



Sundays after Pentecost

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Our mission: Sharing our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music: Reverie

Saint-Saëns

Words of Welcome

Prelude: Adagio

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P: Hear the Good News! God, whose giving knows no ending has given us everything we need, including each other! Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (+), God forgives you all your sins, calling you again and again through the power of the Holy Spirit to take your parts in the story of God's love and care. **C:**

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Gathering Hymn: Give to Our God Immortal Praise

ELW #848

1. Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.
2. He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave.
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3. Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more!

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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L: Let us all pray:

C: O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties, your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

Gospel Reading: John 12:30-32 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The 2nd Reading: Revelation 13:1-18

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Time

Sermon

Rev. Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: Jesus, Still Lead On

ELW #624

1. Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
And although the way be cheerless, we will follow, calm and fearless;
Guide us by your hand... to the promised land.
2. If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
Let no faithless fears o'ertake us, let not faith and hope forsake us;
Safely past the foe to our home we go.
3. When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
4. Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
Heav'nly leader, still direct us, still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand in the promised land.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

ELW p.104

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

C: 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.

Prayers of the People (petitions end with: Hear us, O God... **your mercy is great.**)

P: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

The Offering (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God as an act of thankfulness and worship. Following the command of Jesus, we care for people in our congregation, our community, and the world in his name. One way we do this is by providing support to needy families at Giant Springs and Sunnyside Elementary Schools. We appreciate the faithfulness of our members in making regular contributions of your time, energy, prayers, and money which makes this ministry possible! If you are worshiping with us as a guest on-line or in-person, we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world! As the music plays, please take a moment to reflect on God's goodness, and consider what your gift of thanksgiving and worship might be. Thank you!)

Offertory: Rhapsody

Saint-Saëns

Offering Response: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord

ELW #184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer: **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer

P: "On the night in which our Lord Jesus was betrayed..."

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation: P: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. If you are unable to receive Communion today, you are invited to make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder that you are a beloved child of God.

Hymn during Communion: Now We Join in Celebration

ELW #462

1. Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,
Dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;
For the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,
Stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.
2. Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing
Of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry,
Pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.
3. Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children,
Reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers,
Seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us all pray... **C: Dearest Jesus, at this table you've offered us not only bread and cup, but your very self, that we may be filled with your great love. Strengthened and nourished by these signs of grace, we commit ourselves anew to your reign of justice, and your way of peace. Amen.**

SENDING

L: May God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song: Lift High the Cross

ELW #660

- Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world... a-dore... his sacred name.
1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (refrain)
 2. All newborn servants of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. (refrain)
 3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. (refrain)
 4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! (refrain)

L: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: Raise Now Your Song on High

Saint-Saëns

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Organist: James Rickley

Song Leader: Victoria Bull

Prayer Focus: Praise (In your prayers this week you are encouraged to offer praise and thanks to Christ, the Lamb of God!)

Announcements for the week of August 22-28:

- Christian Ed. committee will meet on Tues. 8/24 at 7 pm at the church.

Keeping in prayer... Lloyd M., Darla & Dennis Kuntz, Brandon Wanke, Mary Pat, Wes Ries, Cathy Hubert, Barb T., Julie, Joe & Tammie, Skye, Courtney, Grant Brumwell, Lloyd Norby, Steve, Jerry, Stacy K., Doris Gullickson, Ralph, Ann Thielman, Linda Kathman, Dorothy Sowa, Dakota Suta, Toni Sperle, Dave & Carrie Lee, Honor Conley, Tricia, Deb, Mitchel, Steven, Megan, Marissa, Walt & Sandy, Scott, Haley, Elaine Rice.

ADVENT REVERIE

3 ½ or 4 ¾ minutes

CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS
Arranged by George Blake

Moving gently ♩ = 96

*expressively**p**poco cresc.**f*





First system of musical notation. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The music is written for piano. The first measure contains the tempo marking *poco rit.*. The second measure contains the dynamic marking *p* and the tempo marking *a tempo*. The system consists of two staves, treble and bass, with various musical notes and rests.



Second system of musical notation. The key signature remains two sharps. The system consists of two staves, treble and bass, with various musical notes and rests.



