



Who do You say
that I am?

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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion and commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshipping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Children are always welcome in worship services; however please know a nursery space is available for parents who need to tend to their little ones.

Introduction

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

Welcome to Worship

Prayer of Confession

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

All Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.
Merciful God,

All we confess that we have sinned.

We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Righteous God,

All we confess that we have sinned.

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Opening Song

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness

3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings

bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,



brought here to you in the light of this day.

call us a - new to be salt for the earth.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the

Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,

bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.

lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

Greeting

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life.

All Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from Isaiah, the 51st chapter

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Isaiah 51:1-6

L The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from Romans, the 12th chapter

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Romans 12:1-8

L The word of the Lord

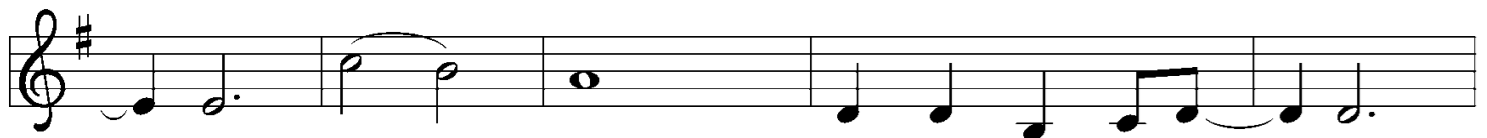
All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -



- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -



lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

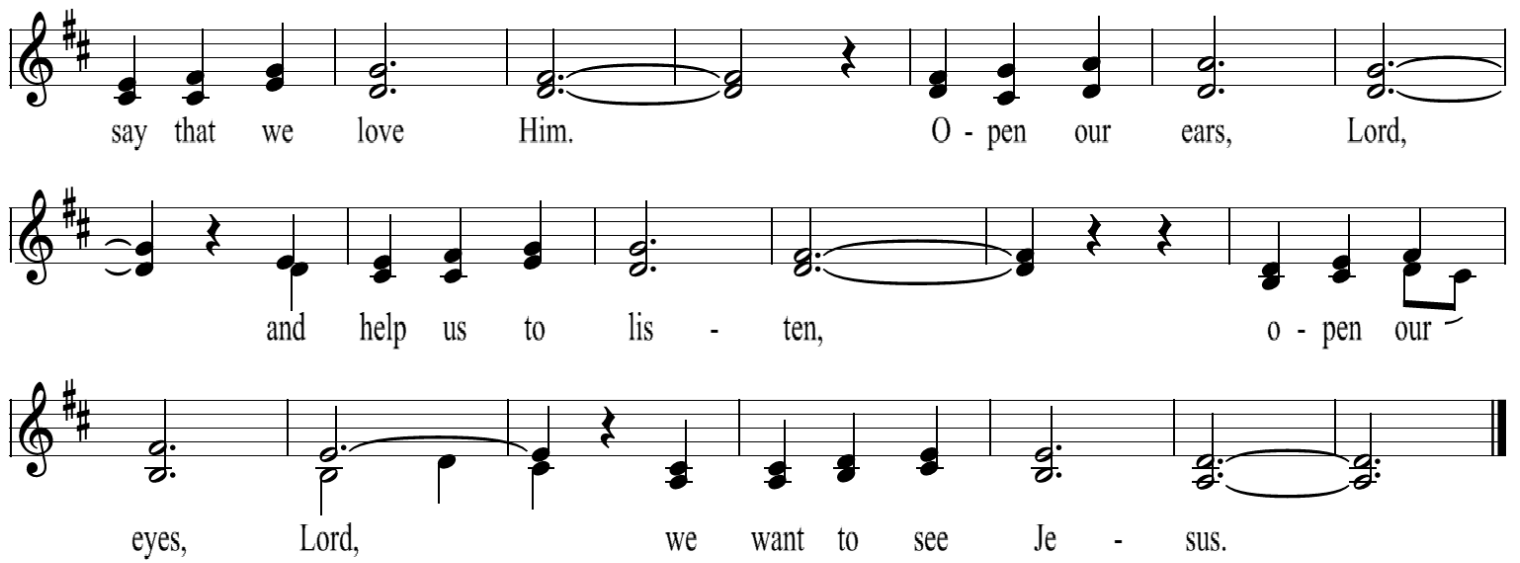
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Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

P Please pray with me...

