


**Westminster Presbyterian
Church**

Midweek Eastertide Prayer Service

Wednesday, April 28, 2021
Sanctuary · 11:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Iona Community

Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,
to the rising of this life itself.

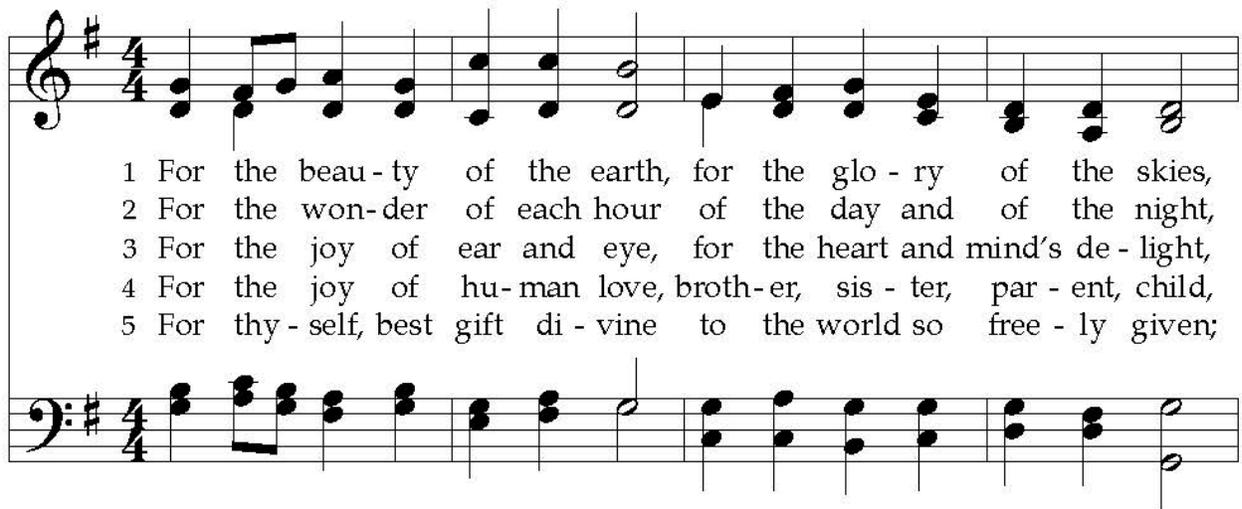
Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,
the hand of God between us and each hand.

The pain of Christ between us and each pain,
the love of Christ between us and each love.

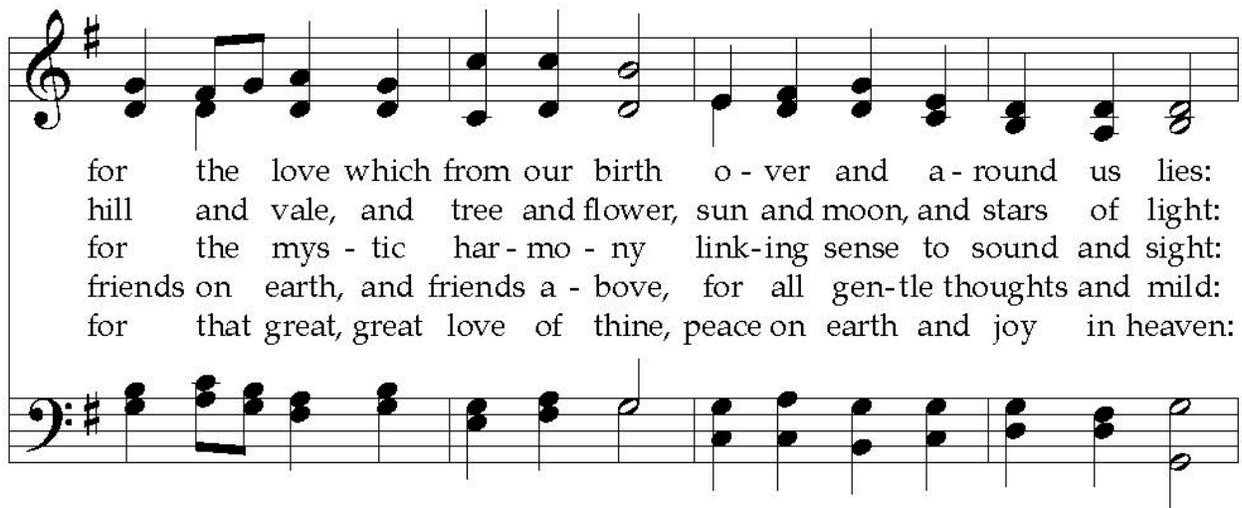
O God who brought us to the bright light of this new day,
bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O Christ, the Master Carpenter,
who at the last, through wood and nails,
brought about our whole salvation,
wield well your tools in the workshop of your world,
so that we who come rough-hewn to your bench
may here be fashioned to a truer beauty of your hand.
We ask it for your own name's sake. Amen.**



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.

PSALM 98

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for the Lord has done marvelous things.

**The right hand and the holy arm of the Lord
have secured the victory.**

The Lord has made known this victory
and has openly showed righteousness in the
sight of the nations.

**The Lord remembers mercy and faithfulness
to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the Sovereign, the Lord.

**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who is coming to judge the earth.

**In righteousness shall the Lord judge the world
and the people with equity.**

PSALM PRAYER

**Eternal God,
you redeemed humanity by sending your only Son
in fulfillment of your promises of old.
Let the truth and power of your salvation
be known in all places of the earth,
and make us instruments of your love and peace,
for the sake of the world Christ came to save. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6: 27-38

²⁷ “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Satisfy us with your love in the morning,
and we will live this day in joy and praise.

Ps. 90:14

(These prayers will include time for individual silent or spoken prayer.)

*THE 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.**

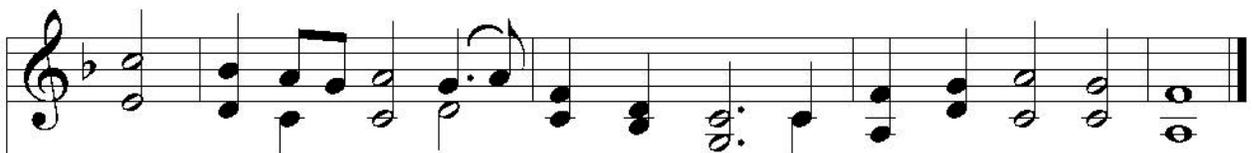
*HYMN 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

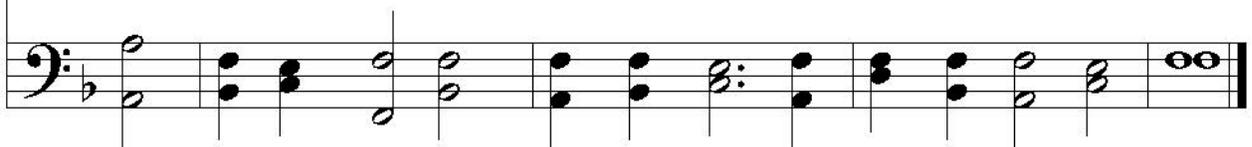
TWENTY-FOURTH



1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
3 Let strife a - mong us be un-known; let all con - ten-tions cease.
4 Let us for-give each oth-er's faults as we our own con - fess,
5 Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
As mem-bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.
our com-mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.



CHARGE

1 Cor. 16: 13, 14

Be watchful,
stand firm in your faith,
be courageous and strong.
Let all that you do be done in love.

BLESSING

Rom. 15:13

May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Amen.

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

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*Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light
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“For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.” (2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

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