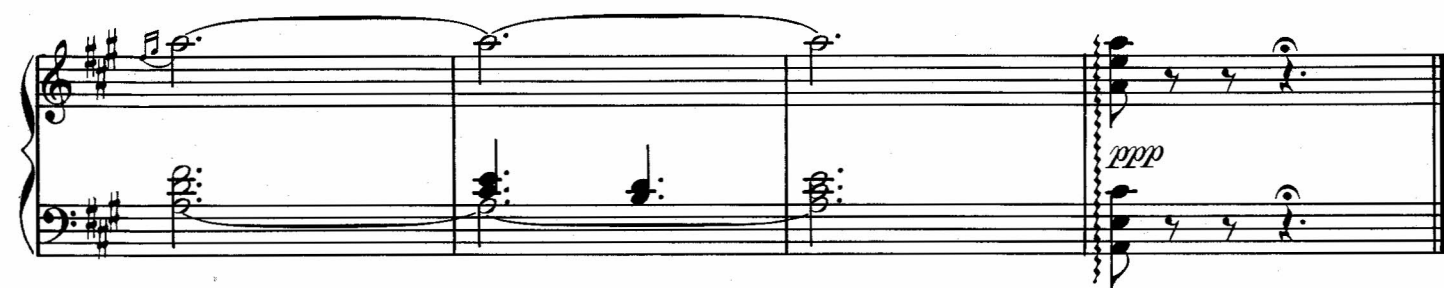
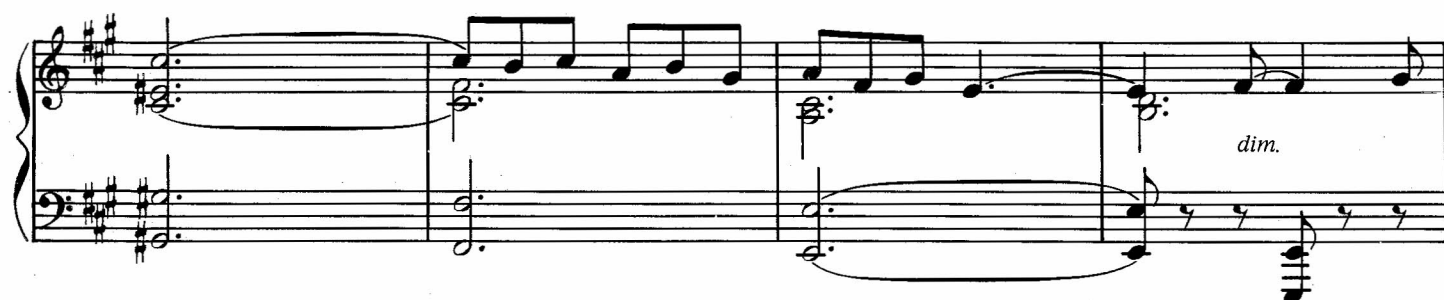
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Prelude: Adagio

Saint-Saëns

Sw. Solo String 8'

A# 00 3676 532

Gt. Flutes 8' and 4'

A# 00 7412 000

Ped. Light 16' and 8'

Ped. 42, Chorus ad lib.

CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS

Arranged by Kevin Norris

Slowly, with expression ♩ = 60

○ Sw.

pp

□ Gt.

p

1

2

*pp**rit*

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♩ = 96

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3. Glo - ry to

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you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the ho - san-nas, the dy - ing, re -
you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the a - noint-ing, the ra - di-ant

5

8

birth. Ours the re-joic - ing for Word giv-en frame;
birth. Ours the re-joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed; ours the thanks-
worth. Ours the re-joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

8

11

giv - ing to your ho-ly name. Ours bethe tell - ing of deeds great-ly

14

done; yours be the glo - ry, O God, _____ yours a - lone.

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WORD

Gospel Reading: John 12:30-32

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 12:30-32

New Revised Standard Version

30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people[a] to myself."

L: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The 2nd Reading: Revelation 13:1-18

Revelation 13

New Revised Standard Version

13 1 And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads; and on its horns were ten diadems, and on its heads were blasphemous names. 2 And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave it his power and his throne and great authority. 3 One of its heads seemed to have received a death-blow, but its mortal wound[a] had been healed. In amazement the whole earth followed the beast. 4 They worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

5 The beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. 6 It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. 7 Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them.[b] It was given authority over every tribe and people and language and nation, 8 and all the inhabitants of the earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slaughtered.[c]

9 Let anyone who has an ear listen:

10 If you are to be taken captive,
into captivity you go;
if you kill with the sword,
with the sword you must be killed.

Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

The Second Beast

11 Then I saw another beast that rose out of the earth; it had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. 12 It exercises all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and it makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound[d] had been healed. 13 It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in the sight of all; 14 and by the signs that it is allowed to perform on behalf of the beast, it deceives the inhabitants of earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that had been wounded by the sword[e] and yet lived; 15 and it was allowed to give breath[f] to the image of the beast so that the image of the beast could even speak and cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. 16 Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, 17 so that no one can buy or sell who does not have the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. 18 This calls for wisdom: let anyone with understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a person. Its number is six hundred sixty-six.[g]

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RHAPSODY ON BRETON THEMES

(Allegretto)

1½ minutes

Sw. Soft Flute

Gt. Diapasons, Sw. to Gt.

