

welcome to worship
TIME AFTER PENTECOST
June 7, 2026



PRELUDE

I Could Never Have Imagined
Donna Danielski, soprano

Lawrence

All alone within my fantasies I lived.
No one seemed to want the things I had to give.
Just another person on an overcrowded earth.
Then I met You and You showed me the meaning of rebirth.

Refrain:

I could never have imagined the changes You have made within my life:
The way You took away my hopelessness, the way You opened up my eyes.
I could never have imagined the wondrous world You taught me how to see.
Thank you, Jesus, for all you've done for me.

The moment I met you face to face,
I could feel inside a change had taken place.
Had somebody told me You could change my life this way,
I would never have believed them, but you brought me a brand-new day. *Refrain*

WELCOME

Pastor Katie

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Creator, † Redeemer, and Advocate, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Lauryn

READING

Ephesians 3:20-21 (The Message)

This passage was the theme of our annual Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly, where we came together not only to conduct the business of the synod, but to IMAGINE: to open our hearts and minds to the expansive grace of God who is already at work among us and ahead of us.

A reading from Ephesians.

²⁰⁻²¹ God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! God does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, God's Spirit deeply and gently within us. Glory to God in the church! Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus! Glory down all the generations! Glory through all millennia!

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

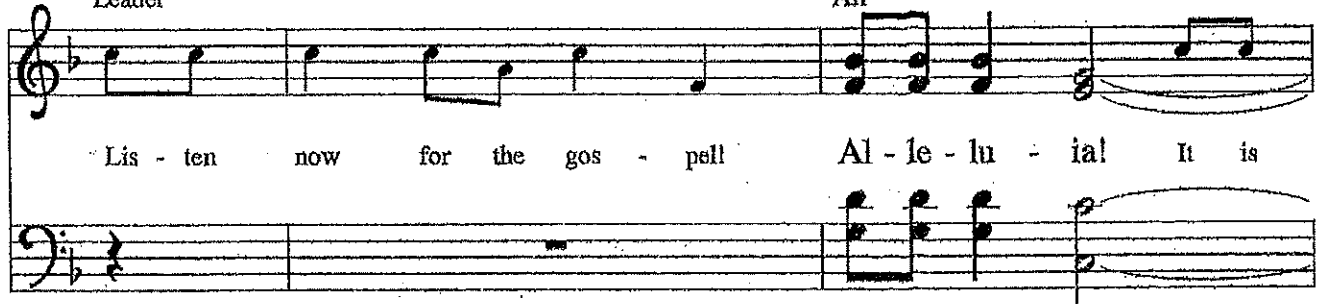
The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

