

The 19th Sunday *after* Pentecost

~Holy Eucharist~

Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 9am

Season of Creation



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Sunday School on the lanai, except 2nd Sunday for Family Sunday.

Opening Hymn #412 “Earth and All Stars” verses 1-3

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People: The Holy One’s love is new every morning.

The Gloria

For each perfect gift of thine
to the world so freely given,
faith and hope and love divine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven,
*Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons *Please be seated for the lessons of the day.*

The First Reading Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.” Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s Creation.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 *Reading responsively every other line in bold.*

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; Nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #594 "God of Grace and God of Glory" verses 1 & 2

The Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel

Deacon or Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn #594 “God of Grace and God of Glory” verses 3 & 4

The Sermon

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

The Nicene Creed

Found on the FRONT cover *or* flap of The Book of Common Prayer.

Prayers of the People for Season of Creation

(Adapted from Holy Nativity School 3G class prayers)

Please respond to the words “Let us pray to the Creator” with “Creator renew us.”

Light of our world, you light the way for us. We pray that you keep our church safe and the people who pray there, too. Help us celebrate this season with gratitude for the earth you have created. Let us pray to the Creator.

Creator, renew us.

Good and loving God, we pray for our world. Bless all your creatures that inhabit it. Save any who have been lost, and take care of all who are suffering. Heal the animals and humans who are hurt by the mistreatment of the earth. Let us pray to the Creator. **Creator, renew us.**

We pray for our community, that we care for each other and the world around us with kindness and generosity. Give rest and comfort to those especially who are without houses or whose homes have been destroyed by floods and hurricanes. Let us pray to the Creator. **Creator, renew us.**

Lord of love, help all creatures who are in need, especially those affected by changing climate, rising seas, and damage from pollution. We especially remember our friends on our parish prayer list. Grant all rest and care in your beautiful creation. Let us pray to the Creator. **Creator, renew us.**

We pray for all living beings who have died. Welcome them into your loving arms and bring them peace. Let us pray to the Creator. **Creator, renew us.**

Priest offers a concluding collect.

“God, You Made Your Good Creation” By Carolyn W. Gillette

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The Confession and the Absolution

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.

We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

All Stand. The Celebrant says to the people.

`O ke aloha o ka Haku ka mea e mau loa aku me `oukou.

(The peace of the Lord be always with you!)

The People respond.

A me `oe pū nō ho`i.

(And also with you!)

The Offertory Sentence “*Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to God.*”

Please place your offerings into the koa bowl as the ushers bring it by.
For those worshipping at home, please continue to support Holy Nativity with your financial gifts by
sending checks to:
Church of the Holy Nativity, 5286 Kalanianaʻole Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96821. Mahalo!



Offertory Hymn “My Hawai’i” written by Ina’s Songwriting Elective

offered by the HNC Choir

The Hawaiian Doxology

Please rise in body or in spirit to sing together.

Found on the BACK cover of The Book of Common Prayer.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3 from Enriching our Worship I

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy.

Sanctus “Hemolele”



The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed King Kamehameha IV, Queen Emma, Queen Lili'uokalani, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN!**

The 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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction LEVAS #16 "Break Thou the Bread of Life" VERSE 1

1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
3. Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for thee,

1. As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;
2. As thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;
3. As thy dis - ci - ples lived in Gal - i - lee;

1. Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;
2. Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,
3. Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,

1. My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing word!
2. And I shall find my peace, My all in all.
3. I shall be - hold thee, Lord, The liv - ing one.

Words: Mary A. Lathbury (1841-1913). Music: William F. Sherwin (1826-1888).

The Celebrant says

Nā Makana a Ke Akua na ka Po'e o Ke Akua. / The gifts of God for the people of God.

*At the time of distribution, those who wish to receive should move forward to the altar rail in two lines, filling in from makai to mauka. You may kneel or stand to receive the sacrament. You are welcome to receive the bread (traditional or gluten-free) only **or** both the bread and the wine from the ministers who will come past you. If you wish to receive a blessing, place your hands across your heart as you approach.*

Communion Song “Dancing Raindrops” by Ina Young (piano)

The Post-Communion Prayer (*in unison*)

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours.

Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements & The Blessing

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

Closing Hymn “For the Fruit of All Creation”

Found on page 11 of this bulletin

The Dismissal

Deacon or Priest: Tend the earth, care for God’s good Creation; as you have received freely, so give freely. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Postlude “Leaves Traveling in the Wind” by Ina Young (piano)

Thank you for joining us today!

