



Sunday, May 16, 2021
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Service for the Lord's Day: Worshiping Together Online



LIVE LONG AND PROSPER JOHN 17:6-19



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Three Settings of HYFRYDOL

Alfred V. Fedak, Daniel E. Gawthrop,
Paul Manz

Vicki Fey, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

Adapted from Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.

**God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.**

Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our Redeemer, sing praises.

**For God is the Redeemer of all the earth;
sing to God a psalm of praise.**

Let us worship God together
with shouts of joy!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn No. 256 (stanzas 1, 2, 4)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Janet Abercrombie, Jim Beaty, Jr., Tricia Berrett, Trace Haythorn, vocals
Vicki Fey, keyboard

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Call to Confession

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

Prayer of Confession

Redeemer God,
On this day, in which we sing and proclaim your glory and lordship over all the earth, we confess that we continue to seek power...
We confess that our egos have manipulated our decisions.
We confess that our ambitions have led us into temptation.
We confess that our indifference has taken us to hatred and despair.
Help us to live with confidence in your presence and power today.
Clean our hearts, minds, and hands.
May the hope that we have in you serve as a compass that frees us from desires and control.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Hymn No. 469

Listen to Your Children Praying
Hope Bradford, vocals

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Proclaiming the Word

A Time With Children

Christian Antwi

First Reading

1 John 5:9-13

Kathy McCloud

Second Reading

John 17:6-19

Peter Paulsen

Sermon

Live Long and Prosper

Peter Paulsen

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God, has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;

Therefore, we reject any doctrine which professes that this spiritual unity is truly being maintained in the bond of peace while believers of the same confession are in effect alienated from one another for the sake of diversity and in despair of reconciliation; which denies that a refusal earnestly to pursue this visible unity as a priceless gift is sin; which explicitly or implicitly maintains that descent or any other human or social factor should be a consideration in determining membership of the church.

Anthem

If Ye Love Me
Chancel Choir

Thomas Tallis

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Christian Antwi

Our Parent, who is among us, holy is your name.

May your reign be a reality here on earth.

May we become more interested in building your kin-dom here and now

Than in waiting for it to come down from above.

Let us share our bread with those who hunger.

Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.

Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all evil.

For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth.

We are yours. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

Hymn No. 741, Stanzas 1, 4, 5

Guide My Feet
Jerusalem Choir
Vicki Fey, keyboard

GUIDE MY FEET

Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

I'm your child . . .

Search my heart . . .

Blessing and Benediction

Peter Paulsen

Postlude

Trumpet Tune
Vicki Fey | organ

John Stanley, arr. Hal H. Hopson

Participating in Worship Today

Peter Paulsen, Bridge Interim Pastor | Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Associate Pastor for Mission and Engagement
Christian Antwi, Director, Ministries to Children, Youth, and Families
Jennifer Sengin, Interim Choral Director | Vicki Fey, Organist

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. It features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, including a dotted quarter note. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The top staff shows the vocal line with lyrics, and the bottom staff shows the piano accompaniment. The music maintains the same key signature and time signature.

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The third system concludes the musical phrase. The top staff ends with a final note and a fermata. The bottom staff provides the final accompaniment. The system ends with a double bar line.

This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

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CHILDREN PRAYING
Irregular

Guide My Feet

741

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;

(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;

(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

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| 2 Hold my hand ... | 5 Search my heart ... |
| 3 Stand by me ... | 6 Guide my feet ... |
| 4 I'm your child ... | |

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1-2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.

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