Nineteenth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, October 3, 2026 - 4:00pm
Sunday, October 4, 2026 - 8:30am

Prelude

Hymn of Invocation: Today Your Mercy Calls Us *LSB 915*



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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *LSB 151*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins *LSB 151*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

Introit: Psalm 96

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

C **Sing to the LORD, all the earth!**

P Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

C **Tell of his salvation from day to day.**

P Declare his glory among the nations,

C **His marvelous works among all the peoples!**

P For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

C **He is to be feared above all gods.**

P For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

C **But the LORD made the heavens.**

P Splendor and majesty are before him;

C **Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

P Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,

C **Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!**

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C **Bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

P Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;

C **Tremble before him, all the earth!**

P Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!

C **Yes, the world is established;**

P It shall never be moved;

C **He will judge the peoples with equity."**

P Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

C **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;**

P Let the field exult, and everything in it!

C **Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD,**

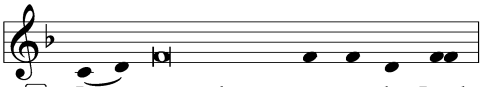
P For he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.

C **He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.**

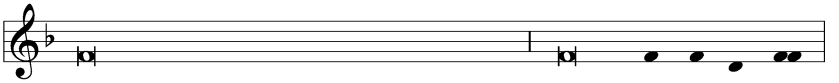
C **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;**
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie

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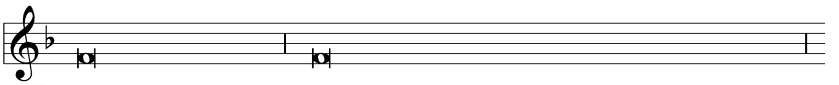






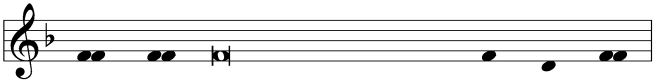














This Is the Feast

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Welcome & Installation of Lutheran Women in Mission Officers

Saturday - Pastor Randy Bard; Sunday - Pastor Tim Eden

Children's Time (Sunday)

Pastor Tim Eden

Old Testament Reading

Judges 2:11–20a

[11]And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals.
[12]And they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the LORD to anger. [13]They abandoned the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth. [14]So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers, who plundered them. And he sold them into the hand of their surrounding enemies, so that they could no longer withstand their enemies. [15]Whenever they marched out, the hand of the LORD was against them for harm, as the LORD had warned, and as the LORD had sworn to them. And they were in terrible distress.

[16]Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them. [17]Yet they did not listen to their judges, for they whored after other gods and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the way in which their fathers had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the LORD, and they did not do so. [18]Whenever the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge, and he saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge. For the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who afflicted and oppressed them. [19]But whenever the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, going after other

gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways. [20]So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, …

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 96: 1,2

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
C **Sing to the LORD, all the earth!**
P Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
C **Tell of his salvation from day to day. Amen.**

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 8

[1]Concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. [2]If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. [3]But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

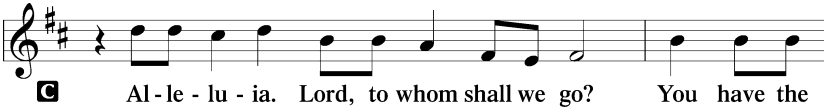
[4]Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." [5]For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— [6]yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

[7]However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. [8]Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. [9]But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. [10]For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? [11]And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. [12]Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. [13]Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:22–33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full
of light, 23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in
you is darkness, how great is the darkness!
24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he
will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.
25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you
will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the
body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather
into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?
27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why
are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither
toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown
into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be
anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'
32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need
them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will
be added to you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.

