Carmel Presbyterian Church Fifth Sunday in Lent Justice Advocacy Sunday April 3, 2022



Order of Worship*

* Please stand, as able.
Congregation voices Bold responses.

Greeting and Announcements –

Prelude Jesu, Kreuz, Leiden and Pein ("Jesus, I Will Ponder Now")

Robert Below

* Call to Worship (Spoken responsively) -

Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God.

Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!

Come and let us worship with great joy!

Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!

God is about to do something new in our lives!

Let God's will become strong in our lives.

* Opening Hymn 563

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Call to Confession -

Prayer of Confession (In unison) -

Patient Lord, we find it easy to blame others and other circumstances for the things which happen in our lives. We hear the words "if only" and wonder why things didn't happen differently for us. Too often we want you to be a "magic" presence that will, with the wave of a wand, cure our ills, give us success and happiness; but we don't necessarily want to take responsibility for our attitudes and actions. Life is. Things happen that we didn't plan for and events swirl around us over which we have no control. But to place blame and not to find ways in which we can work through the situations is detrimental to everyone, especially ourselves. Forgive us when we are so busy placing blame that we don't recognize your presence and love for us. Free us from placing our desires first and foremost. Help us to look at the many ways in which you are working in the world for peace and justice, and enable us to be part of that ministry...

(A moment of silence for personal reflection & confession...)

Amen. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Spoken responsively) –

Friends: hear the good news of the gospel. Let go of your fears. God has forgiven you and offered to you God's healing love.

We accept God's grace in the gift of forgiveness, for it is given to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Friends: believe in the Good News of the gospel

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* Gloria Patri – Hymn 579

"Glory Be to the Father"

Henry W. Greatorex

* Passing of the Peace (Spoken responsively) -

As Mary anointed Jesus with sweet-smelling perfume,

Let us anoint one another with the sweetness of God's love as we share the peace of Christ.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

Peace be with you!

(Remaining in your pew, greet one another, sharing God's peace now and throughout the week. Following the Passing of the Peace, children third-grade and below are invited to depart for Children's Worship downstairs in Carmel Hall.)

Unison Prayer for Illumination (In unison) - Led by David Rice

O God of promise: your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise in us this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. Amen.

Old Testament Reading —

The Old Testament lectionary reading is Isaiah, chapter 43, verses 16-21. I am about to do a new thing, says the Lord; do you perceive it? Listen now for the Word of God to you!

The Lord says—who makes a way in the sea

and a path in the mighty waters,

who brings out chariot and horse,

army and battalion;

they will lie down together and will not rise;

they will be extinguished, extinguished like a wick.

Don't remember the prior things;

don't ponder ancient history.

Look! I'm doing a new thing;

now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it?

I'm making a way in the desert,

paths in the wilderness.

The beasts of the field,

the jackals and ostriches, will honor me,

because I have put water in the desert

and streams in the wilderness

to give water to my people, my chosen ones, this people whom I formed for myself, who will recount my praise.

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

* Hymn 237 "When God Delivered Israel" SHEAVES (From the lectionary Psalm 126: When the Lord restored our fortunes, we shouted with joy.)

New Testament Reading -

Our second reading from the lectionary is Philippians, chapter 3, verses 4b-14. Knowing Christ Jesus as Lord, I regard everything else as loss. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

If anyone else has reason to put their confidence in physical advantages, I have even more:

I was circumcised on the eighth day.

I am from the people of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin.

I am a Hebrew of the Hebrews.

With respect to observing the Law, I'm a Pharisee.

With respect to devotion to the faith, I harassed the church.

With respect to righteousness under the Law, I'm blameless.

These things were my assets, but I wrote them off as a loss for the sake of Christ. But even beyond that, I consider everything a loss in comparison with the superior value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have lost everything for him, but what I lost I think of as sewer trash, so that I might gain Christ and be found in him. In Christ I have a righteousness that is not my own and that does not come from the Law but rather from the faithfulness of Christ. It is the righteousness of God that is based on faith. The righteousness that I have comes from knowing Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the participation in his sufferings. It includes being conformed to his death so that I may perhaps reach the goal of the resurrection of the dead.

It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. Brothers and sisters, I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Gospel Reading –

The gospel reading from the lectionary is John, chapter 12, verses 1-8. At the home of Lazarus, Mary anoints Jesus' feet with perfume. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost three-quarters of a pound, of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus' feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume. Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), complained, "This perfume was worth a year's wages! Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would take what was in it.)

Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it. You will always have the poor among you, but you won't always have me."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Faith—Blessing—Betrayal" Pastor Peter

* Hymn 391 (Stanzas 1-3) "Take My Life" HENDON

Invitation to the Offering – Pastor Peter

(Our hearts are open, and our ministries are continuing seven days a week. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church to the community—both local and global. Please place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the sanctuary, give it online, or mail your offering envelope to the church office.)

Minute for Mission One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering Anne Newman

Offertory "What Wondrous Love Is This" Peter Pindar Stearns
Sanctuary Choir

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

* Prayer of Dedication of Time, Gifts, and Tithes -

Faithful Giver of Life: you have done great things for us. In the life and teaching of your Son Jesus, you welcome us into your heart. Help us open our hearts to others, that we may be ever more willing to offer our hospitality, our support, and our material resources wherever they are needed. Bless these offerings in your holy name. Amen.

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

*Communion Hymn 391 (Stanzas 4-6) "Take My Life"

HENDON

Sharing Joys and Concerns – Pastor Peter

Invitation to The Lord's Table (Responsive)

When Jesus sat at the table and enjoyed communion with tax collectors and sinners, he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds.

We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness.

All are invited now to share God's Table and be nourished by the Bread of Life.

The Thanksgiving

God be with you,

And also with you.

Lift your hearts:

We lift them to God.

Let us thank God:

It is good to thank God.

We thank you, God, that you have provided for all the worlds that ever were or will be by giving yourself to them in love.

If we go to the heights of the mountains, or if we make the grave our bed, you are with us. If we go to the depths of the sea, your right-hand holds us fast.

We thank you for Jesus, your Word, who lived among us, uncovering your presence. ... we glorify you, joining this unending song:

Sanctus – Hymn No. 581 – "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (Sung by the congregation.)

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

We recall the words and blessings of Jesus each time we unite at his table. We remember the gifts of Jesus the Christ each time we wake to a new day and step into his renewed future. Through Jesus' teaching, healing, radical call for justice for all people, Jesus lived the purpose of his life. Life's greatest feast is before us, we excitedly proclaim:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

May the Spirit of God bless the Great Table of Christ. May the Spirit of God help us recognize God's grace in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the cup. May the Spirit of God encourage us to embrace our divine callings, as we all work to create God's realm here on earth.

Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share one cup, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection to all people and nations.

We ask now that you bless us, as we share this bread and cup, that we might be nourished by that same unbounded love and so be encouraged to be your servants to the world.

Communion Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

And now, like your daughters and sons whom you have reconciled to yourself, we pray:

O God, who called us from death to life: we give ourselves to you; and with the church through all ages, we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray: "Our Father...." Amen.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

(You are invited to come forward when invited to receive the bread and the juice (white) or wine (red). Approach the chancel walking down the center aisle and return by the side aisle, socially distancing as you walk. Your juice/wine cup may be placed in the receptacle.)

Communion Music

"Bread of Heaven"

Simon Lole

Post-Communion Prayer (Unison)

Thank you, God, for renewing us at your table by the presence of Christ. Thank you for your eternal love, the Bread of Life, that sustains all creation. May you continue to love us in our faithful acts and, by that love, discourage us from the unfaithful acts that we might rejoice as your servants to the world. Amen.

* Hymn 83

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

DEO GRACIAS

* Charge and Benediction -

Go with hope, for God makes a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

We go to follow the ways of our God.

Go with faith, for Christ travels this road with us and never leaves our side.

We go to walk in the ways of Christ.

Go in peace, for the Spirit is nearer to us than our very breath.

We go to live in the ways of the Spirit.

Go with God's blessings. Go in peace and may God's peace go with you. Bring hope and healing to all whom you meet.

Amen.

Chimes – (You may sit in silent, reflective prayer as the worship leaders recess.)

Postlude

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Wilbur Held

Announcements

Guests: You Are Welcome Here

WE CORDIALLY WELCOME THOSE WHO ARE VISITING TODAY. We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission, and programs; we are happy to share our ministry with you. We'd like to get to know you. Please introduce yourself to a person nearby and be sure to join us downstairs in Carmel Hall for refreshments and conversation after worship! We hope your worship experience is meaningful and you will gather with us again soon. Sign our guest book at the sanctuary entrance (or share your email/contact information in the offering plate for a weekly email of future worship and activities). We invite you to speak with the Pastor if you are interested in membership. A Virtual Fellowship Time is also possible on Zoom. And, restrooms are located down the long hallway just past the Church Office in the Education Building. Welcome!

THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY this morning glorify God and God's good creation in loving memory of "my sister Elizabeth" by Gail Warburton.

EASTER FLOWER AND MUSIC MEMORIALS DUE APRIL 10th – If you wish to contribute to the Easter Flowers and/or Easter Music (Memorials or In Honor of), please complete the information on the order sheet available in the Church Office. Both dedications of flowers and music enhance our Easter Worship service and recognition will be printed in the bulletin. Questions: please contact Deb Gates (215-887-1852) on the flower contributions and Abby Palmisano (*215-887-1074, Ext.3*) on the music contributions.

TODAY IS JUSTICE ADVOCACY SUNDAY! – On the Presbyterian Church (USA) national calendar, April 3 is "Justice Advocacy Sunday". The Presbyterian Church (USA) Office for Public Witness has been raising a prophetic voice through the social witness policies of Presbyterians since 1946. A resource is available for download if you wish as well as other resources. Download "Holy Discontentment: Lifting Your Voice for Effective Advocacy" at https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/holy-discontentment-advocacy-resource/. The resource outlines the tools in the advocate's toolbox, discusses their effectiveness, and gives suggestions on truly effective advocacy strategies. Now, with a newly updated section on using social media as an advocacy tool!

EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR THOSE FLEEING VIOLENCE IN UKRAINE – Support the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s **emergency relief for those fleeing violence in Ukraine**. The Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, has produced the largest refugee crisis in Europe this century. In less than a week, 2 million residents – mostly women and children – fled their homes. Ukrainians face urgent needs for medical care and basic needs like food, water, and fuel. Your donation at this crucial moment can help save lives. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** has a specially designated account to supplement the **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** offering to enable a significant response to humanitarian efforts to assist international refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs). Please drop a check marked **"Ukraine22"** on the offering plate or make your direct donation via **www.pcusa.org/ukraine22**. Your faithful giving is deeply appreciated.

GOOD HAPPENS WHEN YOU DONATE TO OGHS! – One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the way Presbyterians come together each year. The gifts are shared among Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People, and a group of live chickens as a way to fight poverty. Special envelopes are in the pews and on the table in the back of the Sanctuary near the offering plate.

CARMEL SEEKS PART-TIME BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR – The Carmel Personnel Committee seeks applicants for the part-time Business Administrator position, who will be responsible for administrating the church finances. Accounting or bookkeeping skills are necessary for this 6 hour per week position. Applicants cannot be Carmel members. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume by email to: carmelpcjobs@presbycarmel.org. The Church Office will provide a position description – call 215-887-1074.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX – Lenten devotionals: Family devotional bags, "**Reflections on the Heart**," with a Lenten calendar and family activities, and a separate Adult devotional guide, "**Full to the Brim**," are available on the table in the Narthex. Take one or more home to use during Lent. Provided by the Christian Education Committee.

ZOOM ADULT STUDY WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT: PRACTICE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES! – Join the Lenten adult group with Pastor Peter as we *Practice Spiritual Disciplines* each Wednesday in Lent—through Wednesday, April 6—on ZOOM from 7:30-9:00 pm. God's central invitation to followers of Jesus is to draw near to God in Christ and to allow God, through the Holy Spirit, to transform us into Christ's image. **Christian spiritual disciplines and spiritual practices** are ways in which we do that. Spiritual practices are seen as those things Jesus did, said, or embodied; we as Jesus' followers try to do so as well. Pick up **Practice Spiritual Disciplines: An Adult Reflection Booklet** available now in the Church Office. This week is the sixth and final session and is entitled: "**Try Different Practices**".



The Schedule for Holy Week: April 10-17

Passion/Palm Sunday, April 10 at 10:00 am

Passion/Palm Sunday begins **Holy Week**, a time in the church year when we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world. As this service opens, the crowd waves palm branches, wanting to crown Jesus as king. But as the story of the passion unfolds, their shouts of praise turn to demands for his crucifixion; Jesus receives a crown of thorns as he is handed over to be mocked and killed. Come and wave your palm branch in the procession of the palms!

Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday begins the *Three Days* (or *Triduum*), remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death. Activities begin with a gathering in Carmel Hall at 6:30 pm for a simple meal of soup, rolls, and sweets (with meal-to-go available for those choosing not to gather at this time). **Communion** will follow in the Sanctuary at 7:15 pm.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 15 at 7:30 pm

Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. We will follow a **Tenebrae Service** to commemorate the time Jesus hung on the cross. It is an especially important time to pray for the church and the world for whom Christ gave his life. Nursery care will be available upon request made by April 13 at noon at the Church Office.

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day, April 17 at 7:30 am and 10:00 am

The festival of the *Resurrection of the Lord* (or *Easter Sunday*) is the center of the Christian year. Two worship possibilities are offered: an *Early Dawn Service* with *Communion* will be held in the Memorial Garden at 7:30 am followed by coffee and baked goods. *Easter Day Sanctuary Worship* will be at 10:00 am with all the traditional music and Communion in the Sanctuary. There will be no coffee hour following the service to allow for all Carmel members to enjoy festivities with family and friends. On this occasion, the church joyfully proclaims the good news that is at the very heart of the gospel: that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP EACH SUNDAY IN CARMEL HALL – **Coffee Hour Fellowship** is weekly downstairs in Carmel Hall following Sunday worship. Join us for coffee/tea, baked goods, and good conversation with fellow members and friends.

CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR THE YOUNG MEMBERS of our congregation by offering Nursery Care and Children's Worship (third grade and below) during the Sunday 10:00 am worship service. They are being led by two of our committed and dedicated volunteers, Marleen Heintz for Nursery Care and Melissa MacFarland for Children's Worship. At this time, we request that if you desire nursery care for your child during Sunday worship, please call the Church Office by Friday noon, so that the nursery is staffed. Children's Worship will meet in Carmel Hall for larger spacing and does not require reserving ahead. Children from Grades K-3 leave the Sanctuary after the Children's Message. We welcome our young families, either in person or in virtual worship. Any questions may be addressed to Janet Simon, Christian Education Committee chair; Marleen, or Melissa.

CARMEL YOUTH GROUPS OASIS AND REFUGE & CONFIRMATION CLASS NOTES: Refuge will meet on designated Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:30 pm, in person, in Carmel Hall and welcomes all in grades 3-8. Safety protocols will be followed with dinner and a rotating activity each week: service or craft project, Bible lesson, gym or game room activity, and monthly special activities. **Oasis** meets on designated Sundays, at 7:00 pm in the Loft and welcomes all in grades 9-12. Join in the Fellowship and, as always, friends are welcome. The **Confirmation Group** meets Sundays at 9:00 am in the Chapel.

WONDER "WHAT'S GOING ON?" CHECK OUT CARMEL'S WEBSITE! Explore the wealth of information at www.presbycarmel.org. Easily find links for the current Livestream worship, past services, the daily lectionary, or to send a prayer request or make a financial donation—and not to miss the latest on the Carmel Calendar. Clicking on the upper circular church photo will always bring you back to the Home Page.

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY IN WORSHIP; CELEBRATE COMMUNION ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! Live Streaming Worship continues on YouTube, via Zoom on the phone, and on Zoom for virtual fellowship following worship for those unable to attend in-person worship due to health comfort levels or travel situations.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SUPPLIES, HEARING DEVICES, LARGE PRINT BIBLES, AND ORDERS OF SERVICE are available from the Ushers.

SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH WORSHIP – EACH SUNDAY WE HAVE several spots you can assist. We are not all we can be without you sharing your gifts as a volunteer! Speak with a pastor or sign up online here: https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship

WORSHIPING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 – Masking in the building is now optional in accordance with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's revised guidelines. Those whose health is compromised should consult their healthcare provider as to whether to continue wearing a mask. Visitors and members are welcome to wear a mask if they wish. Masking requirements will automatically fluctuate accordingly as Montgomery County moves between the various CDC levels of low, medium, and high, with masks only required when at the high level. Members will be notified as levels change and updated signs will be placed on the front door of the church.

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Participating in Worship this Morning (and clergy)

Peter Sulyok, Transitional Senior Pastor
James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus
Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music
David Rice, Liturgist
Deb Gates and David Rice, Assisting with Communion
The Sanctuary Choir
David Rice, Ushers/Greeters
Cindy Keshishian and Barbara Knox, Shepherds
Walt Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member
Gary Moll, Jay Raulinaitis, and Kerri Strike-Stahller, Live-Streaming Operators
Janet Simon, Hosting Coffee & Fellowship

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship (Also, live-streamed at 10:00 am)
YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljIDvsRw
Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409
and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409

"Virtual Fellowship Time" may be accessed on Zoom only after the service ends.

