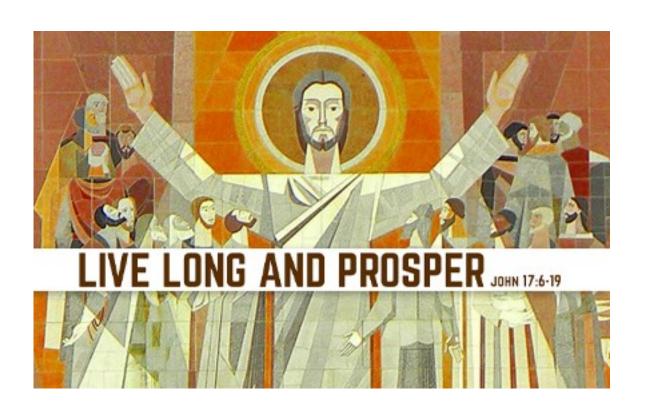


# Sunday, May 16, 2021 The Seventh Sunday of Easter Service for the Lord's Day: Worshiping Together Online



# 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

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

Vicki Fey, keyboard

HYFRYDOL

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

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## 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 Thomas Tallis

Chancel Choir

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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 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

**Postlude**Trumpet Tune

John Stanley, arr. Hal H. Hopson

Vicki Fey | organ

#### 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

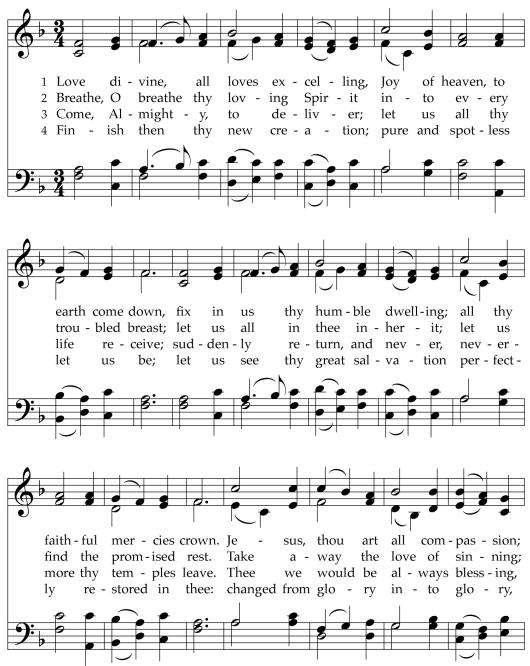
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GUIDE MY FEET

Peter Paulsen

Christian Antwi

# 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



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



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.

TEXT and MUSIC: Ken Medema, 1970 Text and Music © 1973 Hope Publishing Company CHILDREN PRAYING Irregular



- 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.

TEXT: African American spiritual MUSIC: African American spiritual; harm. Wendell P. Whalum, c. 1984 Music Harm. © Estate of Wendell P. Whalum GUIDE MY FEET 8.8.8.10