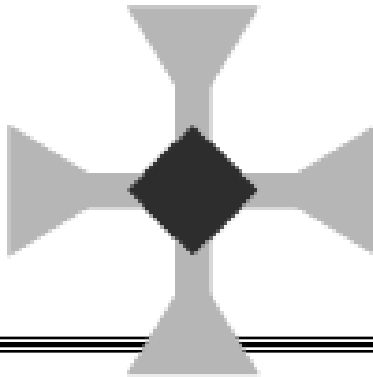


The Order of Mass

1st Sunday of Lent

February 17 & 18, 2024 † 5 p.m. Vigil † 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. † 6 p.m.



St. Stephen's Catholic Community † Anoka, MN

Welcome to St. Stephen's Catholic Community!

We are so glad you are here to worship with us today.

*Upon the conclusion of Mass, please return your worship aid
to one of the entrances of the church. Thank you!*

Prayer for a Fruitful Lent

My precious and crucified Lord, I offer You this Lent.

I offer it to You with total abandonment and trust.

I offer You my prayers, sacrifices
and my very life this day.

Do with me, Lord, as You will.

I pray that this Lent will be fruitful.

I know You have much to say to me
and much to do in my life.

May this Lent be a time through which
Your mercy is poured in
abundance into my soul,
and into the souls of all Your faithful.

Blessed Mother, pray for me and offer me to Your Son,
that He may take me into His loving embrace.

Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.

Amen.

*The Mass is made up of two parts:
The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. There are also certain rites that
open and conclude the celebration.*

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*The purpose of the Introductory Rites is to ensure that the faithful who come together as
one establish communion and dispose themselves to listen properly to God's word and
to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.*

Entrance Song

Merciful God

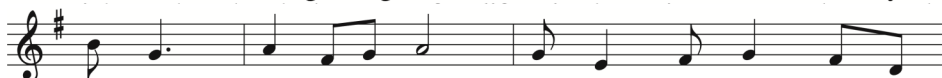
Refrain



Lent Gathering: Gath - er your peo - ple, mer - ci - ful God,



Gath - er the long - ing, the lost, and un - sure. Gath - er your



peo - ple, mer - ci - ful God, Name us and claim us as



yours. yours, name us and claim us as yours.

Verses



1. Sure - ly, you a - lone can save us. You pay our price with
2. Sure - ly, you a - lone up - hold us. You give us strength for
3. Sure - ly, you a - lone can heal us. Yours is the will to



pre - cious blood. Reach - ing through your great com -
all our needs. Shield - ing with a fa - ther's
make us whole. Sooth - ing with a moth - er's



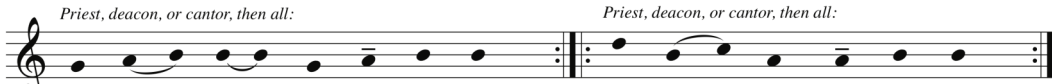
pas - sion, You lift up your peo - ple with love.
fa - vor, You bless us with par - don and peace.
kind - ness, The con - trite of heart you con - sole.

Confiteor

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

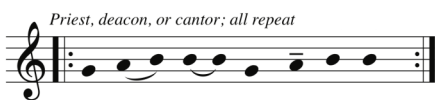
Kyrie

Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:



Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

Priest, deacon, or cantor; all repeat



Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

Collect

The Collect is made up of three parts:

1. *The invitation ("Let us Pray").*
2. *Silent prayer by all gathered.*
3. *The formal prayer proclaimed by the priest, which "collects" the individual prayers of the people and offers them to God.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the readings God speaks to His people, opening up to them the mystery of redemption and salvation, and offering spiritual nourishment; and Christ himself is present through His word in the midst of the faithful.

Reading I

Genesis 9:8-15

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

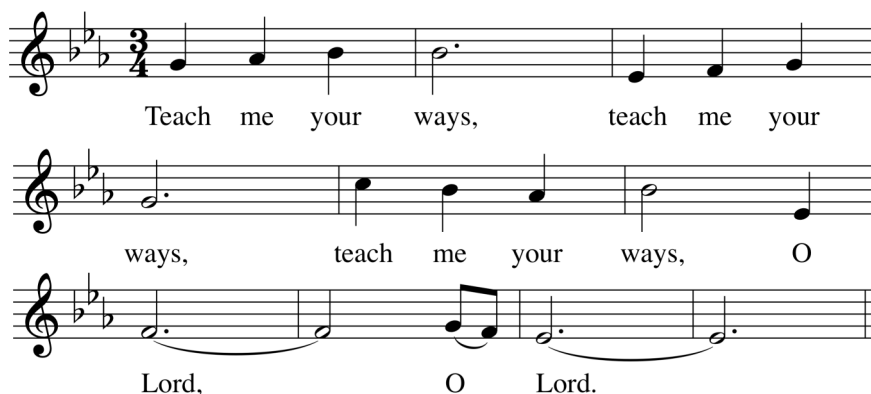
God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25



Responsorial Psalm (6 p.m.)

Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Response: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Reading II

1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter.

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

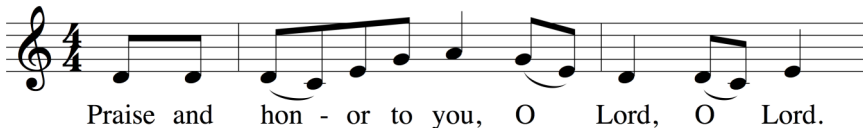
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All respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please Stand.

We welcome and greet the Lord who is about to speak to us in the Gospel. During this time, we stand and face the ambo as a special reverence for the Gospel of Christ. The "Alleluia" is sung in every time of year, except Lent.



Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

This is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word, which is why we stand for the reading, the priest kisses the Book of the Gospels and proclaims the reading, and there is often candles and incense used.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All respond: *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

All respond: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for forty days,
tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts,
and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*



Homily *Please be seated.*

Profession of Faith

The whole people respond to the Word of God proclaimed in the readings and explained in the homily, and honor and confess the great mysteries of the faith.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man **(stand upright)**.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

Response: *Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

We pray for the needs of the Church, the world, and our community.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

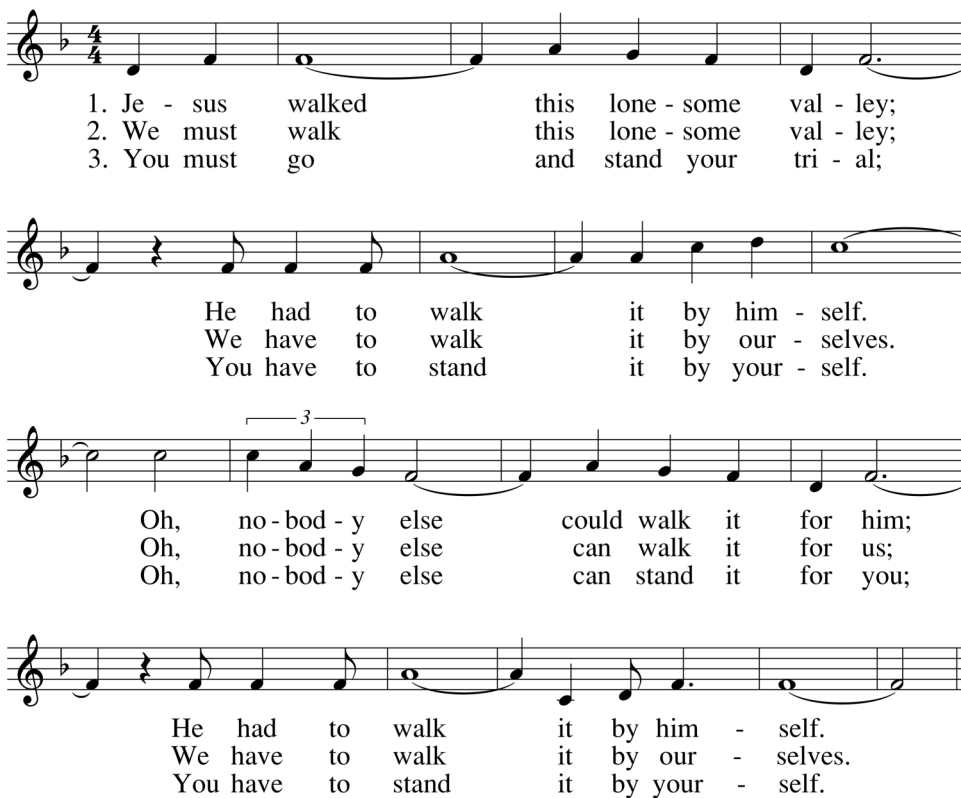
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Every second Sunday of the month, St. Stephen's takes a second collection to support
various charitable and advocacy organizations.*

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Preparation of Gifts

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley



1. Je - sus walked this lone - some val - ley;
2. We must walk this lone - some val - ley;
3. You must go and stand your tri - al;

He had to walk it by him - self.
We have to walk it by our - selves.
You have to stand it by your - self.