O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je -
-sus, to reach out and touch Him, and



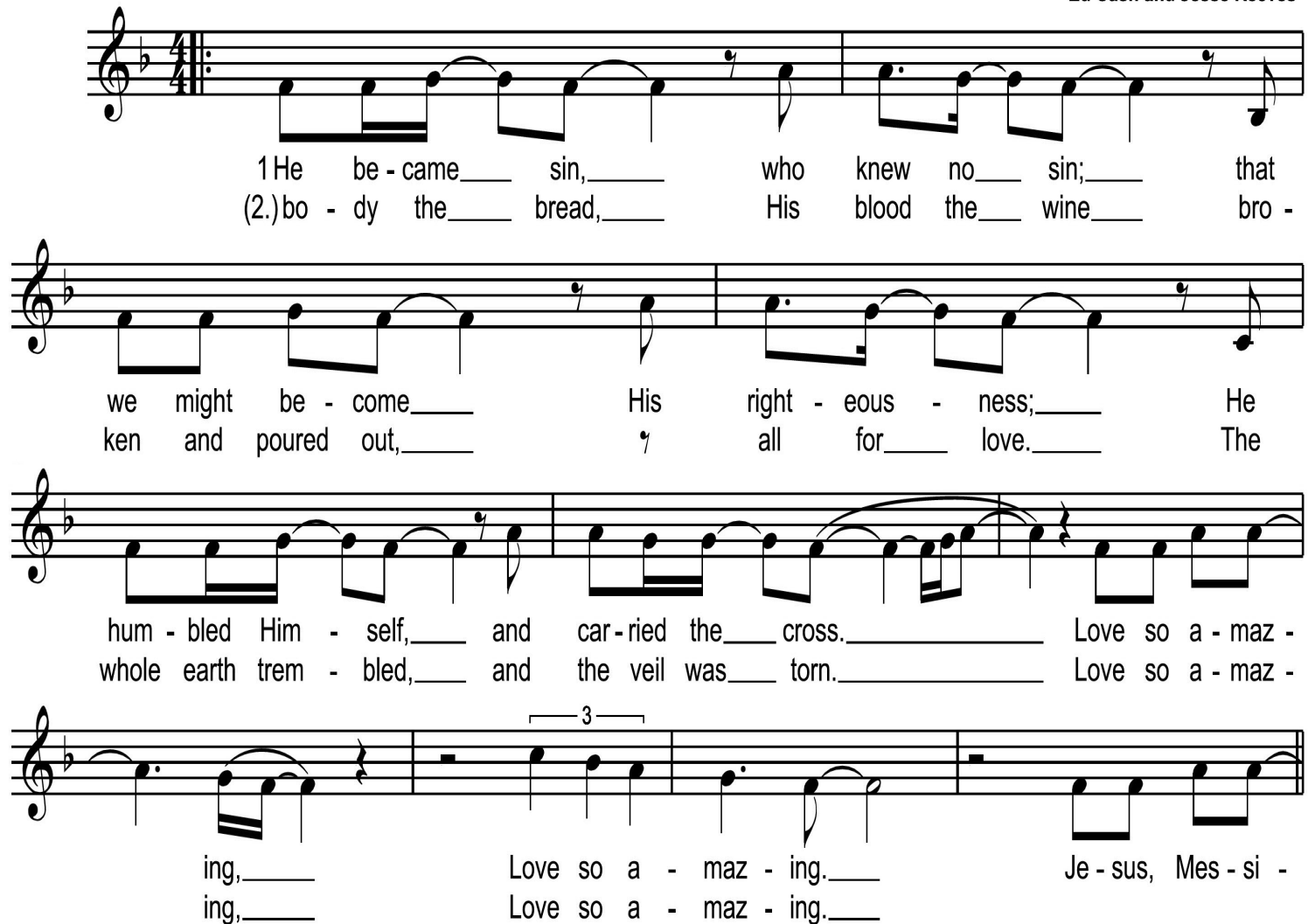
say that we love Him. O - pen our ears, Lord,
and help us to lis - ten, o - pen our
eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

Jesus Messiah

Words and Music by
Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin,
Ed Cash and Jesse Reeves



1 He be - came sin, who knew no sin; that
(2.) bo - dy the bread, His blood the wine bro -
we might be - come His right - eous - ness; He
ken and poured out, all for love. The
hum - bled Him - self, and car - ried the cross. Love so a - maz -
whole earth trem - bled, and the veil was torn. Love so a - maz -
ing, Love so a - maz - ing. Je - sus, Mes - si -
ing, Love so a - maz - ing.

ah; _____ Name a - bove all _____ names; _____ Bless - ed Re - deem -
 er; _____ Em - man - u - el. _____ The Res - cue for sin - ners, _____

The Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

[You may be Seated](#)

Dedication of Renewal and Repair & Thanksgiving for Beauty from Brokenness

Prayers of Intercession

L Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: You hear us, O God. *All:* **Your mercy is great.**

Passing of the Peace

P Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are Yours, we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have,
all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our
lives up to You, we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.

All Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that we would feed and fill the world with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

**All 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.**

The Invitation

P All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

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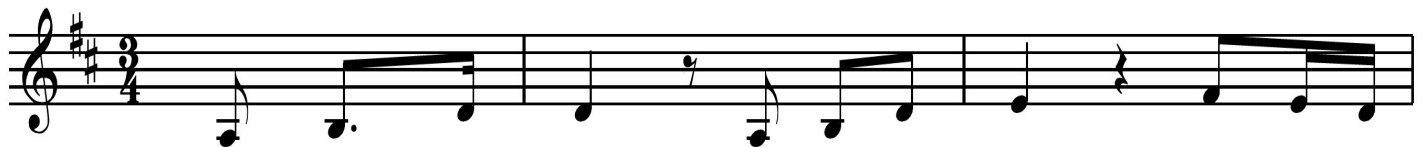
Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

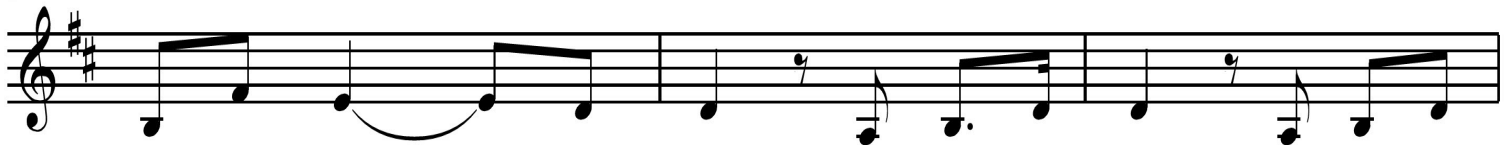
Communion Songs

In Christ Alone

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



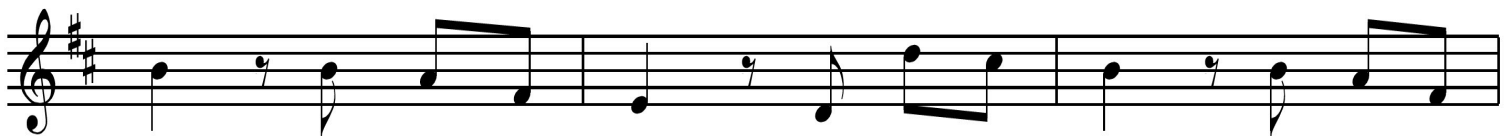
1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of
3 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, _____ my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ _____ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought _____ and storm. What heights of
ness, scorned by the ones He came _____ to save. Till on that
Day, up from the grave He rose _____ a - gain! And as He
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease. My Com-fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ___ I
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ___ I
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood___ of
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ___ I'll



stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

Grace Flows Down Words and Music by
 David E. Bell, Louie Giglio
 and Rod Padgett



A - maz - ing grace, _____ how sweet _ the sound; .



_____ a - maz - ing love, _____ now flow - ing down .



_____ from hands _ and feet _____ that were nailed _ to _____ the tree .



_____ as grace _ flows down _____ and cov - ers me. _____



It cov - ers me, _____ it cov - ers



me, _____ it cov - ers me, _____



Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

[Please stand in body or spirit.](#)

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen

P We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.

All Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated for Stewardship of Life &
Ministry Announcements

Benediction

[Please stand in body or spirit.](#)

P The song of creation restore you,
the song of justice infuse you,
the song of heaven enlighten you,
and the blessing of the living God,
Father, Son, ✝ and Holy Spirit, be with us now and always.

All Amen.

Closing Song

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion. *to vs 2*
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing? *to refrain*
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth. *to vs 4*
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing? *to refrain*



Refrain
No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,how can I keep from sing-ing?

Dismissal

P Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-1

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

All Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday,
September 3rd
Pentecost 13

First Reading:

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm:

Psalm 26:1-8

Second Reading:

Romans 12:9-21

Gospel:

Matthew 16:21-28

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