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Sunday, May 12, 2024
10:00AM
Seventh Sunday of Easter

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Charles Callahan

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

Children are excused to Sunday School after the Passing of the Peace.

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 1)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

We delight in God's Word, we meditate on God day and night.

Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water.

God helps us yield good fruit.

We do not wither when we spend time in God's presence.

Gospel Praise

Oh To Be Kept

Gospel Choir

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God and Merciful Savior, we have strayed like lost sheep.

We choose to go our own way, thinking we know better for ourselves than you do.

We so often decide to invest in this world instead of the world to come. We value our attractiveness, our wealth, our power, and popularity over the treasures of your everlasting kingdom.

Our Good Shepherd, although we have strayed like sheep bring us back home to you. Forgive us and show us your grace and love. You alone can judge us yet; you have chosen mercy. You alone could condemn us yet; you have chosen to give us life forever. You will turn our darkness to light and our chaos into order. Amen.

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you!

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

Response GTG #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! (3X)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
(Sung twice)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith (from the Brief Statement of Faith)**

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good and makes
everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every
race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of
God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit
neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet
entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.**

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose
a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from
the house of bondage.**

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father
who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

***Hymn GTG #363**

Rejoice, The Lord is King!

Call to Offering

*If you would like to make an offering online, scan the QR code located in the
Westminster News section of today's bulletin.*

Invitation to Offering

Organ Offertory

Interlude in B Minor

Flor Peeters

***Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn AAHH #406**

Only Believe

***Benediction**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Frederick Swann

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

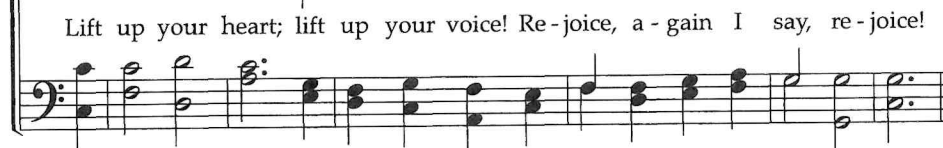
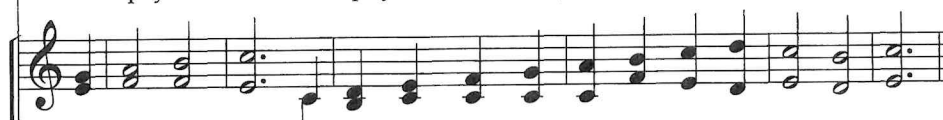
Descant



- 1 Re - joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
- 2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
- 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
- 4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come



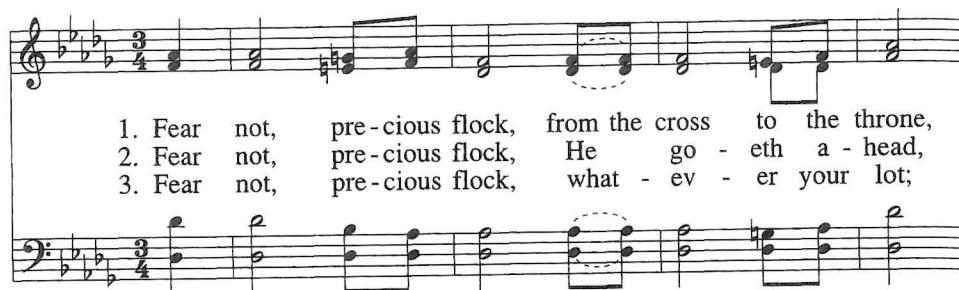
Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.



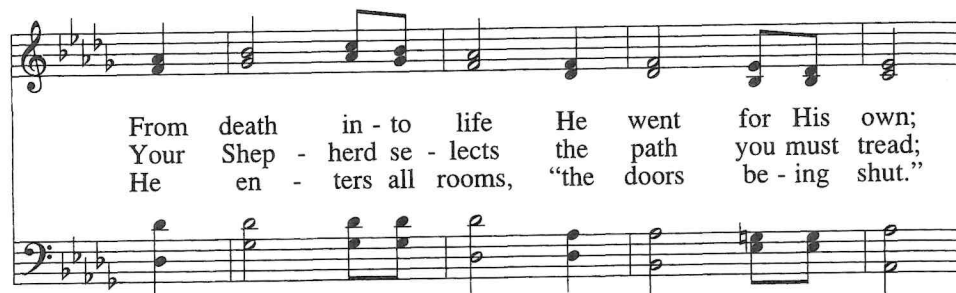
Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4.
"Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune
(first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