Oh, no - bod - y else could walk it for him;
Oh, no - bod - y else can walk it for us;
Oh, no - bod - y else can stand it for you;

He had to walk it by him - self.
We have to walk it by our - selves.
You have to stand it by your - self.

Text: American folk hymn

Tune: LONESOME VALLEY, 8 8 10 8; American folk hymn; harm. by Richard Proulx, b.1937

Invitation to Prayer

Please Stand.

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

***All respond: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and
glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.***

The Eucharistic Prayer

*This is the center and high point of the entire Mass. This prayer requires that all listen to
it with reverence and in silence.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All respond: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

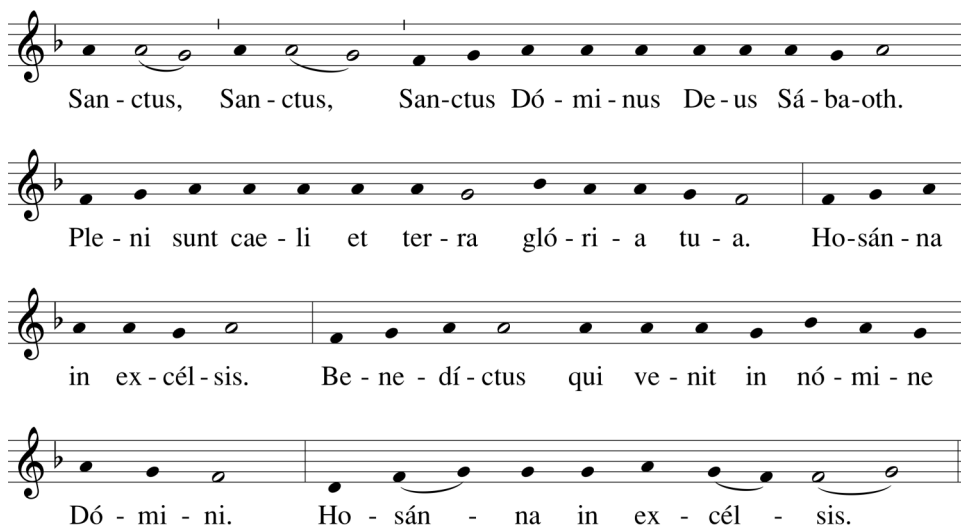
All respond: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All respond: It is right and just.

Preface Acclamation

SANCTUS



San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba-oth.

Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho-sán - na

in ex - cél - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne

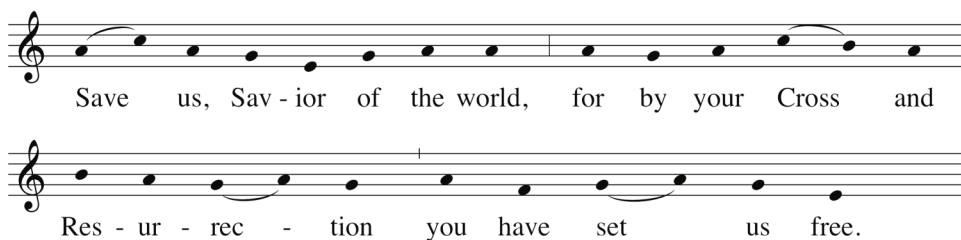
Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII

Please Kneel.

Throughout the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Holy Spirit is called down upon the gifts (The Epiclesis; bells are rung once at this point); the words of Christ at the Last Supper are prayed; Christ's perpetual sacrifice on the cross is remembered; and prayers are made for the Church, the world, and all the people, living and dead.

Memorial Acclamation



Amen

This "Amen" is affirmation, our statement of "I believe", to the entire Eucharistic Prayer.



Please Stand.

