

WORSHIP AID

MASS FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A CHILD

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Prelude — We Remember Hands That Tend

(Williams)



1. We re - mem - ber hands that tend, wel - come
2. We re - mem - ber souls who stay stead - y
3. We re - mem - ber ho - ly care hold - ing



touch to clasp and calm, fin - gers warm and skilled to
e - ven to the grave, show - ing mer - cy day by
frag - ile flesh se - cure, gen - tle ser - vice, fer - vent



mend, ten - der bless - ing, heal - ing balm.
day, ev - er read - y, true, and brave.
prayer. Breath will fade; let love en - dure.



We re - mem - ber. We re - mem -



ber. We re - mem - ber.

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Welcome and Call to Worship

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Song — Lord of All Hopefulness

The Assembly sings:



1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

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This Worship Aid is intended to help you fully, actively and consciously participate in the Liturgy.

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Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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 Tune: SLANE, 10 11 11 12; Irish melody

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *℟* And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading — Acts 3:1-10

Peter and John were going up to the temple area for the three o'clock hour of prayer. And a man crippled from birth was carried and placed at the gate of the temple called "the Beautiful Gate" every day to beg for alms from the people who entered the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." He paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise

and walk." Then Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong. He leaped up, stood, and walked around, and went into the temple with them, walking and jumping and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the one who used to sit begging at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with amazement and astonishment at what had happened to him.

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

Responsorial Psalm — Psalm 27 *The Assembly sings the Refrain:*



The Lord is my light_ and my_ sal - va - tion. —
 Whom should I fear? The Lord is my strong-hold and my ref-
 - uge. — How can I be_ a - fraid?

Ed Bolduc
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1. There is one thing I ask: to live with you, Lord,
 all of my days and all of my life.
2. And he keeps me secure in times of great fear.
 He shelters my soul, and lifts me high.
3. I believe that I shall see the goodness of my God
 in the land of the living, in the land of the living.

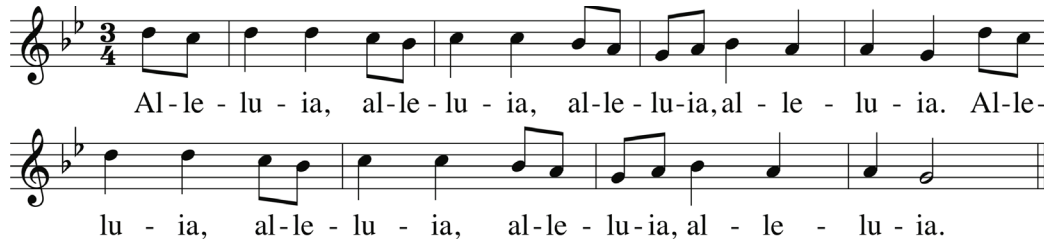
Second Reading — Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress or persecu-

tion, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation *The Assembly sings:*



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“I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live forever”

Gospel — John 3:7b-15

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “ ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus answered and said to him, ‘How can this happen?’ Jesus answered and said to him, “You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this? Amen, amen, I say to you, we speak of what we know and we testify to what we have seen, but you people

do not accept our testimony.

If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *℟* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Commemoration of Our Children Entrusted to God's Loving Care

Flowers are brought to the Sanctuary as a sign of our hope in the Resurrection. The roses represent the children we remember, and the baby's breath represents God's warm embrace.

Healing Prayer

Dear Lord:

We come to you and ask for your healing hand.

Bring comfort and peace to those of us gathered here
who have lost our precious children.

At times, we can't help but ask “why?”

We know you understand our confusion,
our anger and sometimes even feelings of guilt.

You are an all-merciful and loving God.

Accept us as we are.

Grant us the strength to continue on with our lives,
relying on your unceasing love and support.

Help us draw nearer to you every day.

May we find comfort in the knowledge
that our children are safe in your warm embrace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful) — *℟* Lord, hear our prayer.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song — Do Not Be Afraid

The Assembly sings:

Refrain



Verses

1. I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for peace and prosperity. Trust in me as I live in you. I give you a future and a hope.
2. Search for me with all your heart. I will let myself be found by you. I could never leave you orphaned. I will not abandon you!
3. Do not worry about tomorrow. Let go of all anxiety. If I so care for the birds in the air, I'll provide for all you need.
4. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God and faith in me. I give you peace that passes understanding, peace to guard your heart and mind.

Text: Matthew 6:26, 34, John 14:1, 3, 27; Jeanne Cotter, b.1964
Tune: Jeanne Cotter, b.1964
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Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
✠ **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Priest: Look favorably on our offerings, O Lord, so that your departed servants may be taken up into glory with your Son,
in whose great mystery of love we are all united. Through Christ our Lord. ✠ **Amen**

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you. ✠ **And with your spirit.**
Priest: Lift up your hearts. ✠ **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ✠ **It is right and just.**



Eucharistic Acclamations

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Holy

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the
high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res-ur-
rec-tion you have set us free, you have set us free.