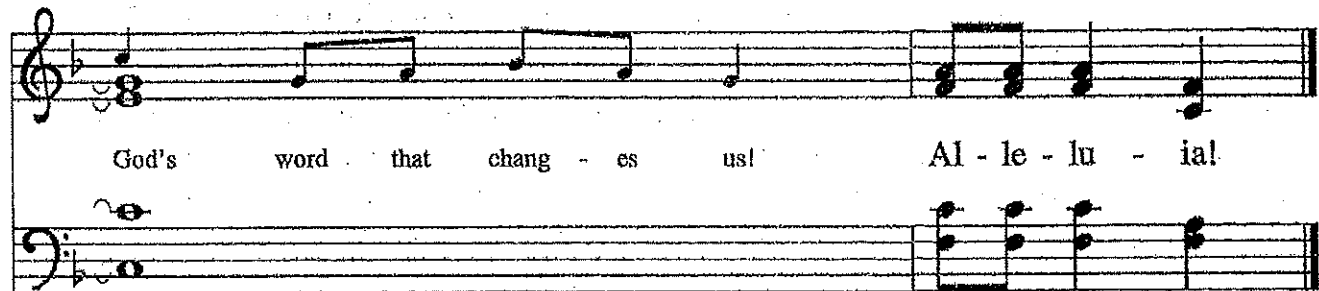
Listen Now for the Gospel

Refrain
Leader

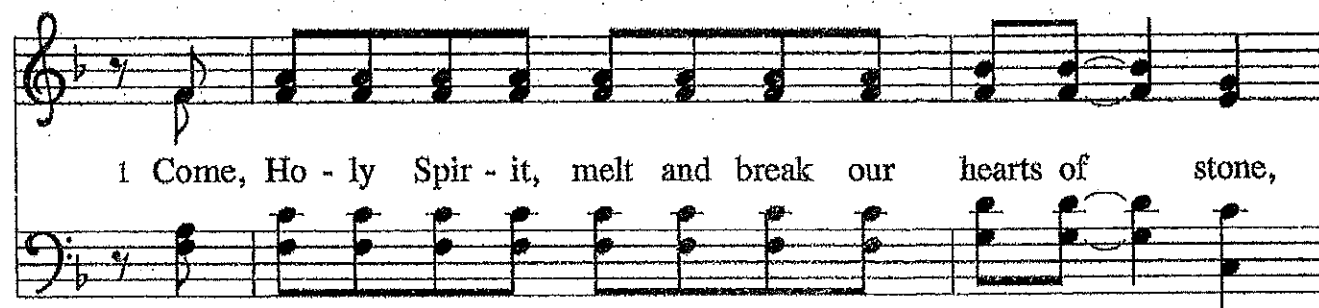
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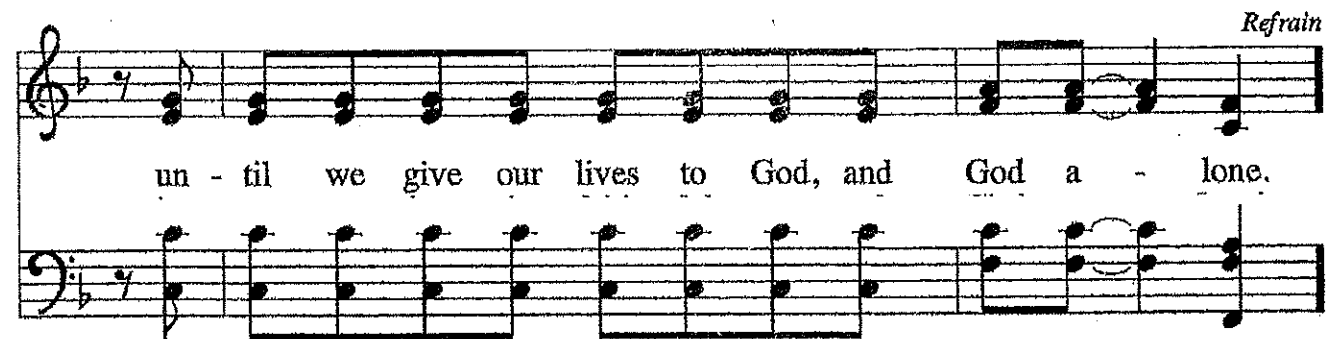


God's word that chang - es us! Al - le - lu - ial



I Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, melt and break our hearts of stone,

Refrain



un - til we give our lives to God, and God a - lone.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (NRSV)

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Molly and Pastor Katie

The assembly stands.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes God of grace, receive our prayer.

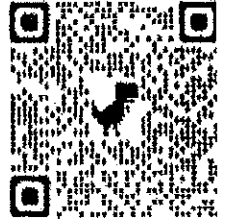
The prayers conclude ... through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

If you brought an offering or your pledge card today, please place it in an offering plate that ushers will pass at this time. Offering this morning will be shared evenly with Common Ground. Thank you for your generous gifts! Did you know you can give using a credit card? Scan the QR code to the right.



OFFERING HYMN 588

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy – stanzas 1, 3, 4

The assembly stands.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy God, Three-in-One, you alone are holy.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars, beneath the sea, within each cell, with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water, by night and day, across the wilderness, out of exile, into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life, near to those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

Following the Words of Institution...

