



15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2014

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Welcome to Emanuel

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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.

- **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available. •
(Please ask an usher)

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15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Sketches for Organ

Wilbur Held

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Red Book #853

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Please rise.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(A brief silence for reflection.)* Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen

(See next page for the Kyrie)

Kyrie

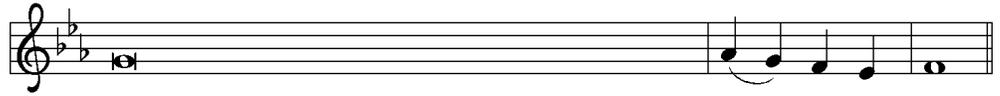
Setting 1



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



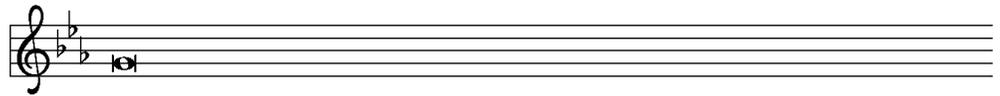
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



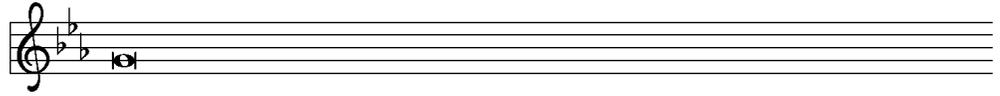
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

P Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10— 4:11

Bible page 845-846

L A reading from Jonah.

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but should not I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites who do not know the difference between their right and left hands?

Chapter 3

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Chapter 4

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what

⁶**They shall tell of the might of your | wondrous acts,
and I will re- | count your greatness.**

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully | of your righteousness.

⁸**The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

Bible page 1069

L A reading from Philippians.

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P Please stand for the 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.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Bible page 897

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 20.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs

to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (*See previous page for Gospel Acclamation*)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Bill Ruth

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Who Love and Serve Your City

Red Book #724

APOSTLE'S CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's 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 With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. You are invited to kneel. (*A brief silence.*)

Generous God, you claim us as your own and your church declares your greatness. Make all who serve you, especially our bishops, pastors, missionaries, diaconal ministers, and chaplains serving institutions and the military, firm in one spirit. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A The goodness of your creation is a celebration of your mighty acts. Enable us to appreciate the smallest to the largest of wonders and to be worthy stewards of all your gifts. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A People of all nations sing aloud of your righteousness. Incite us to commit acts of peace, break down barriers, crush complacency, and stand up to intolerance. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Strengthen those who suffer. Transform pain into purpose, sorrow into courage, fear into generosity, and loneliness into compassion. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Form the desire of our congregation to live as the body of Christ in the world. Place among us overflowing fonts and tables set as a feast for all people. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A The lives of your saints are evidence of your salvation. Give meaning to all our days, then grant us peaceful deaths and unite us with those we love in praising your name. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see that we need, in the name of the one who sets us free, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

P Please rise.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Please be seated as we collect the offering.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Festival Voluntary

Dudley Buck

OFFERING

OFFERTORY 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

Pastor Bill Ruth

P Please rise.

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 the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: *(see next page)*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C 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**