406 ONLY BELIEVE

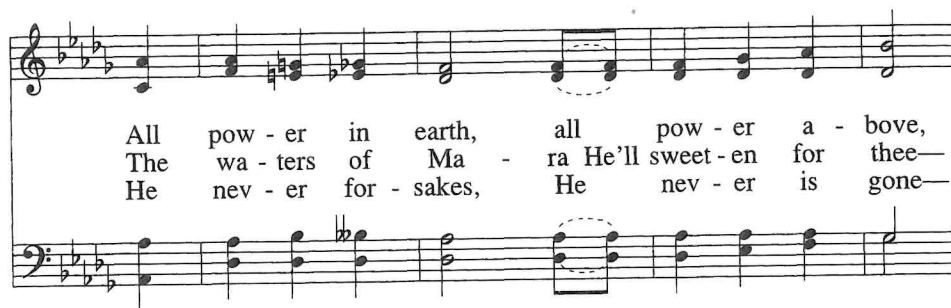
*Jesus said to him, "All things can be done for the one who believes."
Mark 9:23*



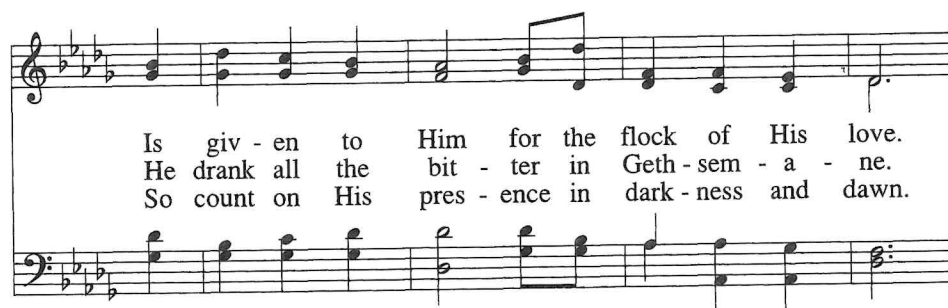
1. Fear not, pre-cious flock, from the cross to the throne,
2. Fear not, pre-cious flock, He go - eth a - head,
3. Fear not, pre-cious flock, what - ev - er your lot;



From death in - to life He went for His own;
Your Shep - herd se - lects the path you must tread;
He en - ters all rooms, "the doors be - ing shut."



All pow - er in earth, all pow - er a - bove,
The wa - ters of Ma - ra He'll sweet - en for thee—
He nev - er for - sakes, He nev - er is gone—



Is giv - en to Him for the flock of His love.
He drank all the bit - ter in Geth - sem - a - ne.
So count on His pres - ence in dark - ness and dawn.

On - ly be - lieve, on - ly be - lieve;

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody in the treble staff consists of four measures: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), and B4-A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes). The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with four measures: G3 (quarter), B2-C3 (beamed eighth notes), D3 (quarter), and C3-B2-A2 (beamed eighth notes). The lyrics 'On - ly be - lieve, on - ly be - lieve;' are centered under the notes.

All things are pos - si - ble, on - ly be - lieve;

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has four measures: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), and B4-A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes). The bass staff has four measures: G3 (quarter), B2-C3 (beamed eighth notes), D3 (quarter), and C3-B2-A2 (beamed eighth notes). The lyrics 'All things are pos - si - ble, on - ly be - lieve;' are centered under the notes.

On - ly be - lieve, on - ly be - lieve;

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has four measures: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), and B4-A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes). The bass staff has four measures: G3 (quarter), B2-C3 (beamed eighth notes), D3 (quarter), and C3-B2-A2 (beamed eighth notes). The lyrics 'On - ly be - lieve, on - ly be - lieve;' are centered under the notes.

All things are pos - si - ble, on - ly be - lieve.

The fourth system concludes the hymn. The treble staff has four measures: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), and B4-A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes). The bass staff has four measures: G3 (quarter), B2-C3 (beamed eighth notes), D3 (quarter), and C3-B2-A2 (beamed eighth notes). The lyrics 'All things are pos - si - ble, on - ly be - lieve.' are centered under the notes.

Text: Paul Rader, 1879-1938

Tune: ONLY BELIEVE, 10 10 10 11 with refrain; Paul Rader, 1879-1938