

Season of Creation – Animals Sunday
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Our mission: Sharing our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.*

GATHERING



Gathering Music:
Words of Welcome
Prelude:

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God: the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your images and placed us in a well-watered garden.

C: In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

P: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

C: At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

P: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere, especially the Missouri, Sun, and Roe rivers.

C: Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: Oh, Sing to God Above

ELW #555

1. Oh, sing to God above a hymn of joyful greeting,
a song of grateful love in the new day's light repeating:
You made the sea and sky, the sun and stars in splendor;
delight shone in your eye – all your works were filled with wonder.

Refrain: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Oh, sing to God above: Al-le-lu-ia!

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2. Oh, sing to God above a hymn of praise and blessing
a song of grateful love, hope and faith our hearts expressing:
Creation lifts its voice to tell your might and glory,
and we, too, will rejoice to proclaim the saving story. (refrain)

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

C: And also with you.

Glory to You, God

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1. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the promise, the blessing the birth.

Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame; ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.

Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

2. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth.

Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed; ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.

Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

3. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the anointing, the radiant worth.

Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame; ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.

Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

L: Let us all pray: **C: Sovereign of the universe, your first covenant of mercy was with every living creature. When your beloved Son came among us, the waters of the river welcomed him, the heavens opened to greet his arrival, the animals of the wilderness drew near as his companions. May we, who are washed into new life through baptism seek the way of your new creation: the way of justice and care, mercy and peace for all living things; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:22-31 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

The 2nd Reading: Psalm 104:1, 14-22, 27-28

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

Children's Time

Sermon

Rev. Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom

ACS #1064

1. Earth is full of wit and wisdom, sounding God's delighted laugh,
From the tiny roly-poly to the tree-top-tall giraffe.

All creation sings in wonder; even rocks and trees rejoice
As they join the ringing chorus: echoes of our Maker's voice.

2. Earth is full of wit and wisdom, woven into harmony.

Ev'ry creature has a purpose, ev'ry flow'r and bumblebee.

Spider, human, redwood, gecko, monkey, chicken, mouse, and snake
Live within a single fabric: cloth that only God could make.

3. Earth is full of wit and wisdom: penguin, platypus and snail,

Cactus, sea slug, oak and algae, from the microbe to the whale.

In this great and strange creation, with a breath God give us birth:

Born of soil to live as stewards, called to love and serve the earth.

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.

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.

C: 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 helping children, youth, and adults explore and deepen their faith through age-appropriate learning experiences and intergenerational events. 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:

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: All Creatures Worship God Most High ELW #835

1. All creatures worship God most high! Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong; drive far the shadows, join the throng:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care, praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
6. O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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: Touch the Earth Lightly

ELW #739

1. Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
Nourish the life of the world in our care:
Gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
Trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
2. We who endanger, who create hunger,
Agents of death for all creatures that live,
We who would foster clouds of disaster –
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!
3. Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
Water that blesses, and air that is sweet,
Health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
Regeneration that peace will complete.
4. God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun.
Teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,

Using us gently, and making us one.

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

Postlude:

Organist: James Rickley

Song Leader: Jodie Tooley

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Prayer Focus: Creatures (Throughout the week observe all God's wonderful creatures and give thanks for them!)

Announcements for the week of September 12-18:

- Due to the dramatic rise in covid-19 cases in Cascade County, and in keeping with current CDC guidelines for indoor gatherings, masks will once again be required for worship and other indoor gatherings held at the church.
- 1st & 2nd year Confirmation students and parents meet TODAY from 1-3 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran (14th St. & 1st Ave. N.)
- Exercise Class with Wendy Masterson – 9:30 am in the Fireside Room. Cost is \$5.50/session.
- 1st Monday Night Quilters meets Mon., Sept. 13th from 6-8 pm at the church.
- WOW! activities and meal for parents and children in preschool through grade 6 at 5:30 pm at the church on Wed., Sept. 15th. We will plan to be outside.
- Hand-bells rehearse at 5:30 pm and Choir at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary on Thu., Sept. 16th.
- GF Community Band rehearsal - 7 pm in the Fireside Room on Thu., Sept. 16.

Keeping in prayer... Derrald & JoAnn, Brandy, 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.

GOING DEEPER:

Our Lutheran worship follows a pattern of Gathering – Word – Meal – Sending.

This page offers some opportunities for reflection as you prepare for worship, participate today, and go out into the world in the coming week.

