

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Holy Eucharist  
May 2, 2021 10:30 am

## **WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Our mission is to be a community of Christian worship, well-being and service.  
We will be worshiping outside as weather permits.

We hope you will experience God's own welcome in this place and through our online ministry. Worship and join us online at [www.smcportsmouth.org](http://www.smcportsmouth.org) or find us on Facebook @smcportsmouth.



### **Notes about outdoor worship at St. Mary's**

We are glad you are here today! If you are outside your car, please wear a mask and maintain a distance of 6 feet between you and anyone outside your family.

Should you require special assistance today, you will see various team members in blue vests who are glad to assist.

- Restrooms are available downstairs in the Parish House.

For Worship from your car:

- Please turn your radio to 88.7
- We ask that you remain in the car to maintain social distancing.
- Holy Communion will be brought to you. Please keep a mask on and wait until the minister is 6 feet away before consuming the sacrament.

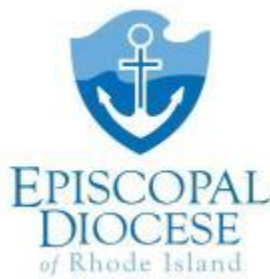
For Worship on the Lawn:

- A greeter will welcome you. Please remain in your circle until invited to come forward for Holy Communion. Keep 6' for social distancing as you walk and wait in line. Keep your mask on to receive and wait to return to your seat before consuming the sacrament.

For Worship from the Reserved Seating: (For those who need extra care and space.)

- Get on the list and we will save you a seat each week. Contact [srwarden@smcportsmouth.org](mailto:srwarden@smcportsmouth.org). Or you can find someone with a blue vest and they will get you a seat.
- Holy Communion will be brought to you. Please keep a mask on and wait until the minister is 6 feet away before consuming the sacrament.

For information and announcements please go to our website: [smcportsmouth.org](http://smcportsmouth.org), and read our weekly eNews, which arrives on Saturdays.



### **Covenant for Regathering**

I promise, to the best of my ability with God's help, to abide by the guidelines of the Diocese of Rhode Island and St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, for participation in church as we regather during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In fulfillment of the Baptismal Covenant (BCP p. 304-305), I will strive to:

#### **Love my neighbor as myself, I will...**

- Wear a mask or scarf over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings, except momentarily to receive the sacrament or lead worship by an assigned speaking part, and follow public health guidelines for hand sanitizing and disinfecting.
- Only attend worship if I am non-symptomatic for the COVID-19 virus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another person also attending.
- Abstain from attending if doing so would put me at greater risk due to my own health status.

#### **Respect the dignity of every human being, I will...**

- Make no physical contact with people beyond the members of my own household. ▪ Maintain a six foot or more distance from other members of the congregation.
- Respect any requests for distance, masking, cleaning, and disinfecting to ensure the safety and comfort level of others.

#### **Seek and serve Christ in all people...**

- Support the decisions of my diocesan and congregational leaders.
- Stay connected with others in my community by telephone, video chat, mail, or other means

This is our expectation for all those who wish to worship with us in person. By participating in our worship, you assume responsibility for following the above.