Ministry Team for Today’s Service

Clergy: The Reverend Jennifer Latham

1st Reading: Wyn Aubrey-Child

2nd Reading: Stephen Noerper

Eucharistic Minister: Christine Donnelly **Acolyte** Isaiah Zitz

Intercessor: Olesya Noerper **Usher:** Ed Stikeleather

Technical team: Alex Picken and Georgia St. Germain

Music Director: Ina Young **Instrumentalist:** Amie

~The HNC Choir~

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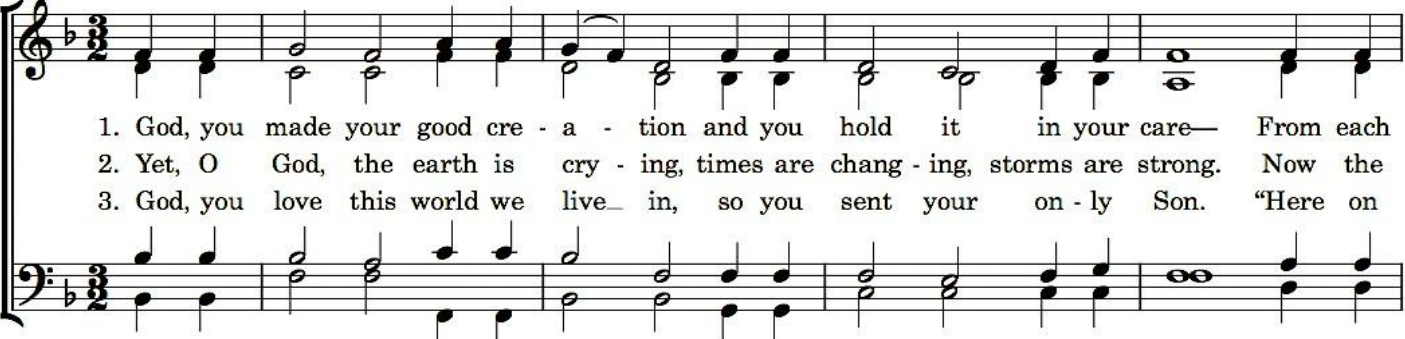
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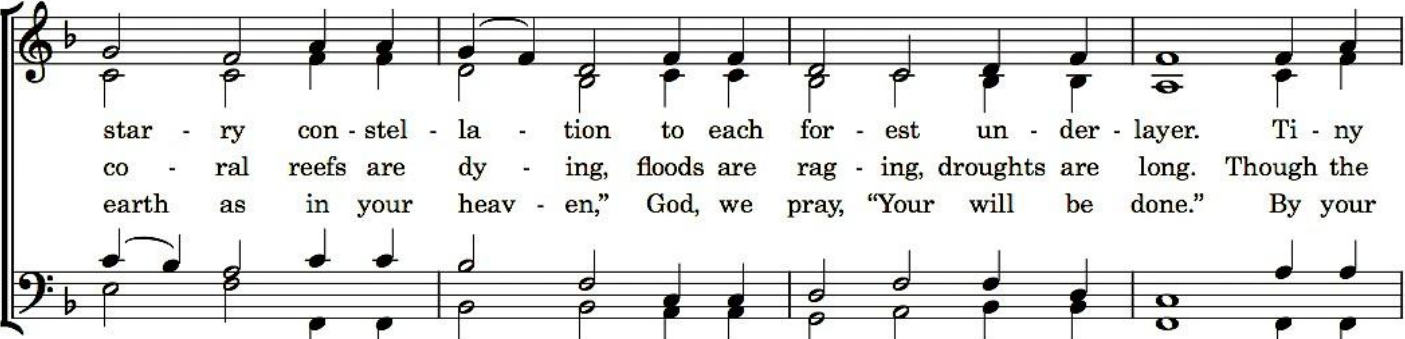
Our Parish Prayer list:

Adele, Lisa May, Raj & Renu, Eric & Katy, Lea, Thomas, Heather, Linda, Donna, Aidan, Nobuko, Chris, Mildred, Tom, Doris, Esther, Betty, Bobby, Isamu, Sydney, Tony, Geoff, John, Chelsea, Lani & Roger, Diane, Mary, Bob, Kim & Tom, David, Nancy, Becca, Dave, Yolamas, Julian, Siaki, Neal, Grace, Jan, Mike, and Sam.

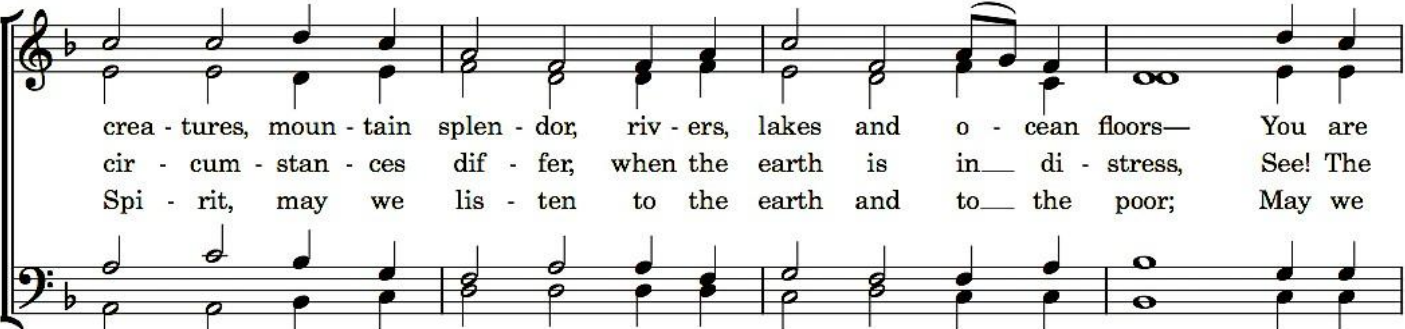
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1. God, you made your good cre - a - tion and you hold it in your care— From each
 2. Yet, O God, the earth is cry - ing, times are chang - ing, storms are strong. Now the
 3. God, you love this world we live in, so you sent your on - ly Son. “Here on