Gathering:

- What is on your heart as you come to worship today?
- What burdens, brokenness, or sin do you want to turn over to God in the time of Confession and Forgiveness?

Word:

- What connected with you in the scripture readings and/or sermon today?
What challenged you or made you wonder?
- What prayers are on your heart today? Consider these areas: Help, Thanks, Wow!

Meal:

- What nourishment do you need from Jesus for the days ahead?

Sending:

- What will you carry with you from worship this week?

Worship Texts for Next Sunday: Genesis 21:1-3 & 22:1-14 and John 1:29

PRELUDE

1½ minutes

Sw. Flutes 8' and 4'

Gt. Flutes and Strings 8' and 4'

Ped. Bourdon 16' and 8'

A# 00 7615 111

A# 00 7635 333

Ped. 43, Chorus

ALEXANDER Scriabin

Arranged by George Blake

Andante ♩ = 88

Sw. *p*☐ Gt. legato


The musical score is written for piano and includes three systems of music. The first system begins with a piano (p) dynamic and a swell (Sw.) in the right hand. The second system features a triplet in the right hand. The third system includes a mezzo-piano (mp) dynamic and another swell (Sw.) in the right hand. The score is in 3/4 time and includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

musical score for piano and guitar, page 65. The score is written in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves.

System 1: The piano part (treble and bass staves) features a melodic line in the right hand and a rhythmic accompaniment in the left hand. The guitar part (bass staff) plays a rhythmic pattern. Dynamics include *cresc. ed accel.* and *f*. There are two *v* (accents) in the guitar part.

System 2: The piano part continues with a melodic line and a rhythmic accompaniment. The guitar part plays a rhythmic pattern. Dynamics include *dim. e rit.*. There are two *v* (accents) in the piano part.

System 3: The piano part features a melodic line and a rhythmic accompaniment. The guitar part plays a rhythmic pattern. Dynamics include *pp a tempo*. There are two *v* (accents) in the piano part. A *Sw.* (Swell) marking is present above the piano part. A *Gt.* (Guitar) marking is present above the guitar part.

System 4: The piano part features a melodic line and a rhythmic accompaniment. The guitar part plays a rhythmic pattern. Dynamics include *pp a tempo*. There are two *v* (accents) in the piano part. A *Sw.* (Swell) marking is present above the piano part. A *Gt.* (Guitar) marking is present above the guitar part.



The first system of musical notation consists of three staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a series of chords and eighth-note patterns, with a slur spanning the first two measures and a longer slur covering the last two measures. The middle staff is in bass clef and contains eighth-note patterns, with a flat (b) marking above the first measure and another flat (b) above the second measure. The bottom staff is in bass clef and contains whole notes, with a flat (b) marking above the first measure.



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Words of Welcome

Prelude:

9/20/87

Sw. Solo Flute

A# 00 8732 100

Gt. Soft Strings

E

Ped. Light 16' and 8'

Ped. 32, Chorus ad lib.

ALEXANDER Scriabin

Arranged by Kevin Norris

Handwritten circled number 7

♩ = 72

Sw.

p

Gt.



First system of musical notation. The treble staff begins with a triplet of eighth notes marked *mf*. The middle staff features a triplet of eighth notes. The bass staff contains a single eighth note. The key signature has two flats, and the time signature is 3/4.



Second system of musical notation. The treble staff contains a triplet of eighth notes. The middle staff has a triplet of eighth notes. The bass staff includes a triplet of eighth notes. The key signature has two flats, and the time signature is 3/4.



Third system of musical notation. The treble staff includes the instruction *somewhat freely*. The middle staff features a triplet of eighth notes. The bass staff contains a triplet of eighth notes. The key signature has two flats, and the time signature is 3/4.



Fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff includes the instruction *rit.*. The middle staff features a triplet of eighth notes. The bass staff contains a triplet of eighth notes. The key signature has two flats, and the time signature is 3/4.