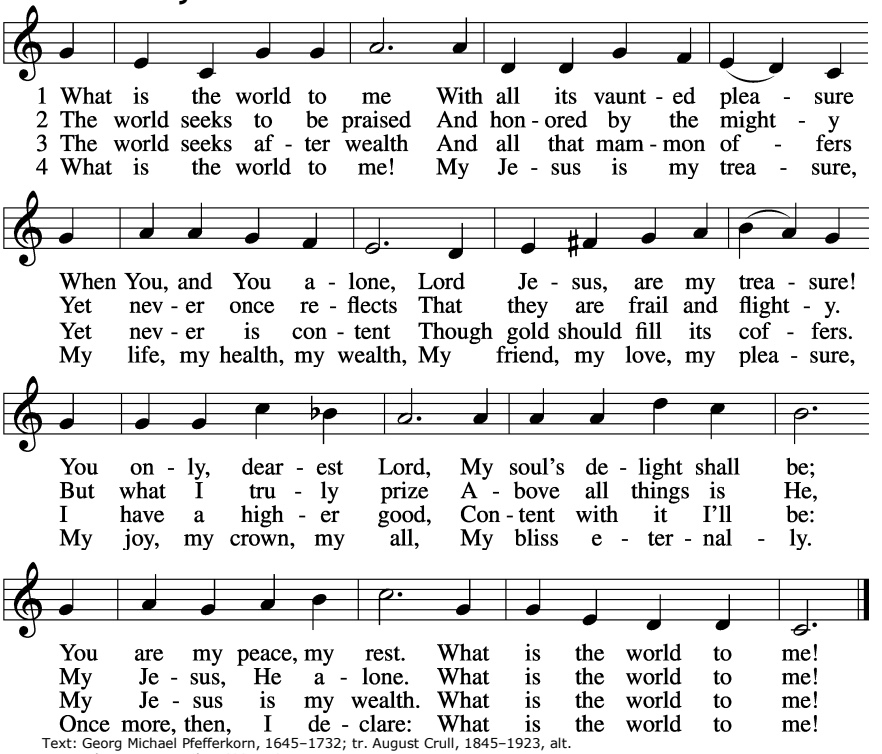
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Hymn of the Day: What Is the World to Me

LSB 730



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Sermon: Mine! A Really Old Problem--gods over God for Wealth *Pastor Randy Bard*

Offering

(Members & guests please fill out the attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. E-Giving available online at www.blcbcs.org)

Prayer of the Church

Those for whom we are praying are listed in the bulletin. Each petition of the prayer will end, "Lord, in Your Mercy." The worshipers respond, "Hear our prayer."

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

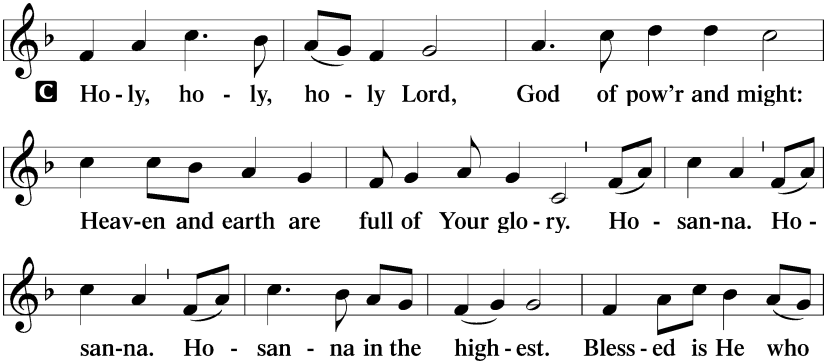
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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 trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

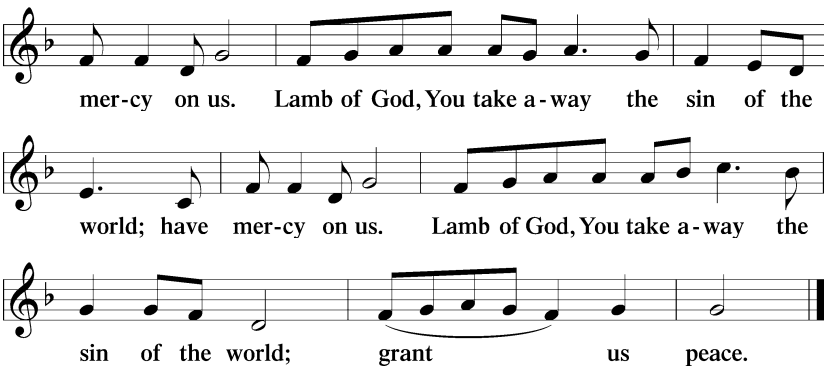
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

The Congregation shares, "The Peace of the Lord."

Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

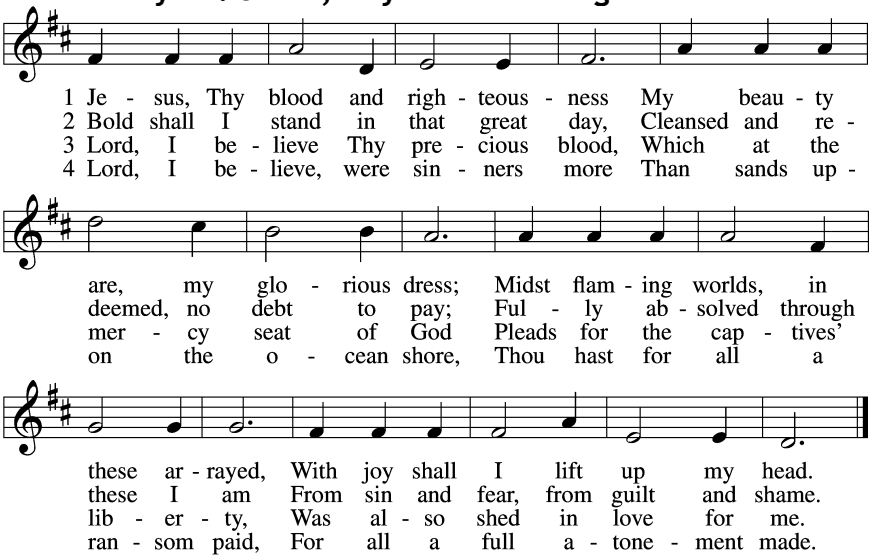




Distribution of Our Lord's Supper

Distribution Hymn: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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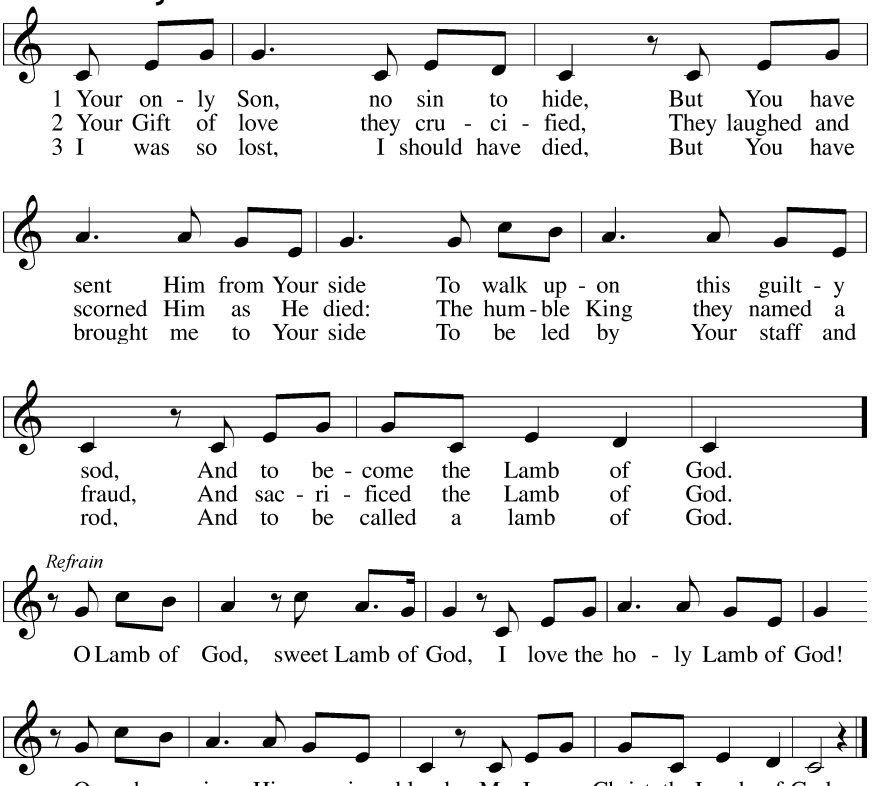
5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