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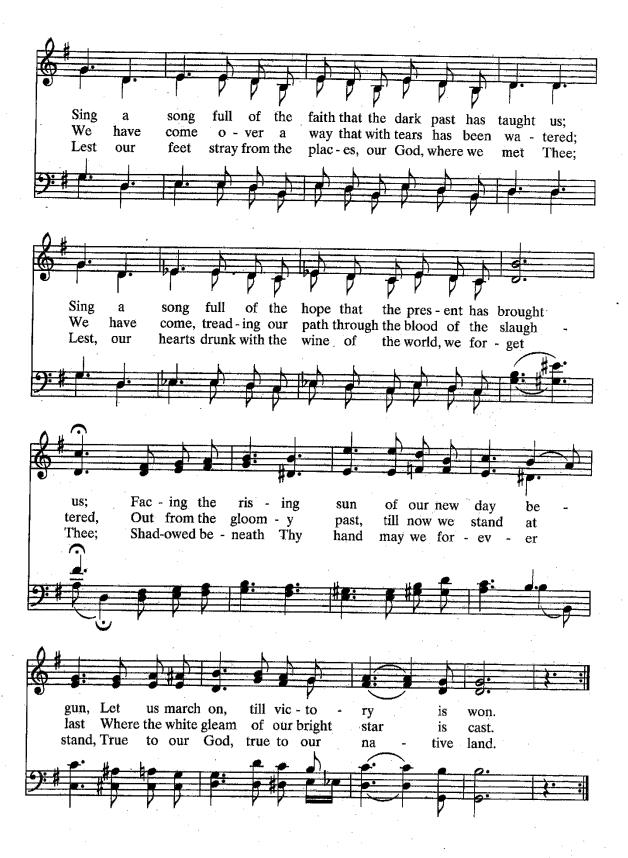
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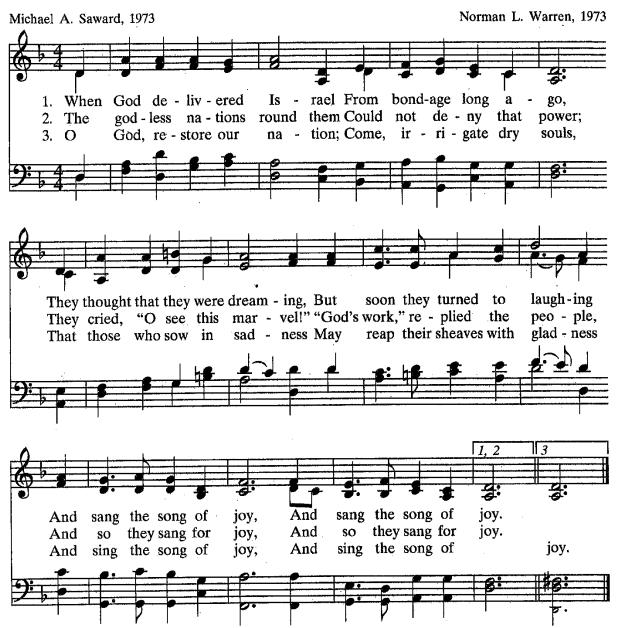


Glory Be to the Father



When God Delivered Israel

SHEAVES 7.6.7.7.6.6



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Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7.7

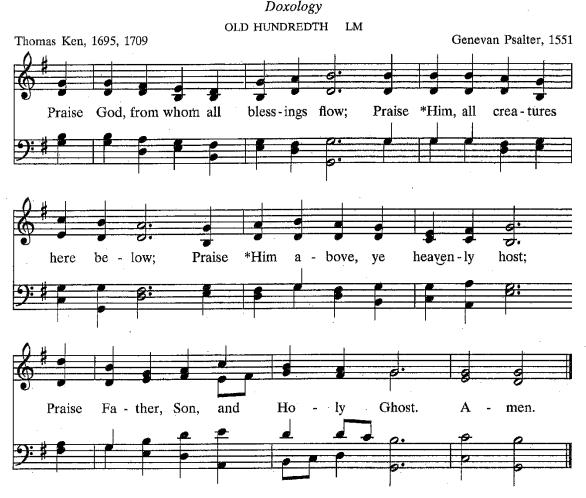


- 5. Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.

 Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne, It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

* Or "God."

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



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