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Oh, Sing to God Above

Cantemos al Señor



- 1 Can - te - mos al Se - ñor un him - no de a - le - grí - a,
 2 Can - te - mos al Se - ñor un him - no de a - la - ban - za
 1 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of joy - ful greet - ing,
 2 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of praise and bless - ing,

Dm

A⁷

- un cán - ti - co de a - mor al na - cer el nue - vo dí - a.
 que ex - pre - se nues - tro a - mor, nues - tra fe y nues - tra es - pe - ran - za.
 a song of grate - ful love in the new day's light re - peat - ing:
 a song of grate - ful love, hope and faith our hearts ex - press - ing:

Dm



- El hi - zo el cie - lo, el mar, el sol y las es - tre - llas
 En to - da la crea - ción pre - go - na su gran - de - za,
 you made the sea and sky, the sun and stars in splen - dor;
 cre - a - tion lifts its voice to tell your might and glo - ry,

A⁷

y vio en e - llos bon - dad, pues sus o - bras e - ran be - llas.
 a - sí nues - tro can - tar va a - nun - cian - do su be - lle - za.
 de - light shone in your eye— all your works were filled with won - der.
 and we, too, will re - joice to pro - claim the sav - ing sto - ry.

Dm

Refrain / Estribillo

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!
 Dm C Bb A

Last time to Coda

Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!
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 Gm Dm A⁷ Dm

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♩ = 96

1. Glo - ry to
2. Glo - ry to
3. Glo - ry to

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you, God, for yours is the earth; yours is the prom-ise, the bless-ing the
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.

L: Let us all pray: **C: Sovereign of the universe, your first covenant of mercy was with every living creature. When your beloved Son came among us, the waters of the river welcomed him, the heavens opened to greet his arrival, the animals of the wilderness drew near as his companions. May we, who are washed into new life through baptism seek the way of your new creation: the way of justice and care, mercy and peace for all living things; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:22-31 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 12:22-31

New Revised Standard Version

Do Not Worry

22 He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! 25 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?[a] 26 If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? 27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;[b] yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 28 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! 29 And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. 30 For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 Instead, strive for his[c] kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

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

The 2nd Reading: Psalm 104:1, 14-22, 27-28

Psalm 104

God the Creator and Provider

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

Psalm 104:14-22

New Revised Standard Version

14 You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,[a]

to bring forth food from the earth,

15 and wine to gladden the human heart,

oil to make the face shine,

and bread to strengthen the human heart.

16 The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,

the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
 17 In them the birds build their nests;
 the stork has its home in the fir trees.
 18 The high mountains are for the wild goats;
 the rocks are a refuge for the coneys.
 19 You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
 the sun knows its time for setting.
 20 You make darkness, and it is night,
 when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.
 21 The young lions roar for their prey,
 seeking their food from God.
 22 When the sun rises, they withdraw
 and lie down in their dens.

Psalms 104:27-28

New Revised Standard Version

27 These all look to you
 to give them their food in due season;
 28 when you give to them, they gather it up;
 when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

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

Children's Time

Sermon

Bull

Rev. Tammy

Hymn of the Day: Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom

ACS #1064

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 As they join the ringing chorus: echoes of our Maker's voice.
2. Earth is full of wit and wisdom, woven into harmony.
 Ev'ry creature has a purpose, ev'ry flow'r and bumblebee.
 Spider, human, redwood, gecko, monkey, chicken, mouse, and snake
 Live within a single fabric: cloth that only God could make.
3. Earth is full of wit and wisdom: penguin, platypus and snail,
 Cactus, sea slug, oak and algae, from the microbe to the whale.
 In this great and strange creation, with a breath God give us birth:
 Born of soil to live as stewards, called to love and serve the earth.

F Dm C Gm⁷ Am Dm C F

1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound-ing God's de - light-ed laugh,
 2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
 3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,

Dm C Gm⁷ Am Dm C F

from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffé.
 Ev - 'ry crea-ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
 cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.

C F Dm Am F Dm C

All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
 Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
 In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:

F Dm C Gm⁷ Am Dm C F

as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
 live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
 born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

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

C: 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 helping children, youth, and adults explore and deepen their faith through age-appropriate learning experiences and intergenerational events. 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:

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.

PRELUDE IN E FLAT

Duration: 2:30

Sw. Solo Stop 8'
Gt. Soft Strings
Ped. Soft 16', 8'

ALEXANDER Scriabin
Arr. by Kevin Norris

Andantino ♩ = 60

Sw. p Sw. Gt. Gt. pp Gt. Sw. Gt. u Sw.



First system of musical notation. The top staff (treble clef) contains a melodic line with a guitar (Gt.) entry in the final measure. The middle staff (bass clef) features a complex accompaniment with slurs and ties. The bottom staff (bass clef) provides a harmonic foundation with notes marked with 'u' and 'A'.



