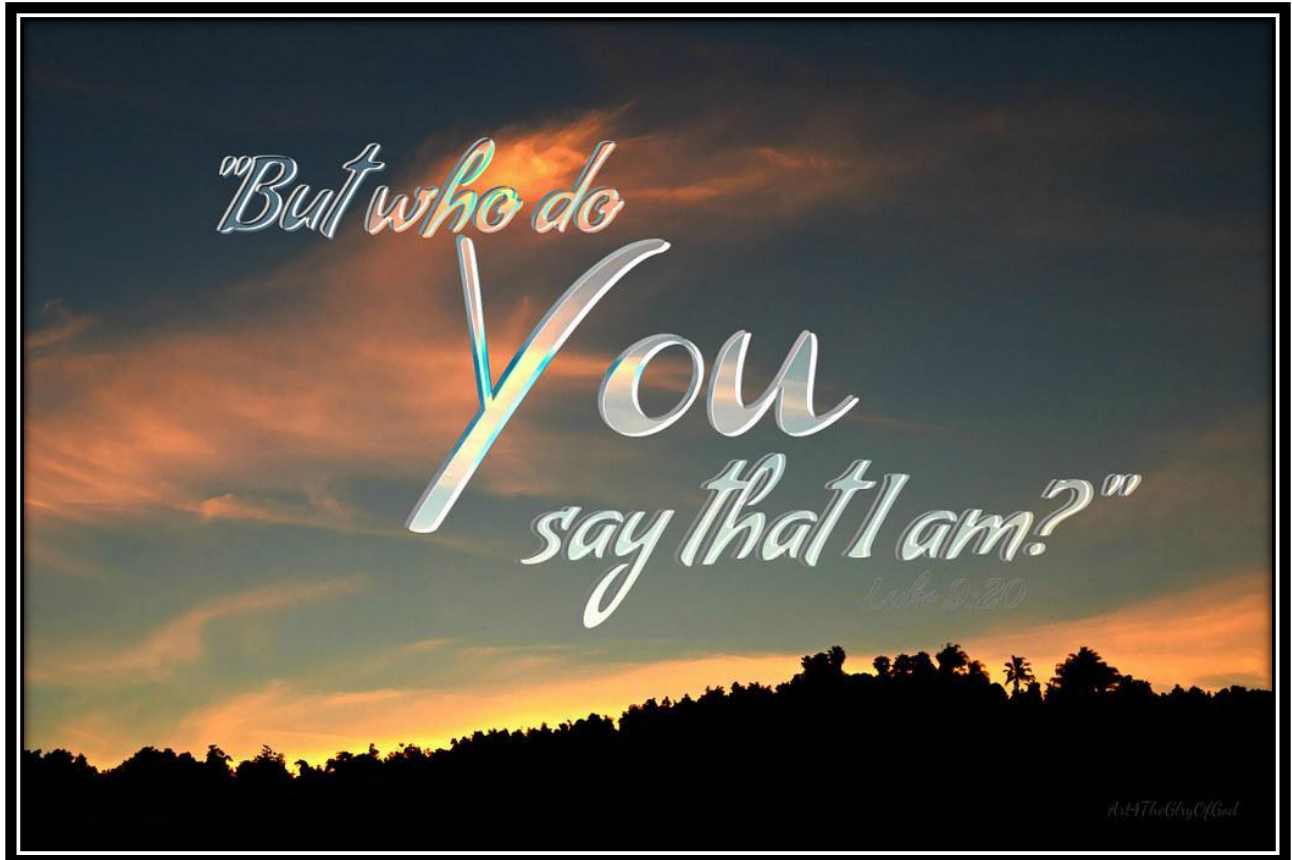
21st Weekend Ordinary Time

August 22nd 2026

Responses of the People are in ***bold***



Light of Christ
A BOLDLY INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Announcements:

Presider: Fr. Teri Liturgist: Shannon Homilist: Deacon Dori

Opening Song: Gather 'Round This Table

Gather 'Round This Table

Verses



1. Come, gath - er 'round this ta - ble, all you from far and near,
2. O come and join the ban - quet, ho - ly and hap - py feast,
3. And here we taste sal - va - tion, break now the bless - ed bread;
4. The cup of God's own glad - ness, sweet and a - bun - dant wine,
5. And here we share the sto - ries an - cient and ev - er new,



gath - er 'round this ta - ble, for all are wel - come
God has spread a ban - quet where the great - est shall be
joined with all cre - a - tion, ev - 'ry hun - ger shall be
saved from sin and sad - ness, let your spir - its bright - ly
cross and crown and glo - ry, our death and life a -



here, yes all are wel - come here.
least, the great - est shall be least.
fed, all hun - gers shall be fed.
shine, all spir - its bright - ly shine.
new, our death and life a - new.

