



24th Sunday of Pentecost
November 8, 2015

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by filling out a worship attendance form (located in your bulletin) and placing it in the offering plate.

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(Please ask an usher)

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24TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 8, 2015

9:30 AM

PRELUDE	<i>Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux</i>	Francois Couperin
GATHERING SONGS	<i>Awesome God</i> <i>What Have We to Offer?</i>	Purple Book #13 Purple Book #156
WELCOME		Pastor Lyn Crase
ENTRANCE HYMN	<i>Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand</i>	Red Book #441

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, \ddagger one God, whose name is majestic in all the earth,
clothed in majesty ever since the world began,
who loves us and frees us from our sins,
who leads us with all the saints to everlasting life.
- C Amen
- P Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God. (silence for reflection)
God our maker and redeemer, ...
- C Have mercy on us.
We confess to you all the ways we turn from you and harm one another.
In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts.
Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking,
the sheaves of wisdom and justice; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen
- P Almighty God has had mercy on us,
and God's only Son has been given to die for us,
and for his sake God \ddagger forgives us all our sin.
Believing in Jesus' name, you have received power
to become the children of God; you have received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

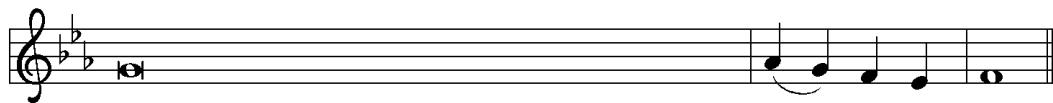
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



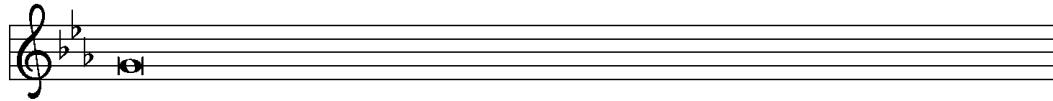
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



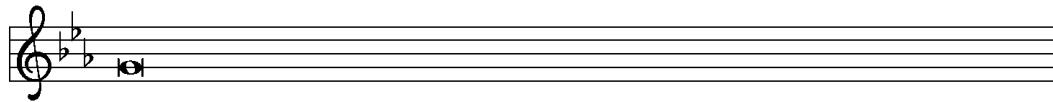
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



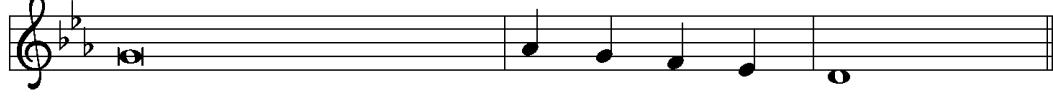
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless-ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray together....
- C O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

⁸The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹"Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146



¹Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³Put not your | trust in rulers,

 in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**

and in that day | their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

 whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**

who keeps promis- | es forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

 The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down; the LORD | loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;

 the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall | reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 9:24-28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 12

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 12:38-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.

⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

SERMON HYMN

This is My Song

Red Book #887

APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A United into one by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with all God's saints for healing, wholeness, and peace in all the earth.

Response: ... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Chant de Paix

Jean Langlais

OFFERING PRAYER

A Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Goodness is stronger than evil.

Life is stronger than death.

Taste the goodness and life of God.

We will practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Day by Day
Take My Life, That I May Be
We Are An Offering

Red Book #790
Red Book #685
Red Book #692

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

Home Communion Minister comes forward.

P Let us pray,
C O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P The love of God who created you, the mercy of **†** Jesus Christ who died for you, and the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you, keep you at one with all the faithful, living and departed, and remain with you now and forever.

C Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* Red Book #888

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God!

Red Book #888

POSTLUDE

Toccata for a Joyful Day

Emma Lou Diemer

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase
Assisting Minister Barbara Crawford
Acolyte Chris Schmidt
Song Leader Paula Barton
Readers Lois Owen, Yvonne Troedson
Communion Assistant Lois Owen
Usher/Greeter Yvonne Troedson/Fox Family
Altar Care Kathy Obermeyer, Jeri Johnson

Announcements

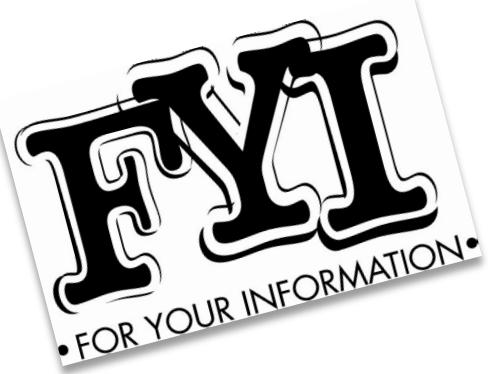
*Please use your “soft” voice during and following the Prelude,
as others may be in prayer and meditation. Thank you.*



The flowers on the altar today are given by Tom & Janice
Watkins in honor of family.



