



PRELUDE

Excerpt from *New World Symphony*

by Antonin Dvorák

ENTRANCE HYMN

They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love

Alleluia 175

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
Chorus

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.
Chorus

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
Chorus

A Penitential Order

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

DECALOGUE

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The Decalogue is said, the People kneeling.

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE

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The following is sung, all standing

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-15

Remain seated.

- ⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
⁹The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
¹⁰All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
¹¹They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
¹²That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
¹⁴The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
¹⁵The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

The people sit.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

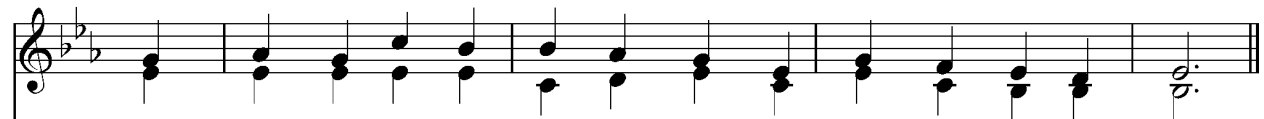
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Hymnal 644

All stand.



- 1 How sweet the Name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!
2 It makes the wound - ed spi - rit whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;
3 Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing - place,



- 1 It soothes our sor - rows, heals our wounds, and drives a - way our fear.
2 'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry, rest.
3 my nev - er - fail - ing trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace!

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Brief moment of silence to follow.

THE CREED

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All stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: O God our ruler and our strength, lead your people along your pathways and grant us your refreshment and wisdom, that all may be blessed as we pray: We carry our burdens to you, O God; give rest for our souls.

Litanist: Gracious One, you call your Church to rejoice and shout aloud in the gladness of the Risen Christ: Heal our anxiety and divisions, and put your joy into our hearts. We pray especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; and Will, our Rector.

We carry our burdens to you, O God;

give rest for our souls.

Eternal One, your wisdom is hidden from the wise and revealed to infants: Give to our nation and all in authority, especially Donald, our President; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach, such childlike faith that we may trust in your strength and bring reconciliation to the world.

We carry our burdens to you, O God;

give rest for our souls.

Loving One, you are gracious and full of compassion; you are loving to everyone and merciful in all your deeds: Look upon all who live with threat or poverty and bring them rescue from this body of death.

We carry our burdens to you, O God;

give rest for our souls.

Ever-present One, look upon this community with your patience and grace to guide us in our work and in our relationships, that we may live simply and justly before you. We pray for all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces, both at home and abroad, especially our parishioners Chris and John.

We carry our burdens to you, O God;

give rest for our souls.

Holy One, your compassion is over all your works. We pray for the concerns of our hearts and for all who suffer or are troubled, especially for our parishioners Cal, Mike, Biff, Rick, Betty, Doris, Dawn, Norma, Ann, Al, Fred, David and all on our prayer list.

We give thanks for the goodness of life.

We remember those who have entered into your eternal rest.

We carry our burdens to you, O God;

give rest for our souls.

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name.

We carry our burdens to you, O God;

give rest for our souls.

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified.

We carry our burdens to you, O God;

give rest for our souls.

Celebrant: Yours, O God, is an everlasting reign and your dominion endures throughout all ages: Draw us into Christ's gentle and humble heart, where the yoke is easy and the burden is light, that we may find rest for our souls in your Spirit, and know you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

All remain standing.

THE PEACE

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All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER DURING A TIME OF ABSENCE FROM THE EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Let us pray.

(said in unison)

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

As you leave this place, go forth in peace. Be assured that the past is forgiven. Know that the future is in God's hands. Return no evil for evil. Remember the poor, pray for the sick, and make no peace with injustice in this world. May the blessing of God Almighty; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

RECESSIONAL HYMN
O beautiful for Spacious Skies

Hymnal 719



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa-cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

DISMISSAL

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Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on *National Anthem*

by A.F. Schultz