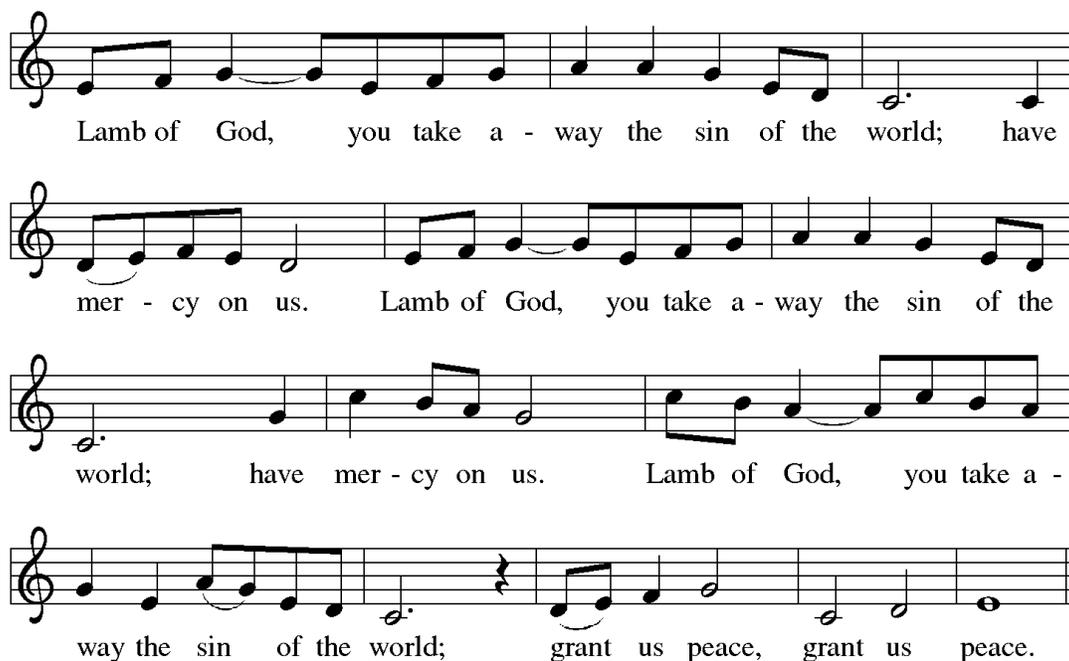
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The reign of God is at hand. Come, taste the joy prepared for you.

Please be seated.

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

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

*Take My Life, That I May Be
Give Me Jesus*

Red Book #685
Red Book #770

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A O God, the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior.

C **Amen**

BLESSING

P The blessing of almighty God, the Father of glory, + Jesus Christ our peace, and the Spirit of truth, be upon you and remain with you always.

C **Amen**

SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

L 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**

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

P Let us pray:

C **God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the Gift of Life, and especially the gift of the lives of our sisters and brothers who stand before us this day and who recall this month the day of their birth. They rejoice in your gifts of life and love, family and friends. (cont. on next page)**

Bless them with your presence and surround them with your love that they may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to you. We ask this grace and blessing for each one of them through Christ our Lord.
Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Lord of Light

Red Book #688

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Wilbur Held

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister..... Pastor Bill Ruth
Assisting Minister.....Sergio Alvarado
Lector..... Kathleen Reuter
Communion Assistant.....Dave Henke
Home Communion Minister Pat Smith
Usher/Greeter Dieterich/Reuter
Altar Team Debbie Van Diepen



Announcements



Flowers on the altar are given by Suzanne Wilke in memory of her parents George and Dorothy Anderson, who would have celebrated their birthdays this month.



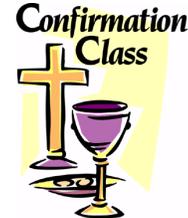
Animate: Faith

We have begun a new adult "Sunday School" each week **at 8:30 am**. Yes, we know that's too early in the morning, but this series looks so interesting and informative that it will likely wake you up immediately. **Animate: Faith** is an imaginative exploration of Christianity's big questions. This curriculum is designed for creative, thinking adults and includes expert video presentations on each of seven issues plus individual journals for each participant. Please join us!

YOUTH

Chuck & Marilyn Rowland are hosting a "Travelogue of Israel" **TODAY** at 5:00 pm for Emanuel's youth (and young at heart).

Confirmation classes, with Pr. Roger Lee, will meet in the Youth Room on Tuesday September 23 from 6:30-7:30 pm.



Pilgrimage Planning Committee Meeting

"Would you like to sink your teeth into a long term project? Ready to put your creative juices to work? Then roll up your sleeves and join us in planning/organizing/creating the upcoming **Summer 2015 Church Retreat** (Pilgrimage). Our first meeting is scheduled for this **Tuesday, September 23rd , 7:00 pm at the home of Roger and Karen Lee**. See you there!"