star - ry con - stel - la - tion to each for - est un - der - layer. Ti - ny
 co - ral reefs are dy - ing, floods are rag - ing, droughts are long. Though the
 earth as in your heav - en,” God, we pray, “Your will be done.” By your



crea - tures, moun - tain splen - dor, riv - ers, lakes and o - cean floors— You are
 cir - cum - stan - ces dif - fer, when the earth is in di - stress, See! The
 Spi - rit, may we lis - ten to the earth and to the poor; May we



lov - ing, kind and ten - der in your care for what is yours.
 poor are first to suf - fer from our greed and sel - fish - ness.
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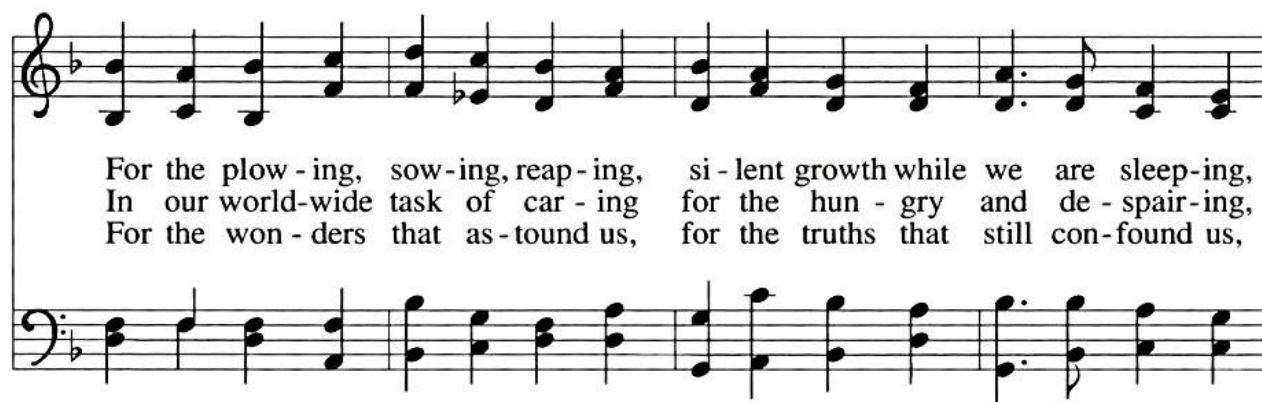
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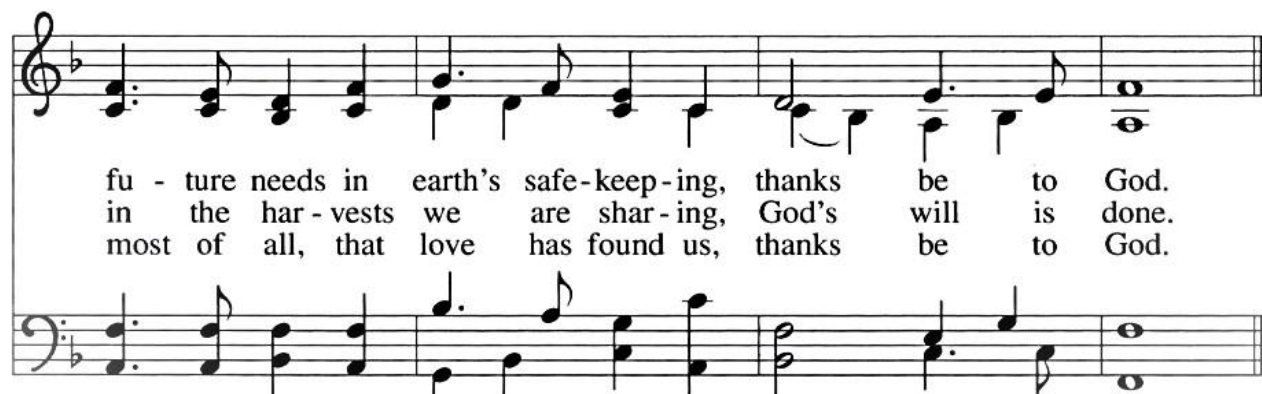
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing, for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.