- **Choir Rehearsal** after the service.
- **Adult Bible Study** Thursday mornings, 9:30 - 11:00 in Katie's Room. All are welcome!
- **Confirmation Class** meets after the service with Pastor Lyn in Katie's Room.
- **Adult education on Sunday mornings** meets in the meditation room off the Chancel area in the sanctuary at 8:30 am.
- **Text Study** a weekly study of the upcoming Lectionary texts on Tuesdays from 12-1 pm; bring a sack lunch.
- **Priscilla Circle** will meet at the home of Pat Norquist on Tuesday, **November 17** at 7 pm
- **If you are interested in learning more** about Emanuel Lutheran, please join Pastor Lyn for a brief informational meeting on **November 22** after worship. We will meet in the meditation room located off the sanctuary at 10:45.



Youth News

Youth Group meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 5-7 pm. We will meet for Bible study, games, food & fun.

- ✓ The next Corridor 99 group event will be an Advent party on December 5th.

Invite your friends and plan to attend!



From Outreach Ministry

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks for our bounty and to give food for those who hunger. Emanuel is again collect non-perishable food items through November for the Modesto Gospel Mission. Items can be placed on the designated tables in the Narthex and will be delivered to the Mission on November 30.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 9	TUE 10	WED 11	THUR 12	FRI 13	SAT 14	SUN 15
		VETERAN S DAY 7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study with Pr. Lyn—Katie's Rm.	OFFICE CLOSED		WELCA SUNDAY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS 8:30 am Adult Ed 9:30 am Communion Service
	12:00 pm Lectionary Study			6:00 pm Wired Word Potluck @ M. Barton's	6:00 pm Wired Word Potluck @ M. Waggoner's	10:45 am Confirmation Class 11:00 am Choir Practice
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study		7:00 pm Ministry Mtg.	7:00 pm Leah Circle @ P. Barton's			5:00 PM Emanuel Youth Group

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Nov 15 WELCA Sunday	Pastor Lyn Crase	<i>Assignments</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>arranged</i>	<i>by</i>	WELCA
Nov 22 Christ the King	Pastor Lyn Crase	Garry Hayes	P Kroeze D Santana	Dianne Santana	Chris Schmidt	Clarke Family	Obermeyer/Johnson
Nov 25 Thanks. Eve	Thanksgiving Eve Service	<i>will be held at</i>	<i>St. Paul's Episcopal Church</i>				
Nov 29 Advent 1	Pastor Lyn Crase	Kathleen Reuter	S McCready B Reinheimer	Susan McCready	Hailey Rios	Holtz/Salonen	Lois Silva

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

November 15 Pentecost 25	November 22 Christ the King	November 29 Advent 1
Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25 Mark 13:1-8	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36



Prayer Requests

Answered Prayers: "Thank you for prayers and thanks be to God—Kelly is resting at home and surgery went well." --Bob and Debby Dailey

Prayer Requests: Vince and family—well-being and healing (Ixcot); Elizabeth Parchem—health (Nelson); Jerry and Barbara Larson—healing (Clarke); Jill Klenz—comfort and healing (R. Klenz); Linda Johnson (Norquist)

Our Members: Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey; Kelly Dailey; Gary Knoll; Pat & Jack Smith; Bill Fox; Tom Watkins; Elaine Urch

Our Homebound Members: Florence Broden, Kay Altmas, Esther Johnson, Shelda Fritts, Alma Johnson (currently at Hy-Lond recovering from a fall)