Ped. Diapason 16' and 8'



Ped. 43

CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS
Arranged by Ellen Jane Lorenz

Allegretto ♩ = 52

The musical score is written for piano, soft flute, and diapasons. It consists of four systems of staves. The first system shows the piano (f) and soft flute (pp) parts. The second system introduces the diapasons (f) and soft flute (pp). The third and fourth systems continue the piano and soft flute parts. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

This musical score is for a piano and guitar piece, page 55. It consists of four systems of staves. The first system has a grand staff (treble and bass clef) and a separate bass staff. The second system has a grand staff and a separate bass staff, with a guitar part indicated by a bracket and the label "Gt." in the second measure. The third system has a grand staff and a separate bass staff. The fourth system has a grand staff and a separate bass staff, with the instruction "poco rit." (poco ritardando) written above the piano part in the third measure. The music is written in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The piano part features various melodic lines, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The guitar part is indicated by a bracket and the label "Gt." in the second measure of the second system. The bass staff provides a steady accompaniment with eighth and sixteenth notes.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

This system contains the first two staves of the musical score. The top staff is a vocal line in 3/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a dotted quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note A4. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in 3/4 time, starting with a bass clef and the same key signature. It features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

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This system contains the next two staves. The vocal line continues with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a dotted quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note A4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern, providing harmonic support for the vocal melody.

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of

This system contains the final two staves of the visible score. The vocal line concludes with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a dotted quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note A4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern, providing harmonic support for the vocal melody.

all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble

The first system of the musical score is in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note F#4, and then a series of eighth notes: E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and a more complex melody in the right hand, including some beamed eighth notes and chords.

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The second system continues the musical piece. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note F#4, and then a series of eighth notes: E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and a more complex melody in the right hand, including some beamed eighth notes and chords. The system concludes with a double bar line.

Offertory Prayer: **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer

P: "On the night in which our Lord Jesus was betrayed..."

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

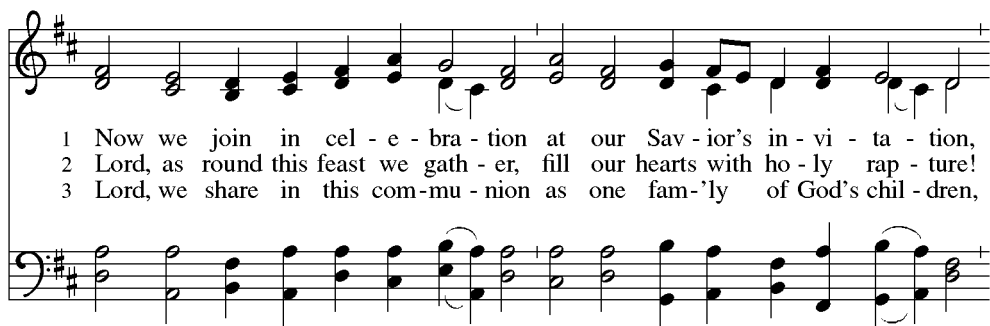
Invitation: P: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. If you are unable to receive Communion today, you are invited to make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder that you are a beloved child of God.

Hymn during Communion: Now We Join in Celebration

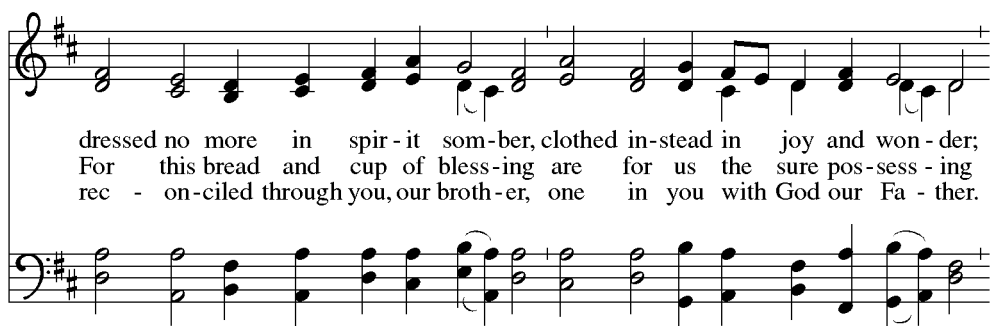
ELW #462

1. Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,
Dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;
For the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,
Stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.
2. Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing
Of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry,
Pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.
3. Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children,
Reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers,
Seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.