Emanuel's Women of the ELCA of many generations

Isaiah 58:12 "Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in."

Would you like to know more about the Triennial? Would you like you have lunch in a lovely garden?

You're invited to Ila and Bill's beautiful back yard for fellowship and lunch on Saturday, Sept. 27th at 11 am. Marsha and Kristine will be sharing their adventures from the 9th Triennial Gathering in Charlotte, NC.

The cost of the lunch will be \$10. Please reserve your place by giving your name and money to Susan McCready, Marsha Waggoner, or Kristine Kraft by today (9/21).

To the Emanuel Lutheran
Church Family:

Food For The Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Pastor Abrahamson on our recent visit to your parish.

On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity.

In Christ,
The Food For The Poor Family

Yard Work Day
Saturday 9/27/14
8 am—12 pm



Modesto Gospel Mission
Building Lives Worth Living

Tuesday, September 30th
Contact the Rowlands for
more information.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
ECHOES DEADLINE		7 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED	YARD WORK DAY	9:30 am Communion Service BIRTHDAY BLESSING
	6:30 pm Confirmation Class Youth Room				11 AM WELCA Luncheon	10:30 am Fellowship: Men's Bible Study
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ S. Wilke's	7 pm Pilgrimage Planning @ Pr. Roger Lee's					10:45 am Choir Rehearsal

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lector/CA	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Sep 28	Pastor Lee Heim	Kathleen Reuter		Lori Skustad	Alora Skustad	Clark Family	Lois Silva
Oct 5	Dianne Finnecy	Eric Obermeyer	William Teaney	Susan McCready		Owen Family	Rue Knoll
Oct 12	Lee Heim	Barbara Crawford		Chris Schmidt	Emily Cline	Petersen Family	Rue Knoll

Weekly Bible Readings	
September 28 Time After Pentecost	October 5 Time After Pentecost
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46



New Prayer Requests: Elaine Urch—healing and recovery from recent hospitalization; Carlene Russell—health and healing (sister to Yvonne Troedson); Helen Deve—healing (Crawford)

Our Members: Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Susan Hayes; Dianne Santana; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey; Roland Loeffler;

Our Homebound Members: Harvey Hardel, Florence Broden, Kay Altmas, Shelda Fritts; Alma Johnson, Betty Mason; Esther Johnson

Our Family: Angela (Dieterich); Sharon & Harold (Owen); Meghan Ewald (Smith); Torri & Nathan (Teaney); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Benjamin Santana (Santana); Stan Schmidt (Schmidt); Geraldine Walton (Hollmann); Ian McKenzie and Marian McKenzie (Schmidt); Steve Jeske (B. Norquist); Don Harlow (Virginia Dall's son-in-law)

Our Friends: Lorena Loftis (P. Norquist); Dawn, Keith and Ed (Dieterich); Doyle Williams, Gene Loftis (Teaney); Nancy (Owen); Lisa Nixon (Ixcot); Donna (Waggoner); Roger Warner (Schmidt)

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



Ryan Dangerfield, USAF in Lakenheath Air Base, England and **Joey Sabel, USMC** in Louisville, Kentucky (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law), **Timothy Kramer** in Afghanistan (Megan Armes' brother), **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.

Lord of Light



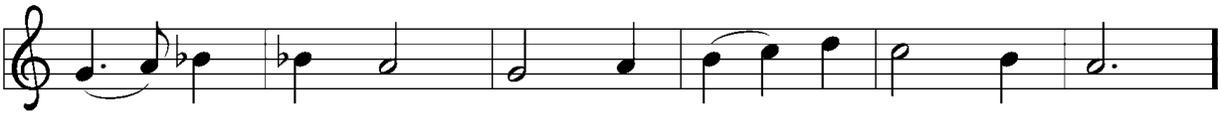
1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
 3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
 ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
 low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:



Refrain
 Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

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