

Hospitality of Abraham (The Trinity) Saint Andrei Rublev, ca. 1420

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Deer Isle Maine

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Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024

Celebrant: We honor the Indigenous people everywhere, particularly the Wabanaki Nations, acknowledging that the land we now occupy is their ancestral home. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us, rather, we belong to the Earth.

Congregation: **May we learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, and for all creation.**

The Gathering of the Community

The service begins with the ringing of the bell three times

Prelude: *Let us pray to the Holy Spirit* Dietrich Buxtehude

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell.

Opening Hymn 401 *The God of Abraham praise (verses 1, 4 and 5 in back of bulletin)*

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: The words God speaks
are the life and sustenance
of all that exists.

The life Jesus gives
is the re-creation and renewed birth
of all that is broken and worn.

The Spirit's stirring in our souls
is the inspiration
for creativity, compassion, joy, and community.

Congregation: **Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God;**
may our whole lives be worship.
In all things, may we seek to connect with
and to reflect your love and your hope.

"God, the Life-Giving Trinity" posted o*n The Minor Keys* blog

Song of Praise: *Glory and Gratitude (next page)*

Glory and gratitude

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Music: John L. Bell



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The Collect of the Day
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-11
In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said:

"Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips,
and I live among a people of unclean lips;
yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said:

"Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I; send me!"
And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'
Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes,

so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said:

"Until cities lie waste without inhabitant,
and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Second Lesson: Letter to the Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 380 *From all that dwell below the skies (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, 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 said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece

Silence

Affirmation
We believe that God is love,
so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.
We believe that Jesus took the form of a slave,
so we commit ourselves to serve others.
We believe that Jesus gives us his Spirit,
so we commit ourselves to his work in the world.
We believe that God is the light of life,
so we commit ourselves to bearing God's light in our world.
We believe that the Spirit speaks through us,
so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news
of abundant life in the world God loves.

Prayers of the People

Let us invite the Spirit to blow through our lives and our world, as we lift our needs in prayer. We pray for the Church throughout the world, for this community of St. Brendan and for all members of God's family.
Hear us O God and may we always be thankful for your presence with us.

We pray for the sick, for the lonely, and for those grieving the loss of a loved one.
Hear us O God and may we be ready to offer your love and compassion where it is needed.

We pray for justice and peace for all nations and persons, for a world without conflict.
Hear us O God and give us the courage to advocate for those who are oppressed.

We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth and for all peoples impacted by our changing climate, especially by the scarcity of water and other basic resources.
Hear us O God and help us to understand that we can and must live more simply so that others may simply live.

We remember those who have died and give thanks for their presence in our lives.
Assure us of your Easter promise, O God, and keep us united with them in your everlasting love.

Please add your own prayers and thanksgivings

Members of the congregation are invited to add prayers and thanksgivings at this time.

Leader: Do any of you on Zoom wish to add prayers and thanksgivings?

Together we pray, Holy One, in love you created us. Grant us the wisdom of your love wherever it leads us and may we always be nourished and energized by your Spirit.

Confession of Sin
Celebrant: God of wild, windy and prodigal love,
Congregation: **We confess our bondage to fear,**
Our smallness of heart,
Our lack of imagination,
Our guardedness in giving,
Our complicity in systems of racial and economic injustice,
Our misuse of the gifts of creation,
Our resistance to the Way of Jesus.
We ask your mercy and the power of your Wholly, Holy Spirit
to burn through our defenses,
to break open our hearts,
to ignite our imaginations and
to raise us from the dead,
that we might be signs of your healing and liberating love in the world.

Celebrant: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, hear this good news:
You have been set free by the love of God made known in Jesus and by the power of God's creating, liberating Spirit. Rise from what binds you into the love that calls you, and burn with God's Holy Spirit in all that you do. In the name of the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Peace within yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with you who are with us remotely today.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**

The people are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn WLP 763 *As We Gather at your Table (in back of bulletin)*

Eucharistic Prayer C (Adapted)
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.**
*Celebrant: L*et us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
*Celebrant: G*od of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Congregation: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
Congregation: **By your will they were created and have their being.**
Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against your creation and one another.
Congregation: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of the woman, Mary, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus *(next page)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord *[Sanctus]*



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The Celebrant continues: And so, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
Congregation: **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: God of our ancestors; God of Abraham and Sara, of Isaac and Rebekah; of Jacob and Leah and Rachel; God of our Savior Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in Christ's name.
Congregation: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, O God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, let us all pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
Congregation: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant: In recognition of and in solidarity with those who are worshiping with us remotely this morning, we pray this prayer of spiritual communion:
*Celebrant and Congregation***: In union with the faithful gathered at every altar of the Church where the bread and wine are offered, and in union with those who are with us today by the internet, we offer praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life. We believe that Jesus is present in the Breaking of the Bread, the Holy Sacrament of Communion and in ways more numerous and mysterious than we can imagine. We embrace you, Jesus, with all our hearts, souls and minds. Nothing can separate us from you, nor are we separated from one another.**

Those gathered at St. Brendan receive the bread and wine.