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

INVITATION

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

The assembly is seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Atonement. Follow the directions of the ushers to receive bread and a pre-filled cup of wine or grape juice (in purple cups) from the communion assistants. Deposit your empty cup in the basket at the end of the front pew and return to your seat by the side aisles. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children are welcome to receive communion with their parents' permission.

Please take a moment to sign and pass the attendance pads found in the pews, check in to Atonement on your favorite social media platform, share a photo with your digital community, and say something gentle in the spirit of Jesus!

COMMUNION MUSIC

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Gabriel and Martin

Donna Danielski, soprano

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home?
When Jesus is my portion, my constant friend is he.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Refrain:

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears.
I draw him closer to me. From care he sets me free.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. *Refrain*

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 617

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

May the Spirit give you grace never to sell yourself or others short.

Grace to risk something big for something good.

Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love.

So may the Spirit take your mind and think through it.

May the Spirit take your lips and speak through them.

May the Spirit take your hands and do good with them.

May the Spirit take your heart and set it on fire. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 836

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Ode to Joy

Beethoven, arr. Hand

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WARMEST WELCOME to this congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America! We are a Lutheran church, but we're not just for Lutherans—we belong to our community.

CHILDREN are very welcome at Atonement! Activity bags and children's bulletins are available with the ushers. Children from 3 years of age to 2nd grade are invited to experience worship geared just for them—follow the CHILDREN'S CHAPEL leader to the privacy room after the Children's Message. Children will return to their families for communion. THE NURSERY is available for children preschool age and younger in Room F 126.

RESTROOMS are located in the hall next to the worship space. A FAMILY RESTROOM with a changing table is also located in the Privacy Room at the back of the worship space.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are Monday—Thursday, 10:30am—2:30pm or by appointment.

ATONEMENT VOLUNTEERS SERVE AT OPPORTUNITY HOUSE the third Saturday of every month. Contact Bob Eisenbrown at 484-332-8788 if you would like to join the team.

DONATING TO THE COMMUNITY AID THRIFT SHOP can benefit Common Ground. Use the code **50244** when you make a donation.

FOOD DONATIONS of canned goods, cereal, and other non-perishable, non-expired items for Lutheran Pantry are always accepted in the grocery cart in the narthex.

COMMON GROUND DONATIONS of clothing and toiletries can be placed in the large bin next to the coatroom in the narthex.

PRESCHOOL still has openings for Together Time and T/Th Toddlers. Contact Jen Dauber at jdauber@atonementwyo.org for information.

PRESCHOOL CAMP REGISTRATION is open. Details can be found at atonementwyo.org, click PRESCHOOL from the top menu, then select Preschool Classes.

OUR LANDSCAPING TEAM is looking for new members! Contact John Lehr for details at 610-304-6818 or johnt.lehr@gmail.com.

NEW MEMBER CLASS for those wishing to officially join Atonement will be held today, June 7 at 11:00am, with the new member welcome during 10:00am worship Sunday, June 14. Call the office with questions.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION continues throughout the summer at 9am in room F122.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL registration closes today. Use the link on the Children / Youth Ministries page at atonementwyo.org, or email Miss Lauryn at llacis@atonementwyo.org.

COMMON GROUND DROP-IN CENTER is collecting GAMES – they should be simple, short, and not have a lot of reading involved. Use the link found on the Volunteer page of atonementwyo.org or call the office to see what help is needed and sign up to volunteer.

Morning Has Broken

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1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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Music: Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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BUNESSAN
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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.