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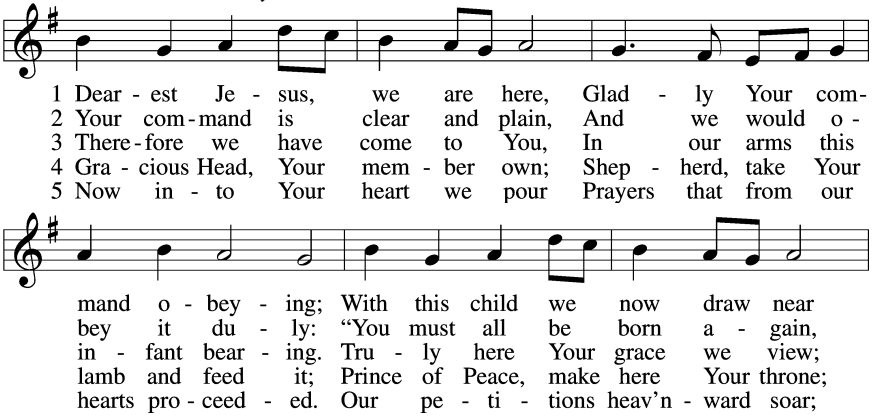
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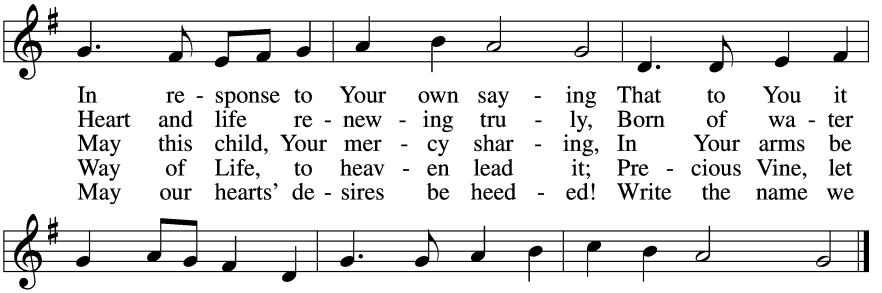


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Hymn: Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

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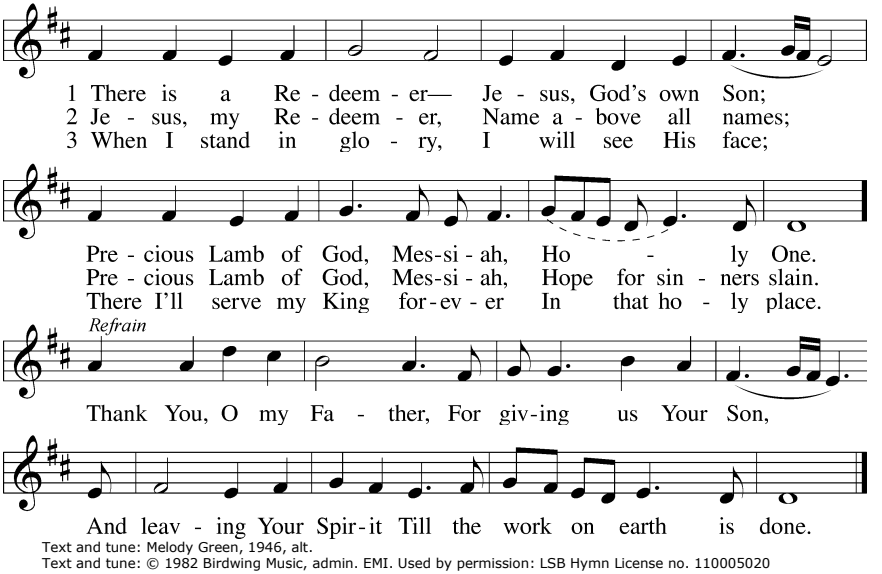




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Hymn: There Is a Redeemer

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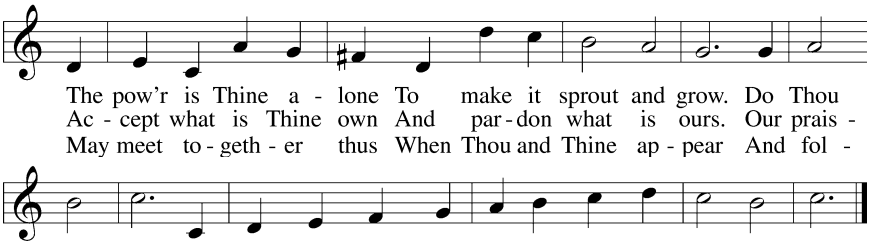
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Benediction

Hymn to Depart: On What Has Now Been Sown

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