



"The Story of Ruth" by John August Swanson

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 4, 2024

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Director of Music: Douglas Kostner

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

August 4, 2024

PRELUDE

Prelude from Five Bagatelles
Sally Anderson, clarinet

Gerald Finzi

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are weary with grief, heavy with loss, or exhausted by the strains of life.

Gather in the embrace of God and be held.

Come, all who are hungry for an end to violence and injustice.

Find sustenance in the presence of the One who liberates the oppressed.

Come, all who are searching for belonging or purpose.

God draws us in and weaves our lives together.

Whatever we bring, wherever we come from, whatever we hope for, this Sacred space can hold it all.

Beloveds, let us worship God.

*THE PEACE The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

*OPENING HYMN #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

How often, O Lord, have we believed that the greatest commandment is our love for ourselves solely. We have not heard the cries of those in need; we have turned our backs on opportunities to serve you by serving others. Many times we have thought only of our own wants and desires and ignored the needs of others. Help us to truly understand the commandments to love you with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind. Let us care for our neighbors both far and near. Bring us back to your loving light... *(time for silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA (#581) ***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 146

OT 581-582

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #324 “For All the Faithful Women” (*verse 1*)

***For all the faithful women who served in days of old, to you shall thanks be given;
to all, their story told. They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your pow’r to save.***

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise...**

...Therefore, we praise you, with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever
proclaim the glory of your name...

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your Glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

...Great is the mystery of faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful Jacques Berthier

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE GREAT AMEN (congregation singing)

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Financial gifts may be shared electronically via the Realm Connect app or by scanning the QR code to the right. Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.



OFFERTORY

Forlana from Five Bagatelles
Sally Anderson, clarinet

Gerald Finzi

*DOXOLOGY #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #769 “For Everyone Born” (verses 1-4)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Claunch

*POSTLUDE

Fughetta from Five Bagatelles
Sally Anderson, clarinet

Gerald Finzi

NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude, but there is no expectation that you remain seated during this time. Feel free to get up and greet your neighbors!

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



If you are interested in **sponsoring flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one, please either scan the QR code to the right or contact the office at broodal@lacny.org to sign-up for an upcoming Sunday!



- Your voice and presence would be a gift to our worship! If you would be willing to be a liturgist please scan the QR code to the right or email the office at broodal@lacny.org.



Do you have a prayer request to share with our LAC community?
Call our prayer line at (914) 834-1800, ext. 342 or scan the QR code.

Nursery Care is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers up to age 2.

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
11:15 am ECO Task Force (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00 am Cleanup Day
6:45 pm Al-Anon (Room 202)
7:00 pm AA (Carhart)
7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting (Lindsley)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

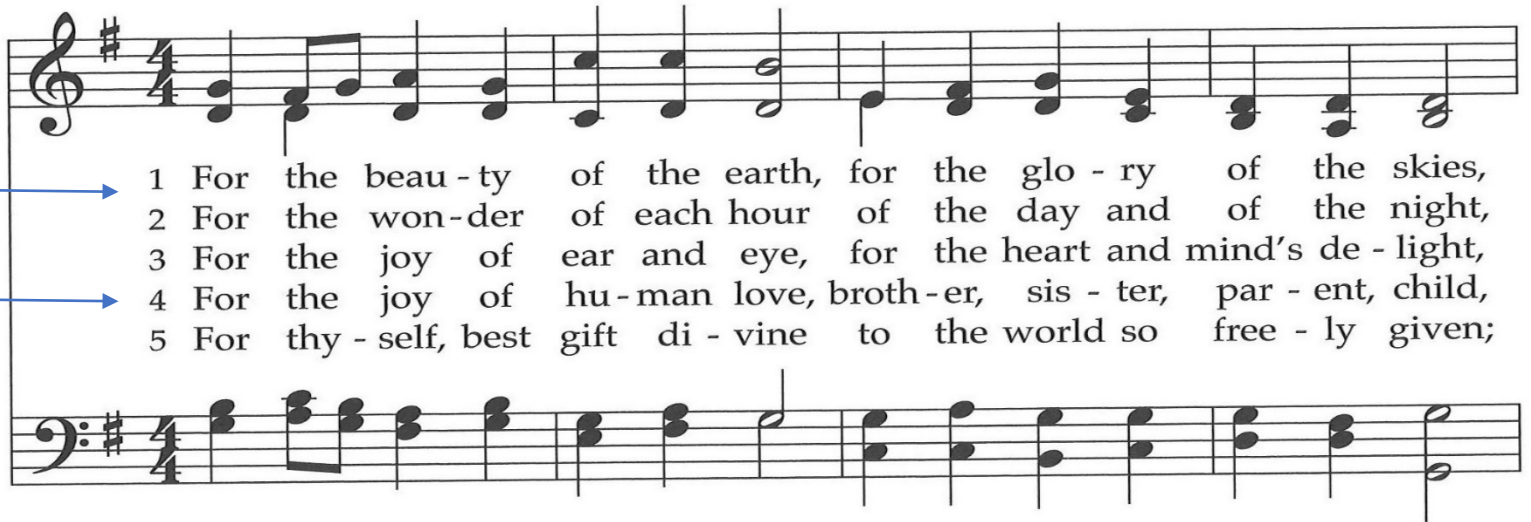
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