Second system of musical notation. The top staff (treble clef) includes a section marked 'Sw.' (Swell) and a guitar (Gt.) entry. The middle staff (bass clef) shows a melodic line with a slur. The bottom staff (bass clef) contains a melodic line with a slur.



Third system of musical notation. The top staff (treble clef) includes a section marked 'Sw.' (Swell) and a guitar (Gt.) entry. The middle staff (bass clef) shows a melodic line with a slur. The bottom staff (bass clef) contains a melodic line with a slur.



Fourth system of musical notation. The top staff (treble clef) contains a melodic line. The middle staff (bass clef) includes a section marked 'dim.' (diminuendo) and 'ppp' (pianissimo). The bottom staff (bass clef) contains a melodic line.

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 an eighth 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.

bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that

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 an eighth 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 an eighth 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 consists of a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The vocal line is written on a single staff with a treble clef. The piano accompaniment is written on two staves (treble and bass clefs) with a grand staff bracket. The music is in 4/4 time. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note F#4, and then a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand.

with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The second system continues the musical score. It follows the same instrumental and vocal parts as the first system. The vocal line concludes with a half note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with its characteristic rhythmic patterns. The system ends 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.**

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: All Creatures Worship God Most High ELW #835

1. All creatures worship God most high! Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong; drive far the shadows, join the throng:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care, praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
6. O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

835 All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!



- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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: Touch the Earth Lightly

ELW #739

1. Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
Nourish the life of the world in our care:
Gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
Trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
2. We who endanger, who create hunger,
Agents of death for all creatures that live,
We who would foster clouds of disaster –
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!
3. Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
Water that blesses, and air that is sweet,
Health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
Regeneration that peace will complete.
4. God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun.
Teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
Using us gently, and making us one.

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Touch the Earth Lightly

B \flat F \sharp us F G \flat m D \sharp us D \flat m

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

E \flat M F 7 B \flat Cm 7 F \sharp us F

nour-ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

B \flat F \sharp us F G \flat m D \sharp us D \flat m

gift of great won - der, ours to sur - rend - er,
 we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

E \flat B \flat G \flat m Cm 7 F

1-3
B \flat

4
B \flat

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

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

Postlude:

PRELUDE

55

2¼ minutes

Sw. Flutes 8' and 4'

Gt. Light Foundations 8' and 4'

Ped. Bourdon 16' and 8'



Ped. 42, Chorus ad lib.

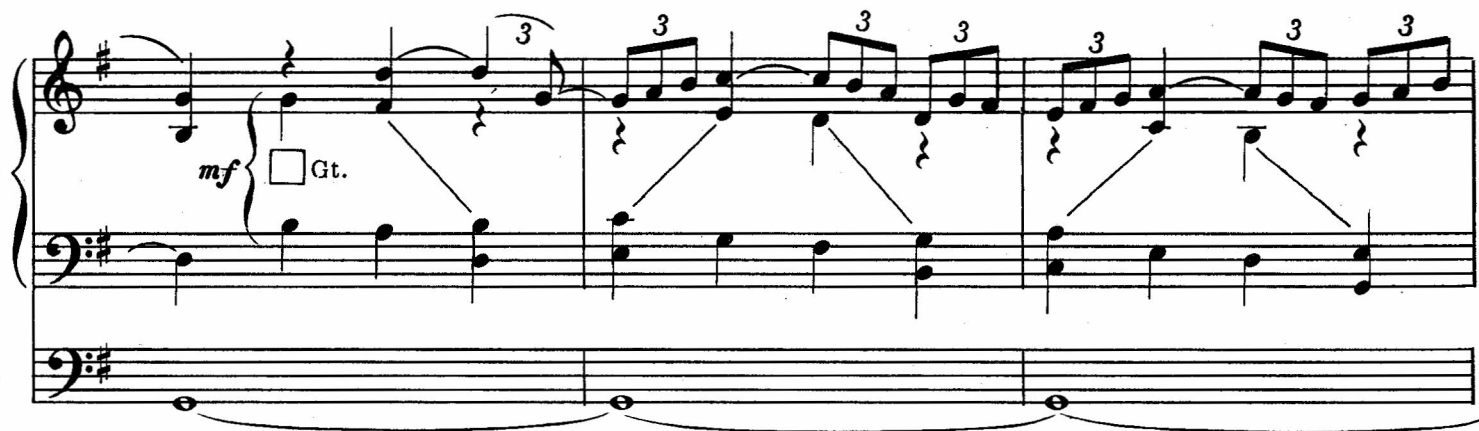
ALEXANDER Scriabin
Arranged by John Troutman

Andante cantabile ♩ = 72

p Sw. *poco rit.*

a tempo *mf* Gt.

p Sw.