Refrain



Bless - ed are they who will feast in the Reign of God.



Bless - ed are they who will share the bread of life.



Bless - ed are they who are least in the Reign of God;



they shall re - joice at the feast of life.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950
Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950
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Invocation and Introduction:

Teri: Let us continue as one expression of God's people in the name of the + Father, and of the Son, and of the 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.**

Teri: (Adlib, introduce Deacon Dori from Mary of Magdala)

Penitential Rite:

Teri: Let us turn to our God, who sits at every table:

God, You are the provider of life, Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy**

God, You feed us body and spirit Christ have mercy **Christ have mercy**

God, You bless us with Your presence 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. Turn again to God, renewed in the name of Love, in the name of Light, in the name of New Life. Together now we pray. **Amen**

Gloria:

Dori: Let us grab our holy noisemakers and 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

Dori: Let us pray....

Teri: God forever in our midst, you are so generous. You are the Beloved presence in our midst, encouraging us, and reminding us that we are bearers of your image. Light our way, God, and guide us. May our faith be encouraged today as we remember the many faces of faith that fill our lives and our world. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Shannon

Our First Reading is from the Prophet Isaiah (22:15, 19-23)

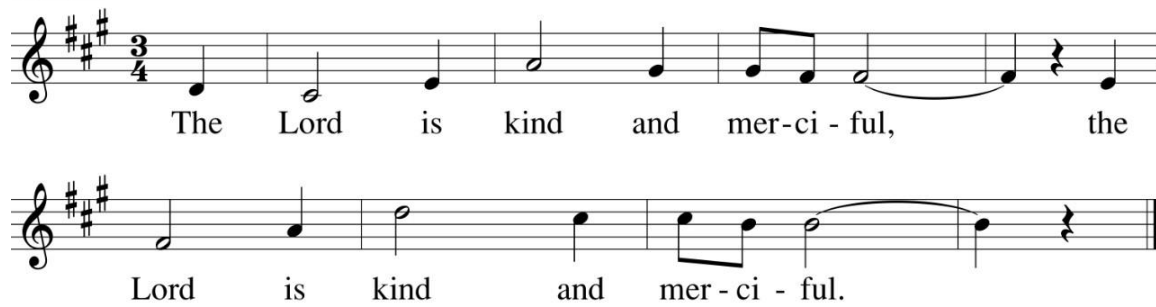
Thus says ADONAI: “Go! Go to this official named Shebna, the palace governor, and say ‘I will remove you from your office and pull you down from your station. The day you are demoted, I will summon my faithful one Eliakim, begot of Hilkiyah. I will clothe Eliakim with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and entrust him with your authority. He will care for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and for the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; when he opens, no one will shut, when he shuts, no one will open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family.’ ”

This has been a reading from Prophet Isaiah. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful

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Refrain



The Lord is kind and mer-ci - ful, the
Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful.

Verses

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all my being bless God's name;
bless the Lord, and forget not God's benefits.
2. God pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows,
redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with kindness.
3. Merciful, merciful, and gracious is our God;
slow to anger, abounding in kindness.

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Second Reading: Shannon

A Reading from the letter to the Romans (11:33-36)

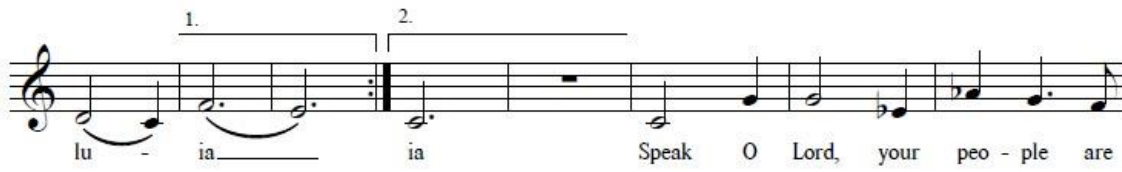
Oh, how deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge, how inscrutable the judgments, how unsearchable the ways of God! For, "Who has known the mind of God or been God's counselor? Who has given God anything to deserve something in return?" For all things are from God and through God and for God. To God be glory forever! Amen

This has been a Reading from the letter to the Romans. ***Thanks be to God.***

Mass of Welcoming Gospel Acclamation

MJS

Intro



Final REFRAIN



Gospel Reading: Dori

May Christ be with you all. ***And also with you.***

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (16:13-20)

Glory to You, O God.