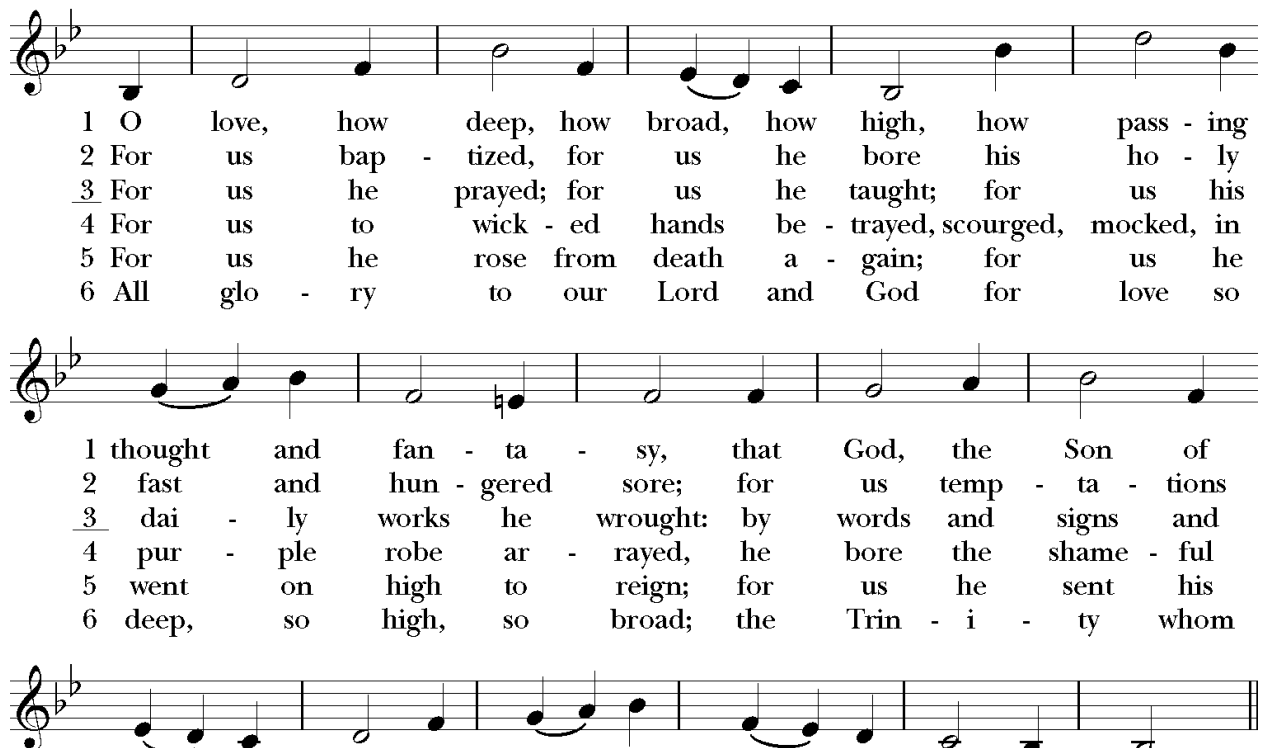
## Gathering

### Welcome and Announcements

*All may stand at the ringing of the church bell.*

### Processional Hymn: O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Hymnal 1982 #448



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

# Song of Praise: Pascha nostrum

WLP#880

*Descant*

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;  
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -  
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through  
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -  
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -  
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Word of God

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People may be seated.*

### First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22:24-30**

**My praise is of him in the great assembly; \***

**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

**and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \***

**"May your heart live for ever!"**

**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \***

**and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

**For kingship belongs to the Lord; \***

**he rules over the nations.**

**To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \***

**all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

**My soul shall live for him;**

**my descendants shall serve him; \***

**they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.**

**They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \***

**the saving deeds that he has done.**

**Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the



Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

*All may stand for the Gospel Procession*

# Gospel Procession: Alleluia No. 1

Hymnal 1982 #178

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

*1-4* *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
 Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

**Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8**

*Gospeller*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
*People*         **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*Gospeller*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*         **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick

*All may stand for the Nicene Creed.*

**The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

## Prayers of the People

*Celebrant*

Filled with joy on this feast day, let us offer prayers to God who brings peace and new life.

*Leader*

For the holy catholic church throughout the world, for all who serve the church and minister in the name of our Jesus Christ.

*Pause*

We pray,  
**Glory and praise to You, O living God.**

For all nations, communities, and families, remembering especially those who are experiencing strife, division and conflict.

*Pause*

We pray,  
**Glory and praise to You, O living God.**

For justice, mercy, and peace in all the world.

*Pause*

We pray,  
**Glory and praise to You, O living God.**

For all who are sick, suffering or in any kind of need, especially Priscilla, Judith, Marilyn, Brian, Sarah, Michael, Michelle, Mary, Kathy, Bev, Kara, Paul, a special request, William, Priscilla, Ernie, Karin, Sybil, Elena, Rick, Kathleen, Rob, and Carol.

*Pause*

We pray,  
**Glory and praise to You, O living God.**

For the dying and the dead, especially Sarah Gibbs, our founder, and for those who have died from Covid – 19, for those who are keeping vigil and mourning and for those we remember aloud.

*Pause*

We pray,  
**Glory and praise to You, O living God.**

For our families, friends, and companions, in thanksgiving for this church community, for our guests, and for all those we love and name aloud:

*Pause*

We pray,  
**Glory and praise to You, O living God.**

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, St. George and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

*Celebrant*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for the victory over death of your Son Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers we offer this holy day, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live for ever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**


## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.


*People* **And also with you.**

# Song at the Offering: Live in Me


Bolduc




1. I am the vine,— you are the branch - es.——  
2. You are the vine,— we are the branch - es.——



1. — I live in you and you— in me.  
2. — We live in you and you— in us.



1. — Turn to me,—— I am the keep - er——  
2. We turn to you,—— you are the keep - er——



1. — of the world.——  
2. — of us all.——

## REFRAIN



1. Live in me, I'll live— in you— and my words will stay  
2. Live in me, I'll live— in you— and your words speak ev -



1. — with you. Ask what you will—— of— me.——  
2. - er true. Ask what you will—— of— me.——



1. I am glo - ri - fied— in you in your bear - ing of—  
2. You are glo - ri - fied— in me, where I go and when



1. — this fruit. You are my child— for - ev -  
2. — I speak. I am your child— for - ev -



1. - er,— and I will live in you.——  
2. - er,— and I will live in you.——

*To Verses*

## The Holy Communion

*If you would like to make an offering, please place it in one of the blue buckets.*

*The people may stand for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

### Eucharistic Prayer

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*The celebrant continues...*

...Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus and Benedictus:** from the "Mass of St. Ann"

Bolduc

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

*The celebrant continues...*

*Celebrant* Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*People* **We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his glory;**

*The celebrant continues...*

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction:** Lamb of God from the "Mass of St. Ann"

Bolduc

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.


Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

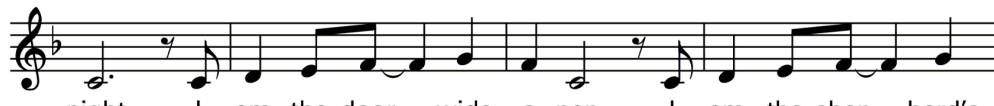
**Communion Hymn:** I Am the Bread of Life

Angrisano & Booth


Refrain 1



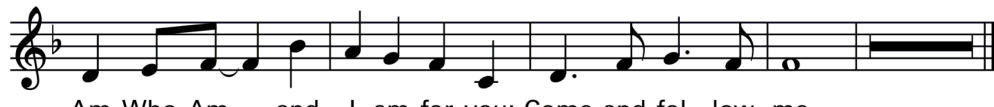
I am the Bread of Life, I am the hope in



night, I am the door wide o-pen, I am the shep-herd's




might, I am the truth and light, I am the way and life, I




Am Who Am and I am for you: Come and fol-low me.


Refrain 2



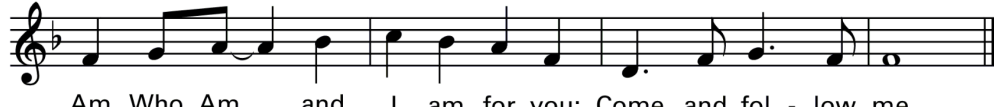
I am bread for the world, hope for the hope-less.



Come to me, and know that I'll al-ways be there



with my arms o-pen wide. I



Am Who Am and I am for you: Come and fol-low me.

### Bridge

I give my heart to those in sorrow, I come to those who are in need;  
hope for today and for tomorrow, light for all who want to see.



### **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord Ame**

### **The Blessing and Dismissal**

*Celebrant* God, who through the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**

# Closing Hymn: God is Love, let heaven adore him

Hymnal 1982 #379



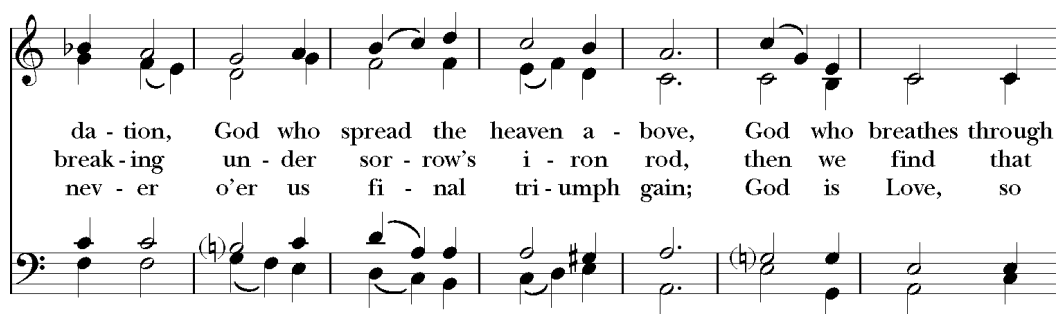
1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
 3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all



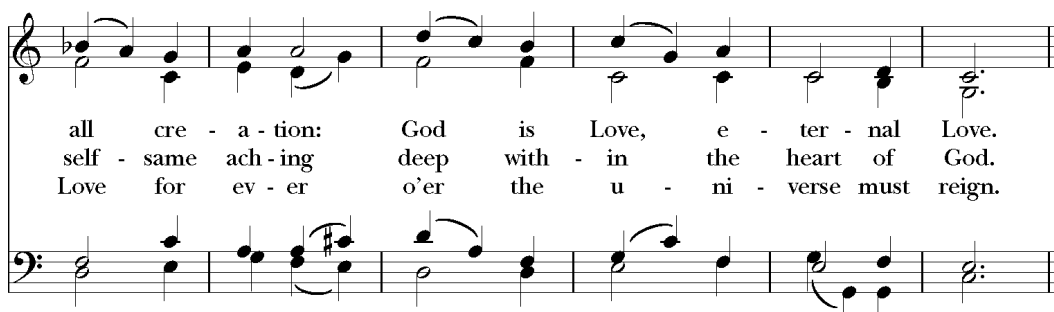
earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness



and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so



all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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Marlo Pratt

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