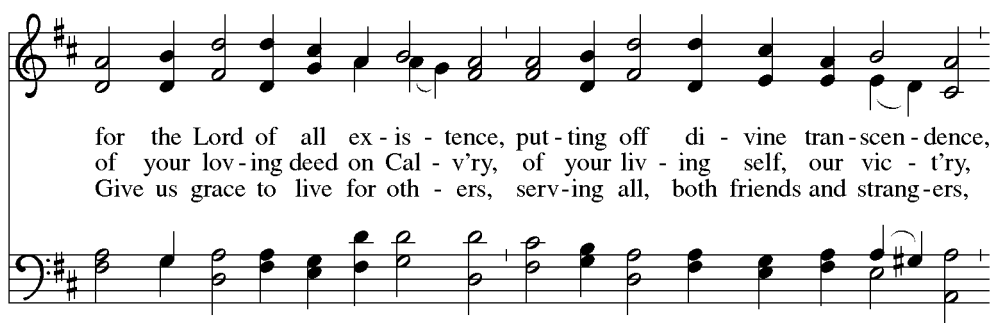
Now We Join in Celebration



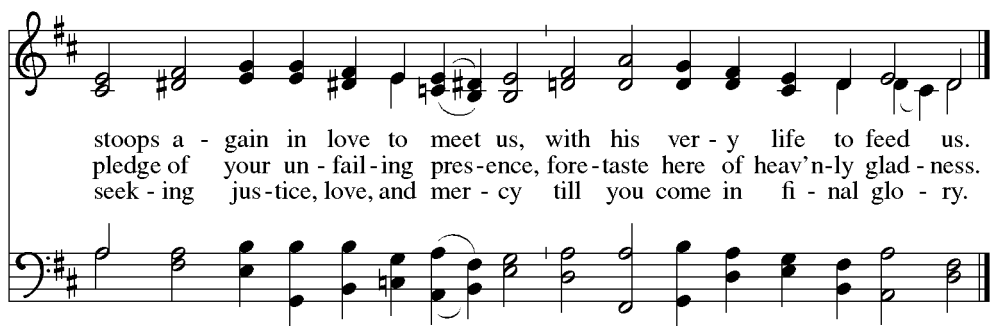
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us all pray... **C: Dearest Jesus, at this table you've offered us not only bread and cup, but your very self, that we may be filled with your great love. Strengthened and nourished by these signs of grace, we commit ourselves anew to your reign of justice, and your way of peace. Amen.**

SENDING

L: May God whose power working in us can do infinitely more that we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song: Lift High the Cross

ELW #660

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world... a-dore... his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (refrain)
2. All newborn servants of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. (refrain)
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. (refrain)
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! (refrain)

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till

all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our cap-tain trod,
 2 All new-born ser-vants of the Cru-ci-fied
 3 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be:

Refrain

our king vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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L: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: Raise Now Your Song on High