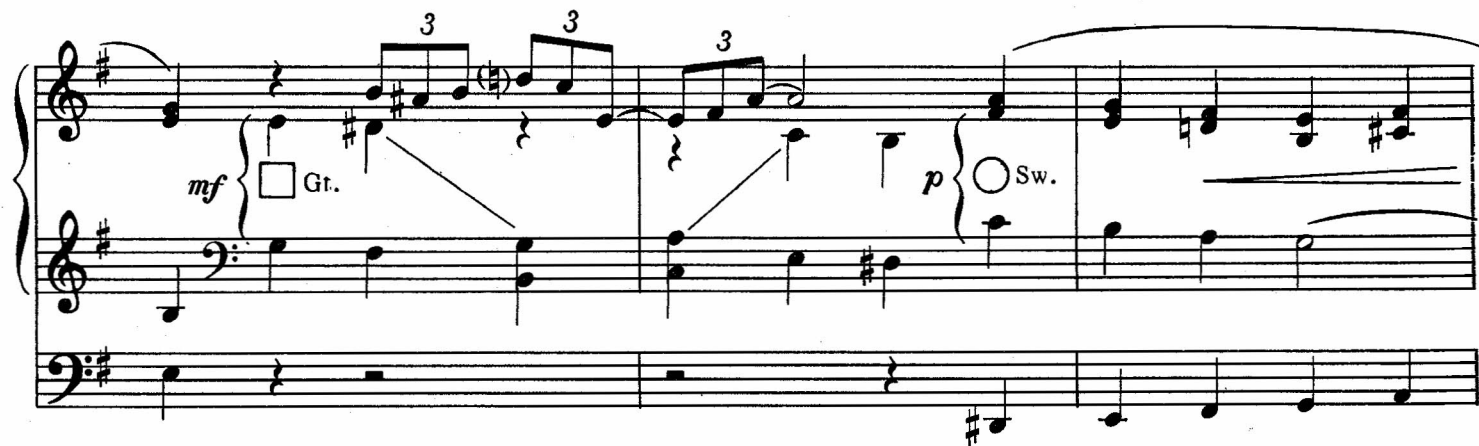
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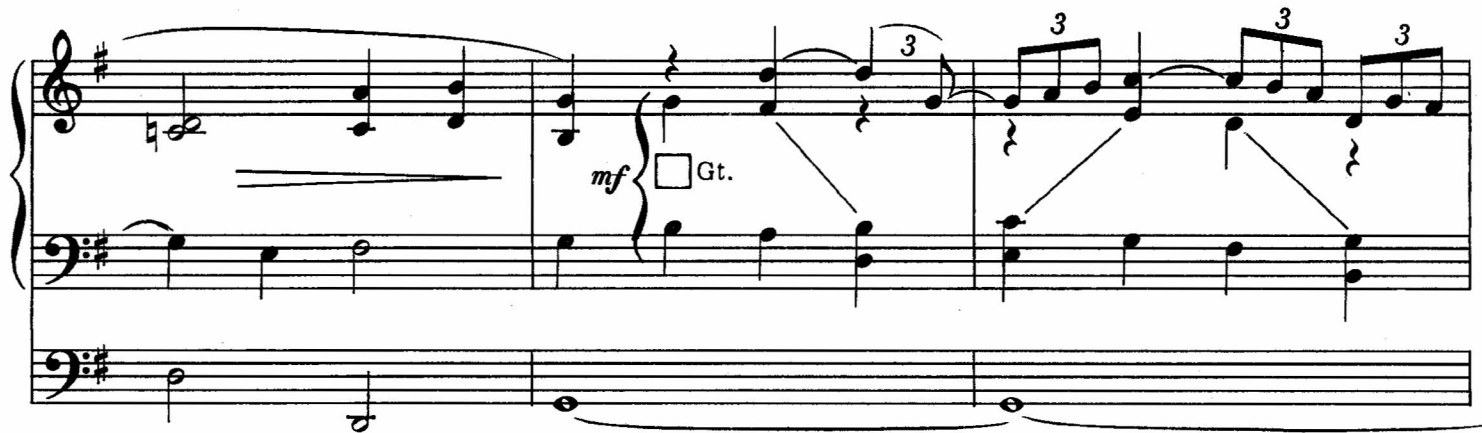
Second system of musical notation. The top staff (treble clef) continues the melody with triplets and slurs. The middle staff (bass clef) contains a bass line with slurs. The bottom staff (bass clef) contains a single note. A circle labeled "Sw." is positioned between the top and middle staves, with a *p* (piano) dynamic marking.



