

**Church of the Messiah
Woods Hole, Massachusetts**

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Prelude

“Diapason Piece”

by *Samuel Wesley*
(1766-1837)

Welcome

Hymn 686

“Come, thy fount of every blessing”

Nettleton



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Opening Sentences

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come!

Revelation 4:8

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:24

A Song of Creation

Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

II The Earth and its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

- *Book of Common Prayer (1979) Pp. 88-89*

Psalm 85:8-13

⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

¹² The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

First Reading

Amos 7:7-15

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb-line.’ Then the Lord said,

‘See, I am setting a plumb-line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.’

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, ‘Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

“Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.”

And Amaziah said to Amos, ‘O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.’

Then Amos answered Amaziah, ‘I am^l no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am^l a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Second Reading

“Loaves and Fishes”

David Whyte

This is not
the age of information.

This is *not*
the age of information.

Forget the news,
and the radio,
and the blurred screen.

This is the time
of loaves
and fishes.

People are hungry
and one good word is bread
for a thousand.

- *David Whyte, The House of Belonging. Many Rivers Press. 1997.*

Third Reading

Mark 6:30-34; 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵nd wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Morning

Eternal God,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service
and live this day in love to one another and to you. *Amen.*

- *A New Zealand Prayer Book* (1988) p. 130

Prayer for the Absent

O God, whose fatherly care reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth: We pray that you graciously behold and bless those whom we love, now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to you, may be bound together by your love in the communion of your Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

- *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979) p. 830

For those who are sick

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. *Amen.*

- *Ibid.* p. 461

For those we love

Almighty God, we entrust all dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and, indeed, the life to come, trusting that you, as the Creator, are doing for all and each better things than any can desire, imagine or even pray for. This, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

- *Adapted by DMW from the Book of Common Prayer (1979) p. 831.*

For Travelers

O God, our heavenly Creator, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end. This, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

- *Ibid, p. 831*

For Quiet Confidence

O God of peace, who teaches us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence we will find strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

- *Book of Common Prayer (1979) p. 832.*

Teach us, O God

Teach us, O God, not to hold on to life too tightly; but easily and lightly. Help us to enjoy and to treasure it while we have it and to let it go thankfully when the time comes. The Gift is great, but the Giver is greater still. You, O God, are the Giver and in you Love never ends. *Amen.*

- *The late Rev. Theodore Ferris, DD adapted by DMW*

Concluding Sentences

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believe through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Deborah Warner

Offertory Sentences

Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem “Non nobis Domine”

*by William Byrd
(1543-1623)*

A Prayer of Offering

Almighty God;
you give seed for us to sow,
and bread for us to eat;
make us thankful for what we have received;
make us rich to do those generous things
which supply your people's needs;
so all the world may give you thanks and glory.

- *A New Zealand Prayer Book* (1988) p. 141

Prayers of our Love First Families

I Praise You for What is Yet to Be

Wondrous Worker of Wonders,
we praise you, not alone for what has been,
 Or for what is,
 but for what is yet to be,
for you are gracious beyond all telling of it.

We praise you
that out of the turbulence of our lives
 a kingdom is coming,
 is being shaped even now
 out of the slivers of loving,
 our bits of trusting,
 our springs of hoping,
 our tootles of laughing,
 our drips of crying,
 our smidgens of worshipping;
that out of our songs and struggles,
 out of our griefs and triumphs,
 we have gathered up and saved,
for you are gracious beyond all tell of it.

We praise you
that your turn us loose
 to go with you to the edge of now and maybe,
 to welcome the new,
 to see our possibilities
 to accept our limits,
and yet begin living to the limit
 of passion and compassion
 until, released by joy,
 we uncurl to other people
 and to your kingdom coming,
for you are gracious beyond all telling of it.

- *Ted Loder, Guerrillas of Grace: Prayers
for the Battle. Minneapolis: Augsburg
Press. 2005. p. 42. adapted by DMW*

A Prayer for our Parish's Ministry

O God, Giver of all good gifts, we thank You for the grace of serving You by serving our neighbors. May our hearts be kind and generous. May our ministry be rooted in love and bold in imagination. And may our lives and the lives of all who join us, continue to be renewed by Your love and the power of the Spirit. *Amen.*

Celtic Benediction

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of this magnificent yet fragile earth to you.
Moon and star pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of love, joy and wonder be with you.

- adapted by DMW

Greeting

Hymn 492

"Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness"

Finnian

1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
 2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
 3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
 4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
 Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
 kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
 throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
 till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
 newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

Postlude

"Agincourt Hymn"

by John Dunstable
(ca. 1370-1453)

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