When Jesus came to the neighborhood of Caesarea Philippi, he asked the disciples this question: "What do people say about who the Chosen One is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptizer, others say Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"And you," he said, "who do you say that I am?"

"You are the Messiah," Simon Peter answered, "the Firstborn of the Living God!"

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon begot of Jonah! No mere mortal has revealed this to you, but my Abba God in heaven. I also tell you this: Your name now is 'Rock,' and on bedrock like this I will build my community, and the jaws of death will not prevail against it. "Here—I'll give you the keys to the reign of heaven: whatever you declare bound on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you declare loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Then Jesus strictly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily - Deacon Dori

Prayers of the People: Shannon

Response: Our response today is: Chosen One, show us the way.

Chosen One, show us the way.

For our world. That as our planet burns, wars rage, and hatred sows violence and division, that we may work to bring healing and unity to all
We pray: ***Chosen One, show us the way.***

For the church. That we may see the face of God in everyone we see and treat everyone as we would wish to be treated - with respect, love and dignity. We pray: ***Chosen One, show us the way.***

For those who have died, especially Rose Chalifoux, whose celebration of life will be held this Friday. That they may rest peacefully in God's eternal love. And for those who mourn the loss of friends, family, and companions. That God's compassion may bring them comfort during these days. We pray: ***Chosen One, show us the way.***

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: ***Chosen One, show us the way.***

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.

Collect: Teri

Sign of Peace

Let us all rise in body or spirit for the Sign of Peace.

And may the peace of Christ be with you all. ***And also with you.***

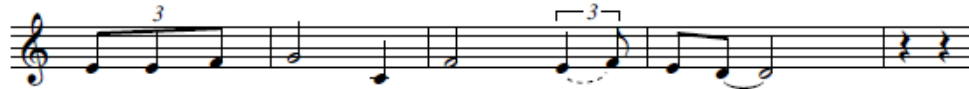
Let us share with one another a sign of that peace. Please begin with me by turning to the cameras over the main aisle, and sharing a sign of peace with those of us who join via Facebook or Youtube, knowing that they share a sign of peace with those of us in the sanctuary. And then you may move about the sanctuary if you wish.

Offertory Song: I Am for You

I Am for You



1. There is a moun-tain there is a sea.
2. There was a wom-an small as a star,
3. There was a man who walked in the storm,
4. We are a - noint - ed, ser - vants of God;
5. There is a world that waits in the womb;



There is a wind with - in all breath-ing,
Full of the pa - tient dreams of her na - tion,
Caught in be - tween the waves and the light - ning,
We have been born a - gain of Spir - it.
There is a hope un - born God is bear - ing,



There is an arm to break ev - 'ry chain,
Wel - com - ing in an an - gel of God,
Shar - ing his bread with those cast a - side,
We are the word God speaks to the world,
Though the powers of death prowls the night,



There is a fire in all things liv - ing.
Wel - com - ing in God's bold in - vi - ta - tion.
Heal - ing by touch the lost and the dy - ing.
Free - dom and light to all who will hear it.
There is a day our God is pre - par - ing.



There is a voice that speaks from the flame:
"Let it be done," she sang, "un - to me."
Send - ing us forth, he says to his friends:
So let us be the word of the Lord:
Sing 'round the fire to wak - en the dawn:



"I am for you, I am for you, I am for you is my name."
I am for you, I am for you, I am for you: let it be."
"I am for you, I am for you, I am for you to the end."
I am for you, I am for you, I am for you ev - er - more.
I am for you, I am for you, I am for you: We are one.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

(Adapted from a Liturgy by ECC priest Sue Ringler)

Preface: Father Teri and Deacon Dori

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine and other food from our own cupboards to place on your table. Work of earth and human hands. May these 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 these become the Light of Christ in your world. ***Blessed be God forever.***

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

May God 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.