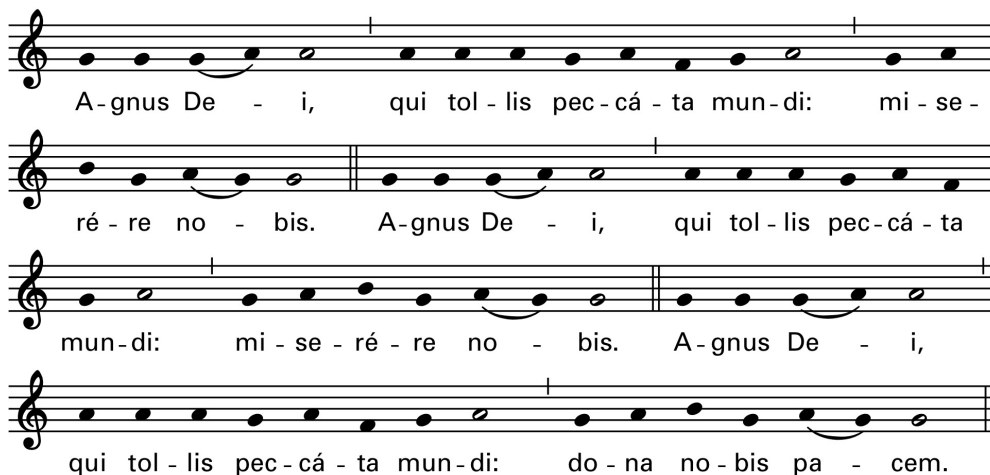
The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: ...as we await the blessed hope and the coming
of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All respond: *For the kingdom, the power and the glory are
yours now and for ever.*

Lamb of God

The priest puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation.



Please Kneel.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All respond: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

Communion

All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with arms crossed over the chest to signal the desire to receive a blessing.

Communion Song

As We Gather at Your Table

Refrain



As we gath-er at your ta-ble earth and heav-en now em-brace;

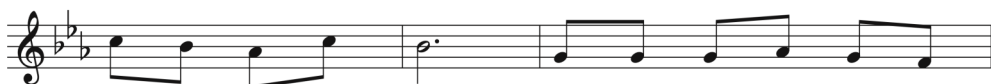


souls, u-nit-ed as one bod-y, be-come your dwell-ing place.

Verses



1. Life and death now joined to - geth - er, saints and
2. Bound to - geth - er in this ban - quet, formed to
3. Through our joy and through our sor - row, through our
4. Je - sus Christ, the Bread of heav - en, Blood poured
5. Nour - ish us so we may see you in the
6. Lead us on - ward from this ta - ble, eyes on



an - gels gath - ered 'round;	in this feast you join cre -
live for love a - lone,	sim - ple lives re - veal your
laugh-ter and our tears,	you draw near to feed your
out so we might live:	Teach us wis - dom and com -
weak and in the poor,	in the pris - 'ner and the
heav - en, fixed on grace.	Let us be your bod - y



a - tion	to show where love is found.
glo - ry	and make your good - ness known.
peo - ple	and calm our ev - 'ry fear.
pas - sion	to love and to for - give.
out - cast,	the stran - ger at our door.
bro - ken,	re - flec - tions of your face.

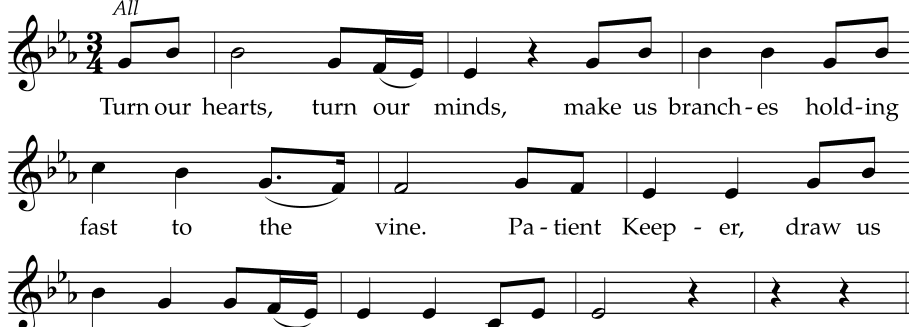
D.C.