Our Family: Sharon (Owen); Elisabeth Maddox and baby Julianne (Jones); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Lisa Dieterich (Dieterich); Ian & Marian McKenzie (Schmidt); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Cameron Brown (Tina La Vornia); Sean Sizemore (Sizemore); Keegan Lyons (Turner); Rich Crawford (Crawford); Joy & Michael Morgan (Scott); Joyce Morgan (Scott); Marcella Mangnall, Dona Molet (Dieterich); Sabrina Hill (ELDC); Coy Hooper (Hooper); Julie Borges (Golding)

Our Friends: Tom Aja (Crawford); Dr. Roger Vogelzang and family, Bethany & Jerry Metcalf, and Elizabeth & Kevin Duggan (Reinheimer); Jennifer Turner, Pam & Tom (Dieterich); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Georgia Butterfield (Petersen); Emmet Pletschette (Smith); Priscilla Pino, Don Rousseau (Ixcot); Frank and Linda Gutierrez & family (Marquez); Felicia & Kendra (Barton); Dennis Medford (Silva)

We Pray for Peace in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces.

T/Sgt. Ryan Dangerfield, USAF in Ramstein AB, Germany and **SSgt. Joey Sabel, USMC** in Kaneohe Marine Corps Base, Hawaii (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law), **Capt. Tim Kramer** (Megan Armes' brother) will be in Kuwait through June of 2016, **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United into one by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with all God's saints for healing, wholeness, and peace in all the earth. You are invited to kneel, as you are able. (*Pause for silence.*)

Eternal God, you watch over the stranger. Be with missionaries serving in many lands. Give them compassion and grace as they embody your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creative God, you made heaven and earth. Move us to delight in the earth and care for it as you desire. Bless farmers and gardeners as they rest from tilling the fields. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, you execute justice for the oppressed. Guide global economic and financial leaders and all politicians. Embolden them to create financial policies that embody your justice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing God, just as you set the prisoners free, liberate all who are bound by physical and mental chains. Grant healing and wholeness to suffering communities, families, and individuals . Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abundant God, you uphold the orphan and the widow. Provide homes and love for all who are alone, neglected, or abandoned in our community. Open our hearts to care for all your people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, your steadfast love is endless. Keep us faithful to you and teach us through the witness of the saints. Hear us, O God.

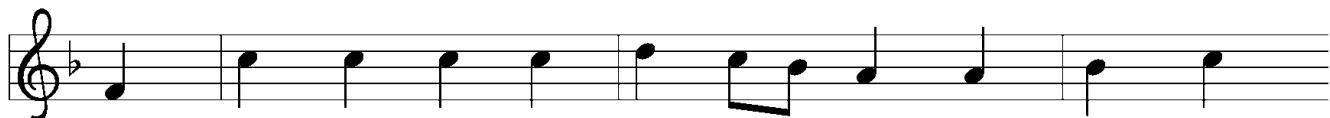
Your mercy is great.

Into your care, Alpha and Omega, we entrust all for whom we pray. Be with us now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Entrance Hymn #441

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has



heav'n-ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the
self as Lord, and thou-sands meet in their new homewhich
love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and
made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.
bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

Text: Wilhelm A. Wexels, 1797–1866; tr. composite

Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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Sermon Hymn #887

This Is My Song

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff.

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king-doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3

Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

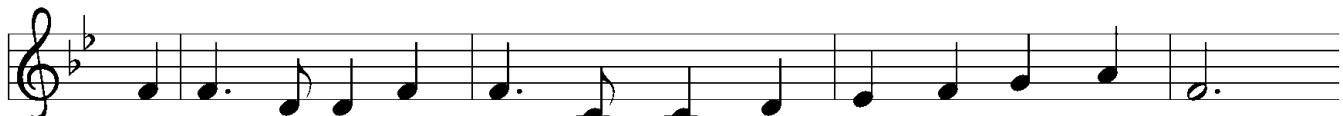
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Sending Hymn #888

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



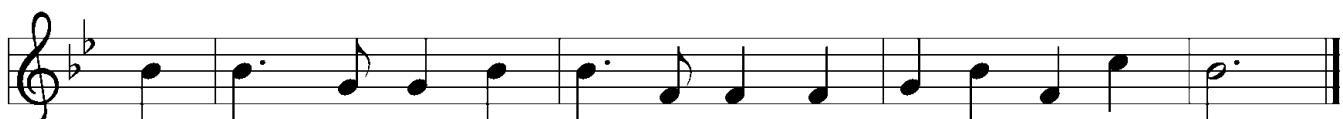
1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun-tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit-ed plain:
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929

Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903