Dori: Please rise in body or spirit.

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

Teri: Open up your 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.***

Teri: Eternal God, Creator of all, it is right that we give you praise and glory as we come in thanksgiving, for you are the one God, living and true. Source of life, you have blessed all creation in love and in joy. You never cease to call us to a new and more abundant life. You invite us to trust in your mercy for you are always ready to forgive us and to gift us with peace when we forgive, too. You ask us to serve the family of God by opening our

hearts to the fullness of your Holy Spirit and to proclaim the power of your love. In wonder and gratitude, we join our voices with all of creation, with the choirs of angels and saints who have gone before us, as together we sing:

Mass of Welcoming Holy, Holy, Holy

MJS
Text by
Fr. Teri Harroun

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:

God, Goodness of the World, you prepare tables before us. Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around these tables throughout your world and gathered as the Body of Christ 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 and other food before us 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."***

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.

Loving God, you are holy indeed. All life, all holiness comes from you. We come to thank you for your Son, Jesus for it is through him that we experience your message of total acceptance of all people, a welcome that includes everyone and invites everyone to this Eucharistic table of equals. It was Jesus who healed all divisions and recognized You, God, present within all of creation. He brought to light your way of compassion and justice, helping us to understand the need to care for each other with dignity and respect. He taught us by his life and by his death and resurrection to be true to ourselves, even if we, also, might need to give up everything as he did.

In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Compassionate God, this life-giving bread, this cup of plenty. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ, be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

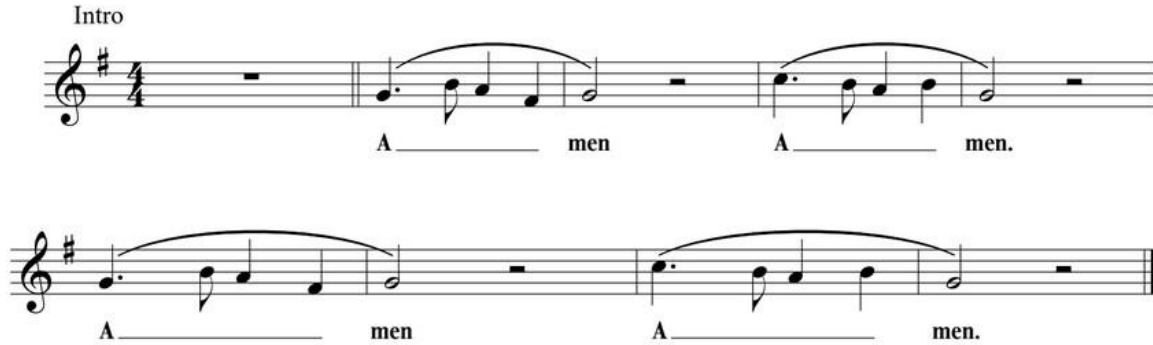
May we be One with the love of Christ, joined by the love of all of us gathered here both in the sanctuary and through your gift of the internet. We send prayers to all in leadership in every place of worship, especially for our chosen shepherds Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul, and for all who serve God's creation. We pray for all countries and their leaders that they may create justice and equality for their peoples; may peace come to our own country as well as to all the troubled lands of our world. We pray for all who are sick that health may soon be theirs. On this day we remember our beloved friend Pete Conti, and we pray for all who have died. May they be in peace and may they welcome us, one day, into the place of eternal peace. In that new creation where the fullness of your peace will be revealed, gather people of every race, language and way of life to share in the one eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Eternal Brother.

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



Our Father

Let us join our hearts together in love, and pray together in the words that have been prayed with Jesus 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 Kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Mass of Welcoming Agnus Dei

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Text by:
Fr. Teri Harroun

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.

This is the Living God. This is the Body and Blood of Christ. The one who transforms the world with love. The one who transforms us. Blessed are we who are called to this meal.

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

Invitation to Communion

Gives general instructions for Communion ending with.....The most important thing is that you know that you are welcome here.

Come as you are, and let us share the meal of Christ together.

For those of us who join us with Facebook and YouTube, receive the grace that God and Christ shares with you on this day.