7:00 pm AA (Carhart)

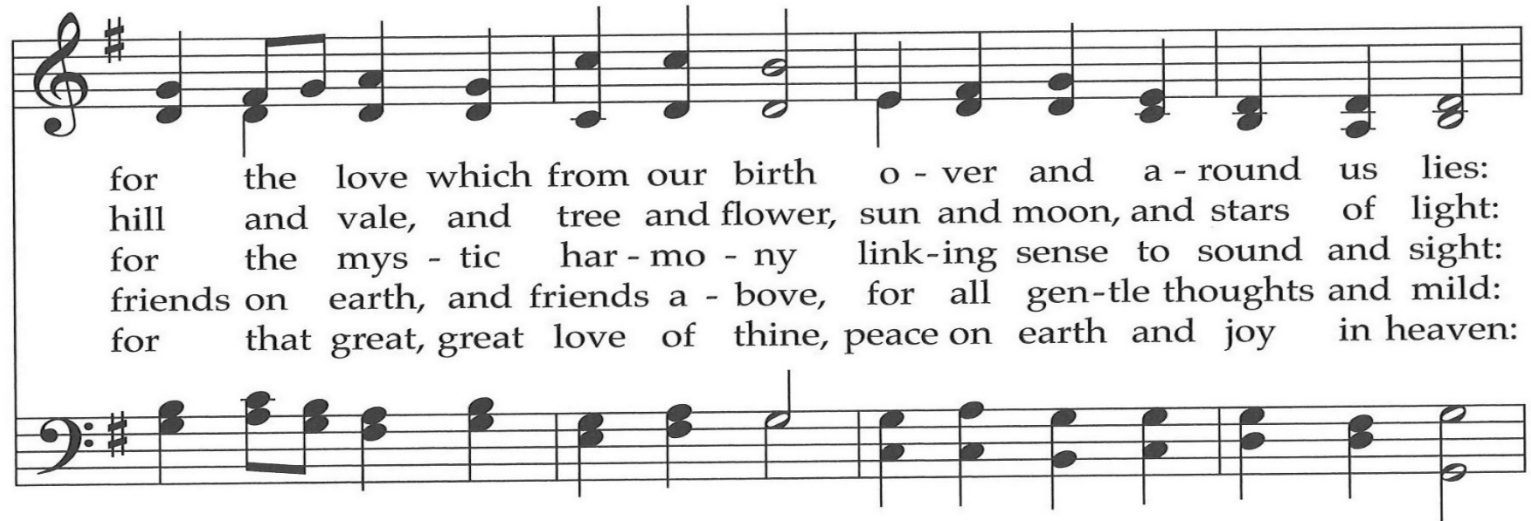


For the Beauty of the Earth

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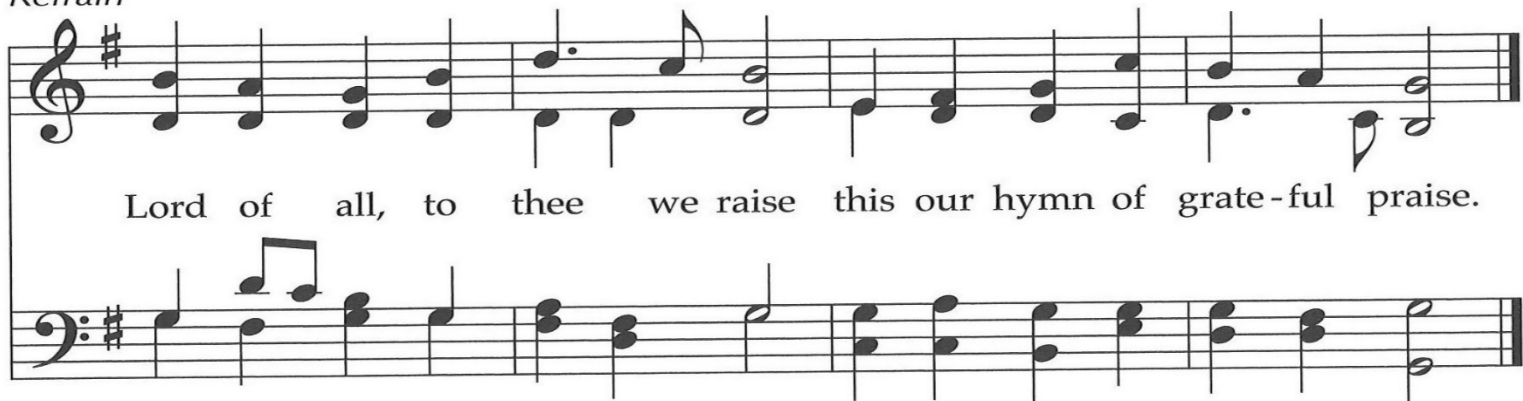


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di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

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

769

For Everyone Born

E *Leader or All* A2

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

E A2 B_{sus} B

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

F#m7 E/G# A2 B_{sus}

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

E B_{sus} E B_{sus}

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Hymn continues on back page

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

jus-tice and joy!