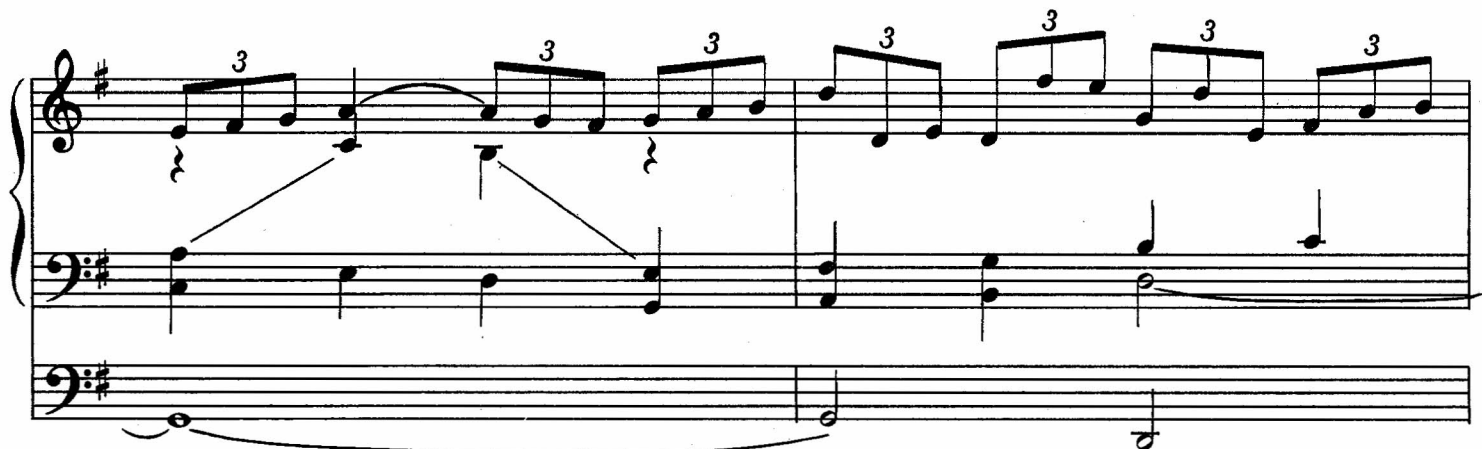
Third system of musical notation. The top staff (treble clef) continues the melody with triplets and slurs, marked *mf* (mezzo-forte). The middle staff (bass clef) contains a bass line with slurs. The bottom staff (bass clef) contains a single note. A square box labeled "Gt." is positioned between the top and middle staves, and a circle labeled "Sw." is positioned between the middle and bottom staves, with a *p* (piano) dynamic marking.



Fourth system of musical notation. The top staff (treble clef) continues the melody with triplets and slurs, marked *mf* (mezzo-forte). The middle staff (bass clef) contains a bass line with slurs. The bottom staff (bass clef) contains a single note. A square box labeled "Gt." is positioned between the top and middle staves, and a circle labeled "Sw." is positioned between the middle and bottom staves, with a *p* (piano) dynamic marking.



First system of musical notation. The top staff (treble clef) features a melodic line with triplets and slurs. The middle staff (bass clef) contains a piano accompaniment with a dynamic marking of *mf* and a box labeled "Gt.". The bottom staff (bass clef) shows a simple bass line.



Second system of musical notation. The top staff (treble clef) continues the melodic line with triplets. The middle staff (bass clef) provides a piano accompaniment. The bottom staff (bass clef) shows a simple bass line.



Third system of musical notation. The top staff (treble clef) features a melodic line with slurs. The middle staff (bass clef) contains a piano accompaniment with a dynamic marking of *p* and a box labeled "Sw.". The bottom staff (bass clef) shows a simple bass line.



Fourth system of musical notation. The top staff (treble clef) features a melodic line with slurs. The middle staff (bass clef) contains a piano accompaniment with a dynamic marking of *pp* and a box labeled "rit.". The bottom staff (bass clef) shows a simple bass line.