And now may the Presence of Jesus, in whatever form it has come to you this morning, nourish you in grace, comfort you in love, and inspire you to be Christ's presence in the world.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: We give thanks for this meal of Holy Mystery and remembrance,
and for coming to us as we have shared it.

Congregation: **May the love we find at this table**
be reflected in our lives;
May the power we receive at this table
make us peacemakers and healers;
And may the Spirit who fills us again at this table
lead us to be those who proclaim God's Reign
in every word we speak and in everything we do. Amen.

Blessing

Let us arise today
Through a mighty strength:
God's power to guide us,
God's might to uphold us,
God's eyes to watch over us,
God's ear to hear us,
God's word to give us speech,
God's hand to guard us,
God's way to lie before us,
God's shield to shelter us,
God's host to secure us.
And may the triune God, Creator, Christ, and the wild, windy untamed Holy Spirit
bless us this day and in the days to come.

Adapted from Brigid of Gael

Sending Hymn LEVAS II 157 *Revive us again (verses 1, 2 and 4) (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Holy God we praise thy name* Max Reger

Announcements

Dismissal

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Affirmation adapted from *Daily Prayer for All Seasons*.
The Confession was written by Elaine Hewes.

CALENDAR

All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Monday, May 27	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, May 29	10:00 a.m. In Person Meditation/Silent Prayer 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 2:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom) 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Sunday, June 2	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling presiding

Looking Ahead

Sunday June 9	5:00 p.m. Celtic Eventide
Wednesdays, June 19-July 3	10:30 a.m. *Vices of the Mind* study
Saturday, June 29	11:00 a.m. Marilyn Verhey's memorial service

GPS (Getting our Priorities Straight)
ACTION ITEM
Love Thy Neighbor

Do you have a few hours to spare on a Wednesday or Friday?

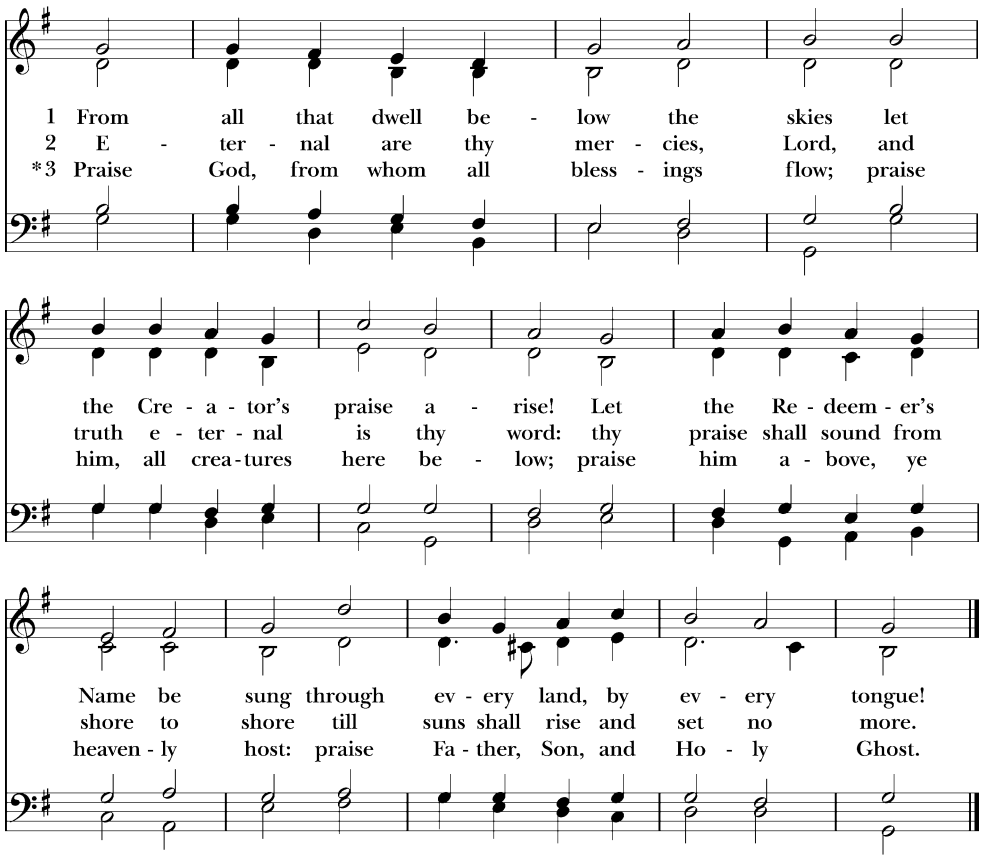
Healthy Island Project is always seeking volunteers to support their health programming. They have a Food Pantry every Wednesday, 2-5:30 p.m. at Community of Christ Church, 91 S. Burnt Cove Road, and a once-a-month delivery of food staples from Good Shepherd Food Bank on the morning of the 4th Wednesday of the month for which many hands-on deck are needed. They could use volunteer workers at their booth every Friday at the Stonington Farmer's Market. For more information on these events and other ways you can help, call (207) 367-6332.