Saint-Saëns

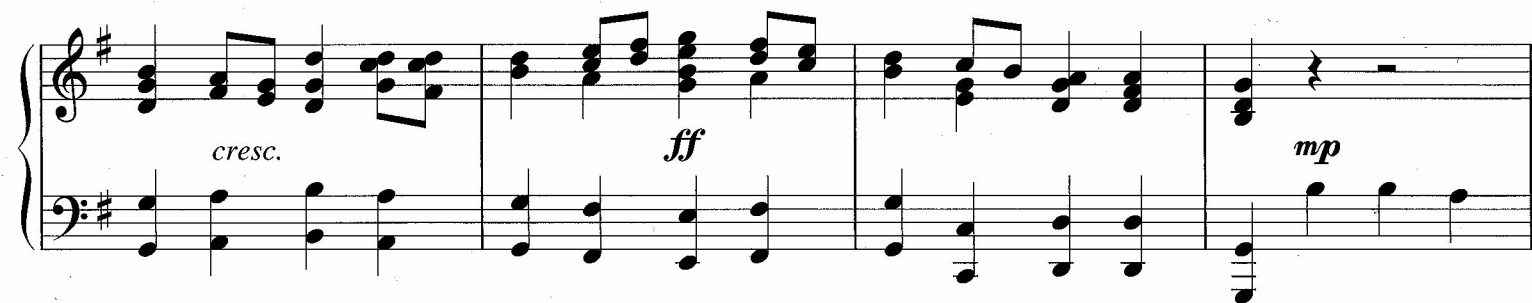
Raise Now Your Song on High

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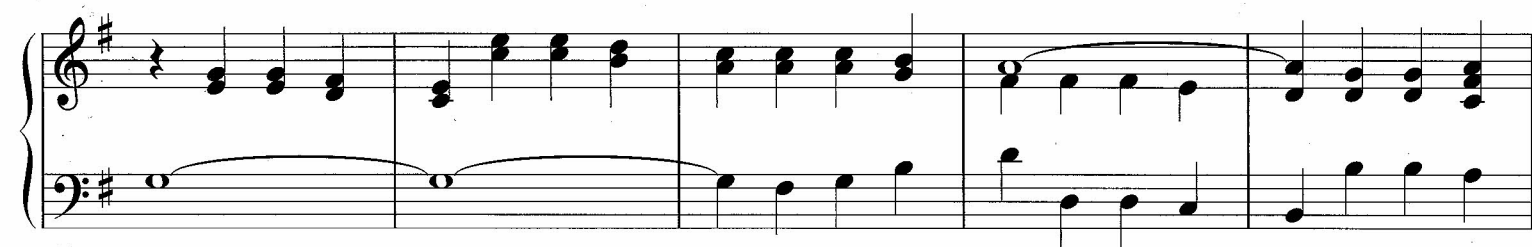
Camille Saint-Saëns
Arranged by Todd Kendall,
from the "Christmas Oratorio"

Majestically ♩ = 96


The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time, key of D major (indicated by two sharps). It consists of four systems of music. The first system begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The second system features a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic marking. The notation includes various chordal textures, including triads and dyads, and some melodic lines in the right hand. The tempo is marked 'Majestically' with a quarter note equal to 96 beats per minute.



First system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble clef has a key signature of one sharp (F#). Bass clef has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The system contains four measures. The first measure has a *cresc.* marking. The second measure has a *ff* marking. The third measure has a *mp* marking. The fourth measure has a whole rest in the treble and a half note in the bass.



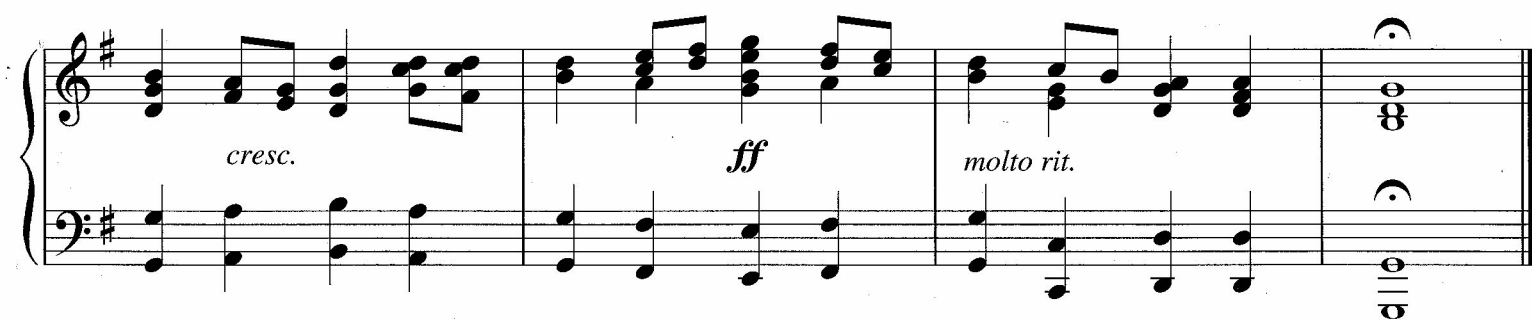
Second system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble clef has a key signature of one sharp (F#). Bass clef has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The system contains five measures. The first measure has a whole rest in the treble and a whole note in the bass. The second measure has a half note in the treble and a half note in the bass. The third measure has a half note in the treble and a half note in the bass. The fourth measure has a half note in the treble and a half note in the bass. The fifth measure has a half note in the treble and a half note in the bass.



Third system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble clef has a key signature of one sharp (F#). Bass clef has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The system contains five measures. The first measure has a *cresc.* marking. The second measure has a *mf* marking. The third measure has a *mf* marking. The fourth measure has a *mf* marking. The fifth measure has a *mf* marking.



Fourth system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble clef has a key signature of one sharp (F#). Bass clef has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The system contains five measures. The first measure has a *f* marking. The second measure has a *f* marking. The third measure has a *f* marking. The fourth measure has a *f* marking. The fifth measure has a *f* marking.



Fifth system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves. Treble clef has a key signature of one sharp (F#). Bass clef has a key signature of one sharp (F#). The system contains five measures. The first measure has a *cresc.* marking. The second measure has a *ff* marking. The third measure has a *molto rit.* marking. The fourth measure has a *molto rit.* marking. The fifth measure has a *molto rit.* marking.