Communion Song: Let Us Be Bread

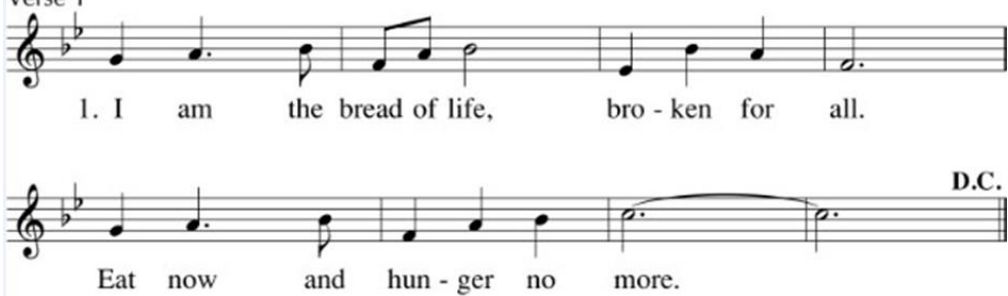
Let Us Be Bread

Refrain



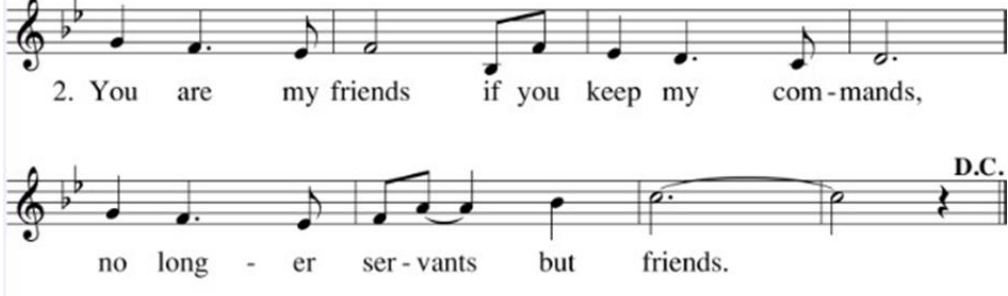
Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared,
life for the world. Let us be wine, love free-ly poured.
Let us be one in the Lord.

Verse 1



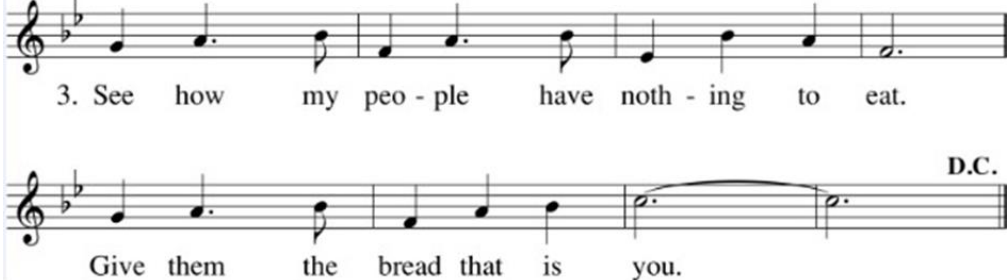
1. I am the bread of life, bro-ken for all.
Eat now and hun-ger no more. D.C.

Verse 2



2. You are my friends if you keep my com-mands,
no long-er ser-vants but friends. D.C.

Verse 3



3. See how my peo-ple have noth-ing to eat.
Give them the bread that is you. D.C.

Prayer after Communion:

Dori: Please rise in body or spirit. And let us pray.....

Teri: Receive the blessing of God who is with us today. May this blessing shine a light on the God in our midst, that we may be faces of faith. We ask for this blessing now through the Three in One: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Blessing and Dismissal:

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

Dori: Please open your hearts, as we ask for God's blessing.

Teri: Receive the blessing of knowing that God cares for you and what you need. May this blessing encourage you to a rock of faith in the world. We ask for this blessing now through the Three in One: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Dori: We are the Light of Christ. ***We are the 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.

Thanks be to God. ***Thanks be to God.***

Canticle of the Turning

Verses



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who
 depths of the past to the end of the age to
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing



wait. You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 be. Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 throne. The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 grasp. This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the'. The second staff continues with 'fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the'. The third staff concludes with 'dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!'. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

Text: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney, b.1952

Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; Irish traditional; arr. by Rory Cooney, b.1952

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