There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,

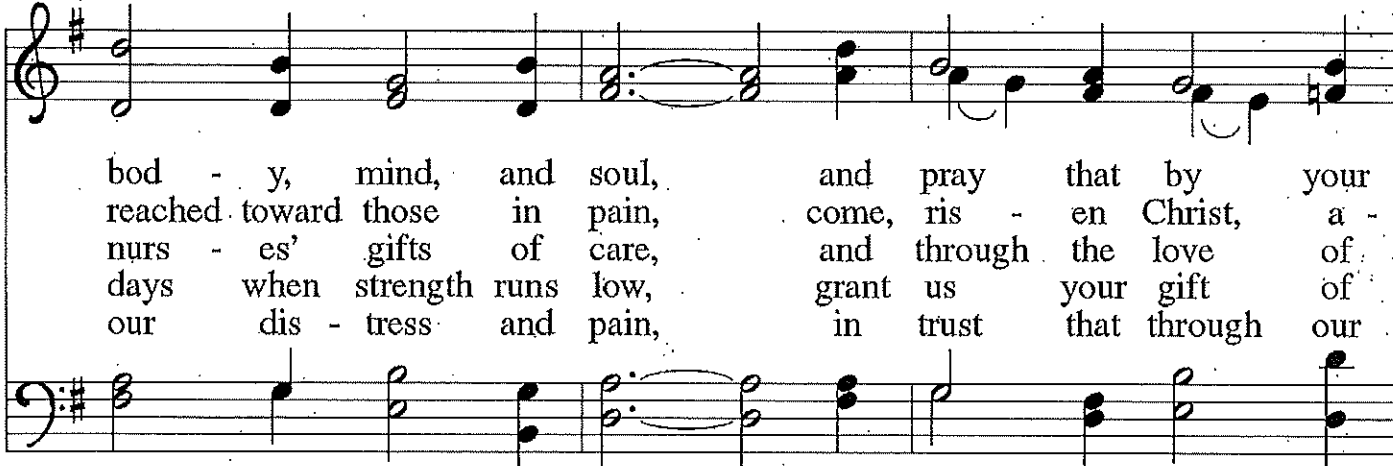


There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

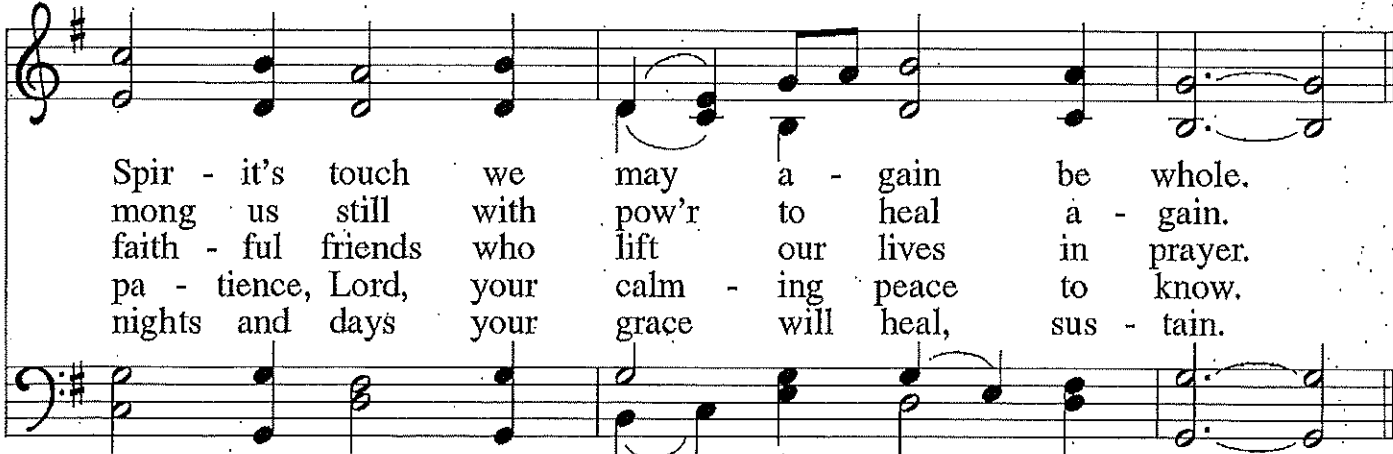
We Come to You for Healing, Lord



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824

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Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to - re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!