Meditation

Tree of Life

REFRAIN

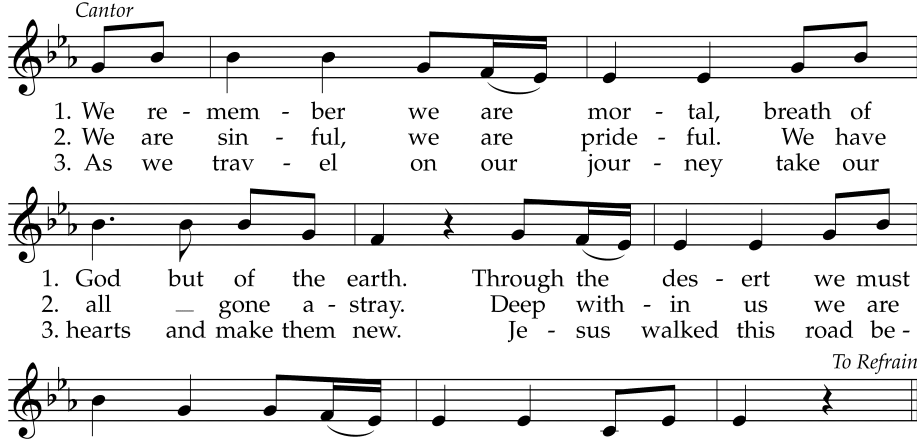
All



Turn our hearts, turn our minds, make us branch-es hold-ing
fast to the vine. Pa-tient Keep-er, draw us
to your ten-der mer-cy, Tree of Life.

VERSES

Cantor



1. We re-mem-ber we are mor-tal, breath of
2. We are sin-ful, we are pride-ful. We have
3. As we trav-el on our jour-ney take our

1. God but of the earth. Through the des-ert we must
2. all — gone a-stray. Deep with-in us we are
3. hearts and make them new. Je-sus walked this road be-

To Refrain

1. trav-el, tast-ing hun-ger, know-ing thirst.
2. need-ful of a clean heart day by day.
3. fore us as our God, but hu-man, too.

Aaron Thompson

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Prayer after Communion

Concluding the prayer of the People of God and the whole Communion Rite, the Priest says the Prayer after Communion, in which he prays for the fruits of the mystery just celebrated, The people make this prayer their own when they acclaim “amen.”

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing

Transformed by the power of the Liturgy, we are sent out to seek, love, and serve Jesus Christ through those we meet outside of Mass.

Dismissal

Closing song

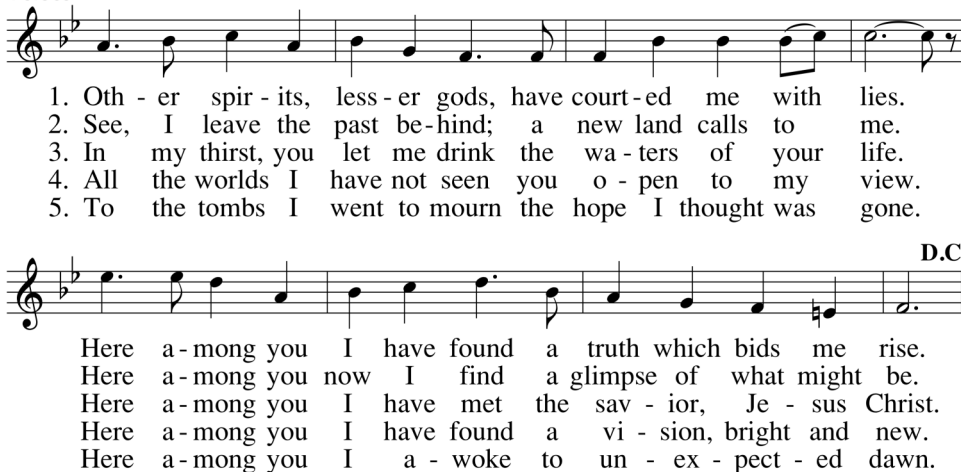
Jerusalem My Destiny

Refrain



I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je - ru - sa - lem, my
des - ti - ny! Though I can - not see the end for me, I
can - not turn a - way. We have set our hearts for the
way; this jour - ney is our des - ti - ny. Let
no - one walk a - lone. The jour - ney makes us one.

Verses



1. Oth - er spir - its, less - er gods, have court - ed me with lies.
2. See, I leave the past be - hind; a new land calls to me.
3. In my thirst, you let me drink the wa - ters of your life.
4. All the worlds I have not seen you o - pen to my view.
5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I thought was gone.

D.C.

Here a - mong you I have found a truth which bids me rise.
Here a - mong you now I find a glimpse of what might be.
Here a - mong you I have met the sav - ior, Je - sus Christ.
Here a - mong you I have found a vi - sion, bright and new.
Here a - mong you I a - woke to un - ex - pect - ed dawn.



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8:30 a.m. Sunday

10:30 a.m. Sunday

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