The God of Abraham praise *The Hymnal 1982,* #401



Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

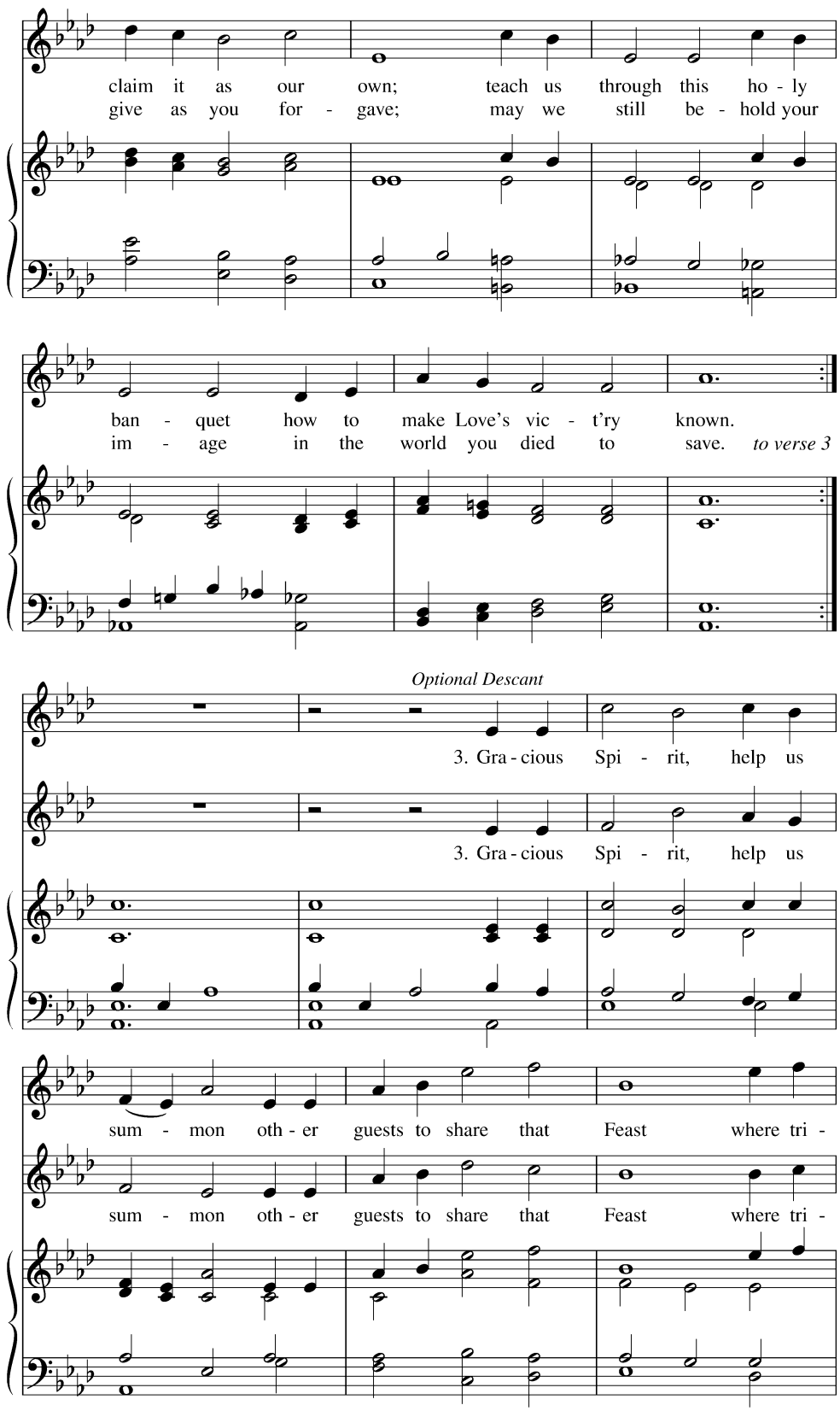
From all that dwell below the skies *The Hymnal 1982,* #380



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

As we gather at your table *Wonder Love and Praise,* #763




claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly
give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your
ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
im - age in the world you died to save. to verse 3
Optional Descant
3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us
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sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -
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um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and
um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and
least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will
least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will
(Ped.)
pride our peace des - troy, as we join with saints and
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Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944). Music: *Raquel*, Skinner Chávez-Melo (1944-1992).

Revive Us Again *Lift Every Voice and Sing II,* #157



Words: William P. MacKay (1837-1885). Music: John H. Husband (1760-1825).