### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

#### THE CONFESSION \*

- P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen
- P: Return to me with all your heart, says the Lord, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning, with broken and contrite hearts.
- C: For the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
- P: Christ suffered for our sins, once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring us to God.

(Silence for meditation and self-examination.)

- P: O God, in your kindness, have pity.
- C: O God, in your mercy, wash away our sins. Wash us clean of sin and guilt, the sins that we cannot forget and those we cannot remember. For we have disobeyed you and done wrong; we deserve your punishment. For the sake of Jesus Christ, turn your eyes from our iniquity, and cover our guilt, that we may know again the joy of your salvation.
- P: Jesus Christ never sinned. But God treated him as a sinner, so that Christ could make us acceptable to God.
- C: All we, like sheep, have gone astray; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- P: If God is for us, who can be against us?
- C: Amen

#### THE APOSTOLIC GREETING AND PEACE: \*

- P: Behold, now is the acceptable time;
- C: now is the day of salvation.
- P: The grace, mercy and peace of God be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN\* - "Sanctuary"

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### THE READING OF THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL \*

(The Gospel response is "Thanks be to God.")

THE HYMN OF THE DAY - "For the Beauty of the Earth"

THE SERMON - "Drinking Tea - Sanctuary & Savoring"

#### THE NICENE CREED

- P: Let us say what we believe.
- C: 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 CONGREGATION \*

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy, Cong.: Hear our prayer

#### THE OFFERTORY PRAYER\*

P: Let us pray: Merciful God,

C: receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the Resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE BENEDICTION\*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you

and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and 🖶 give you

peace.

People: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "My Song Is Love Unknown"

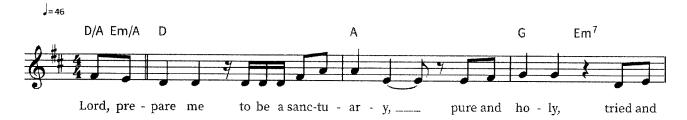
#### THE DISMISSAL\*

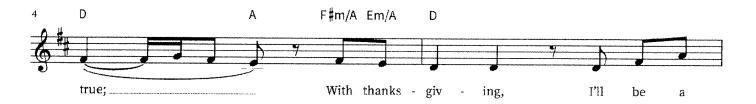
P: Marked with the Cross of Christ, Let us go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

# Sanctuary

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## For the Beauty of the Earth

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5 For yourself, best gift divine To the world so freely giv'n;

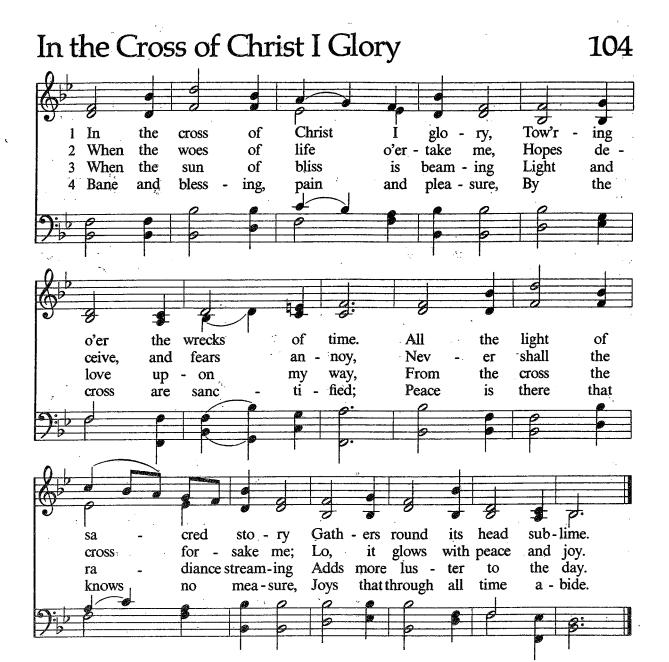
Agent of God's grand design, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n: Refrain

### IN HIS TIME

In His time, in His time,
He makes all things beautiful in His time.
Lord, please show me ev'ry day,
As You're teaching me Your way,
that You do just what You say, In Your time.

In Your, time, in Your time,
You make all things beautiful in Your time.
Lord, my life to You I bring,
May each song I have to sing
be to You a lovely thing, in Your time.

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#### My Song Is Love Unknown 94 Bp6 Dm 1 My song is love un-known, My Sav-ior's love to me, Love came from his blest throne, Sal - va - tion to be-stow; But 3 Some-times they strew his way his sweet prais - es sing; Re-And 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He Bpe Am GmThat they might love - ly Oh, the love - less shown, be. men made strange, and none The longed-for Christwould know. But, Ho - san - nas to their King. Then sound-ing all the day He gave the blind their sight. made the lame to run, Sweet sake Lord should take frail who am I, that for my My Who my need his oh, my friend, my friend in deed, at their "Cru-ci - fy!" is all breath, And for his death they in - ju - ries! Yet they these Them-selves dis-please, and at $C^7$ Am die? flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and did spend; Who my need his did spend! at life cry. And for his death they thirst and thirst and cry. him rise. 'gainst him rise; Them-selves dis-please, and 'gainst