Amen

A-men, a-men, a-men.
A-men, a-men, a-men.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

The Assembly sings:



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us.
world, grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

✠ Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Song — Eye Has Not Seen

The Assembly sings:

Refrain

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for
those who love him; Spir-it of love, come, give us the mind of
Je - sus, teach us the wis - dom of God.

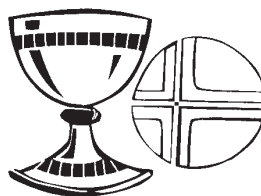
Verses 1-3

1. When pain and sor - row weigh us down, be near to us, O
2. Our lives are but a sin - gle breath, we flow-er and we
3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ev - er
Lord; for - give the weak - ness of our faith, and
fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so
near, re - flect - ed in the fac - es of
D.C.
bear us up with - in your peace-ful word.
we re - turn in love what love has made.
all the poor and low - ly of the world.

Verse 4

4. We sing a mys-t'ry from the past in halls where saints have
trod, yet ev - er new the mu - sic rings to
D.C.
Je - sus, Liv - ing Song of God.

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Marty Haugen, b.1950
Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950
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Communion Meditation — Be Still, My Soul



1. Be still, my soul— the Lord is on thy side!
2. Be still, my soul— thy God doth un - der - take
3. Be still, my soul— the hour is has - t'ning on



1. Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
2. To guide the fu - ture as he has the past;
3. When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



1. Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide—
2. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake—
3. When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



1. In ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.
2. All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
3. Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



1. Be still, my soul— thy best, thy heav'n - ly friend
2. Be still, my soul— the waves and winds still know
3. Be still, my soul— when change and tears are past,



1. Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
2. His voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
3. All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Text: 10 10 10 10 10 10; Katharina von Schlegel; in *Neue Sammlung Geislicher Lieder*, 1752; tr. by Jane Borthwick, 1813–1897. Music: Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957.

Prayer After Communion

Priest: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that your servants, for whom we have celebrated this paschal Sacrament, may pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace. Through Christ our Lord. **℟ Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

Greeting **Presider:** The Lord be with you. **℟ And with your spirit.**

Solemn Blessing

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Priest: May the God of all consolation bless you, for in his unfathomable goodness he created the human race, and in the Resurrection of his only Begotten Son he has given believers the hope of rising again. **℟ Amen.**

Priest: To us who are alive, may God grant pardon for our sins, and to all the dead, a place of light and peace. **℟ Amen.**

Priest: So may we all live happily for ever with Christ, who we believe truly rose from the dead. **℟ Amen.**

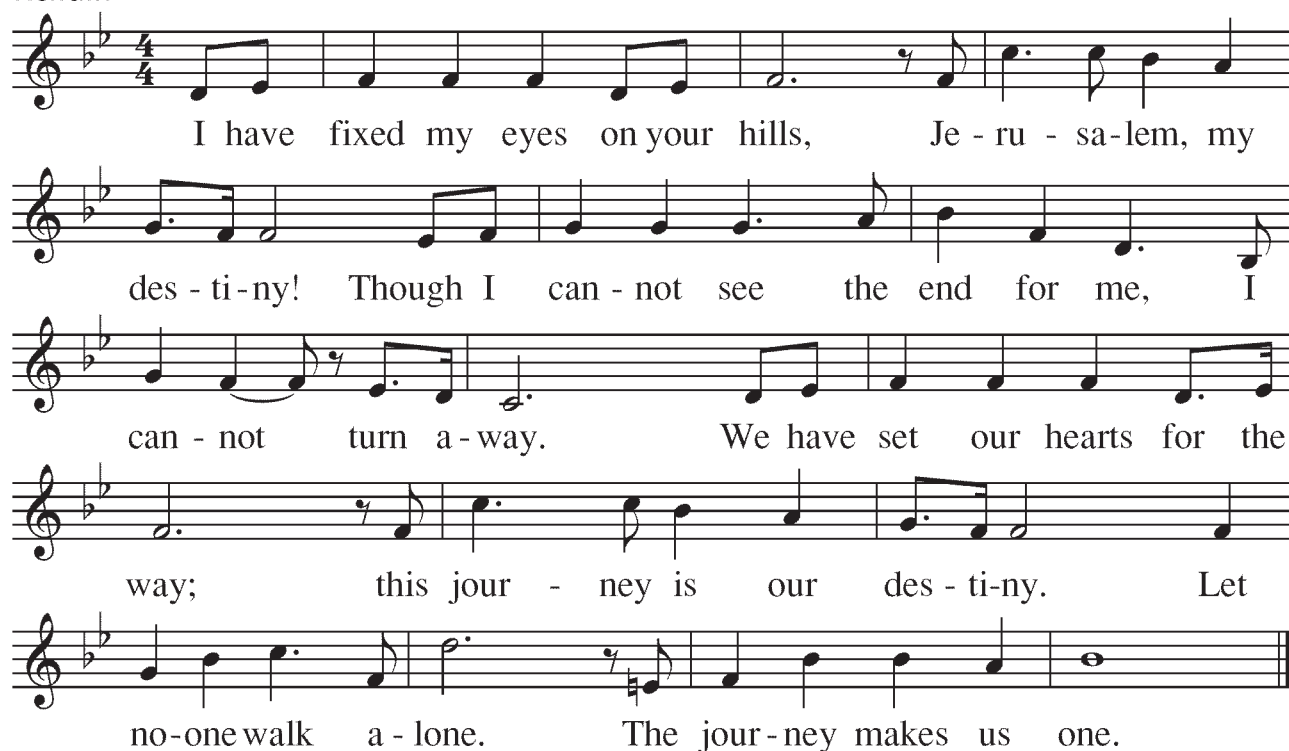
Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, **✠** and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **℟ Amen.**

Dismissal **Deacon:** Go in peace. **℟ Thanks be to God.**

Sending Song — Jerusalem, My Destiny

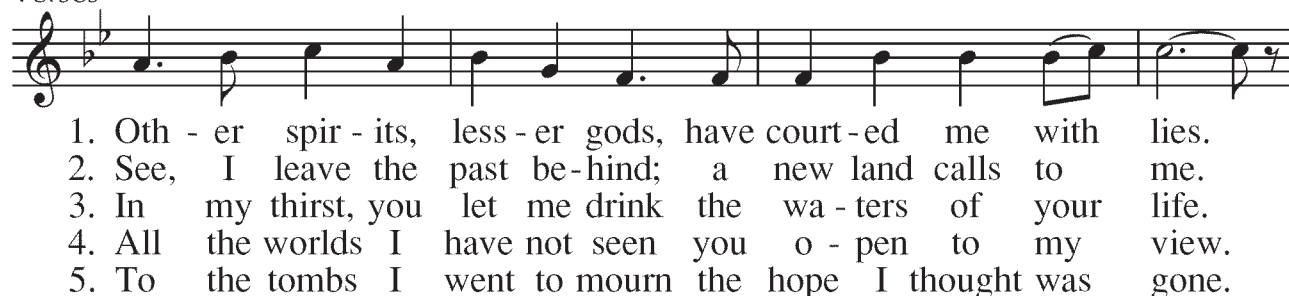
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Refrain

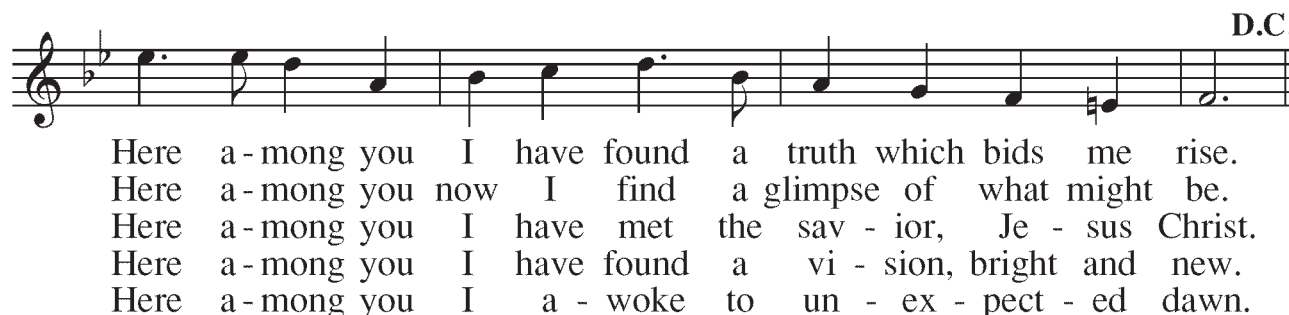


I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je - ru - sa - lem, my
des - ti - ny! Though I can - not see the end for me, I
can - not turn a - way. We have set our hearts for the
way; this jour - ney is our des - ti - ny. Let
no-one walk a - lone. The jour - ney makes us one.

Verses



1. Oth - er spir - its, less - er gods, have court - ed me with lies.
2. See, I leave the past be - hind; a new land calls to me.
3. In my thirst, you let me drink the wa - ters of your life.
4. All the worlds I have not seen you o - pen to my view.
5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I thought was gone.



D.C.

Here a - mong you I have found a truth which bids me rise.
Here a - mong you now I find a glimpse of what might be.
Here a - mong you I have met the sav - ior, Je - sus Christ.
Here a - mong you I have found a vi - sion, bright and new.
Here a - mong you I a - woke to un - ex - pect - ed dawn.



Text: Rory Cooney, b.1952
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