



2nd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

10:00 am

Spanaway Lutheran Church

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Spanaway, Washington
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Before worship, speak to God in prayer.

During worship, listen to God.

After worship, speak to each other.

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING WORSHIP.

***Welcome To Our Worship.** For visitors, we welcome you and hope you will feel “at home” among us and our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Family Room is available to welcome parents and children before or during worship. It is located to the left of the sanctuary. Listening devices are available; please inquire of the ushers.*

***Prayer Requests and Announcements.** If you have a prayer request this morning, or wish for Pastor to make an announcement for you, please use the prayer cards provided in the blue folder and hand the completed card to an usher. If you wish to make an announcement yourself, please check with the Pastor or the Council President for approval prior to worship. Always use a microphone to accommodate those with impaired hearing. Thank you.*

INTRODUCTION

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today’s gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God’s love for all the world.

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

God’s call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God’s promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

Gospel: John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

PRELUDE

*Unfailing Love
Jesus, Only Jesus*

Music Team
Music Team

WELCOME *Announcement about COVID-19*

- Ushers collect prayer requests and announcements -

STAND FOR THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS, IF YOU CAN COMFORTABLY DO SO.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

A If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- Silence is kept for reflection -

A Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG *As The Deer*



As the deer pants_ for the wa-ter, so my
 soul longs af-ter you. You a-lone are my heart's de-sire_ and I
 long to wor-ship you. You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to
 you a-lone may my spir-it yield; you a-lone are my
 heart's de-sire,_ and I long to wor-ship you.

GREETING

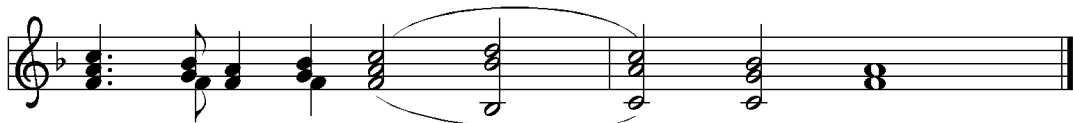
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



1, 3	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.
2	Chris - te	e - lei - son.	Chris - te	e - lei - son.
1, 3	Lord, . . .	have mer - cy.	Lord,	have mer - cy.
2	Christ, . . .	have mer - cy.	Christ,	have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e	e - le	-	i - son.
Chris - te	e - le	-	i - son.
Lord, . . .	have mer	-	cy.
Christ, . . .	have mer	-	cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BE SEATED FOLLOWING THE PRAYER OF THE DAY.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4a

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills —
from where will my help come?

²**My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

³He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴**He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

⁶**The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Schier-Hanson

STAND FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, IF YOU CAN COMFORTABLY DO SO.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(repeat once)*



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and



mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED FOR THE SERMON.

SERMON

Pastor John Schier-Hanson

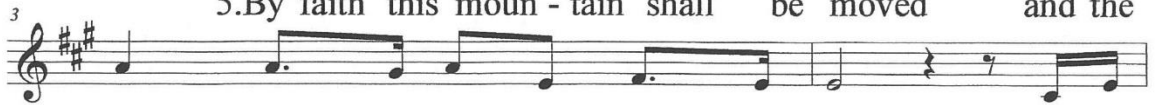
STAND FOR THE SONG OF THE DAY, IF YOU CAN COMFORTABLY DO SO.

SONG OF THE DAY

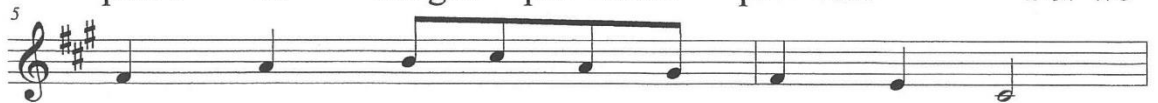
By Faith



1. By faith we see the hand of God in the
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the
3. By faith the pro - phets saw the day when the
4. By faith the church was called to go in the
5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the



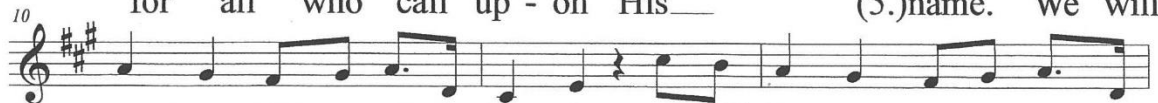
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pow'r of His pro - mise in their hearts, of a
longed for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear. With the
pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost, to de -
pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail. For we



lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,
ho - ly ci - ty built by God's own hand,
pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news
know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble



who walk by faith and not by sight. (2.)reign. We will
a place where peace and jus - tice — and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. (4.)earth. We will
in ev - ery cor - ner of the — for all who call up - on His (5.)name. We will



stand as child - ren of the pro - mise we will fix our eyes on Him, our



soul's re - ward. 'Til the race is fin - ished and the



work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**“catholic” means “universal”*

BE SEATED FOR THE PRAYERS.

THE PRAYERS

A Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of rebirth, empower your church throughout the world to be a voice of hope for those who fear judgment or condemnation. Assure us of your faithfulness and give us confidence to proclaim your salvation for all.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

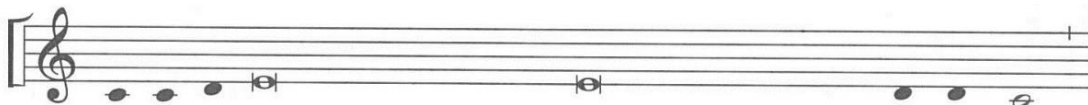
God of rebirth, your Spirit hovered over the waters and you called creation into being. Nurture and bless all signs of rebirth around us: budding trees and new shoots, thawing lakes and warm breezes, and animals awaking from hibernation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of rebirth, lead the nations in your way of righteousness. Protect those who advocate for the needs of children, migrants, and victims of violence. Give courage to lawmakers, lawyers, judges, and law enforcement officers, guiding them to do justice and to love mercy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of rebirth, give us a new vision of your healing power among us. Restore hope to those who remain in the depths of depression or despair. Bring mercy and relief to those who are injured, sick, or suffering, especially Kim Cleveland, Dave Percy, the Family of Audrey Charles, Lenville Sutherland, Angie Rivera, Sophia Schier-Hanson, **Justin & Adri Wright Osborn, Glen Ruediger, Peg Schlotman, Donna Johnson, Anne Marie Bessette and family, Mitchell Martinson,** Diane Kraus, Kathy Olsen, Richard Olsen, Rose Raben, Michael Luberts, Connie Clark, and all we now mention before you (brief pause). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of rebirth, we thank you for the children of this community and for the people and ministries that care for them (*individuals and ministries in the congregation may be named*). Bless new and expectant parents. Console those who have lost children and those whose desire for children remains unfulfilled. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of rebirth, by wind and spirit you call us into life renewed. We give you thanks for all your saints who have inherited your promises (*especially*). Bring us, with them, into your everlasting kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



It is in - deed right and good that we should everywhere and al - ways



of - fer thanks and praise to you, ho - ly God, might - y and im - mor - tal,

To Proper Preface



through Je - sus Christ our Lord...

Lent

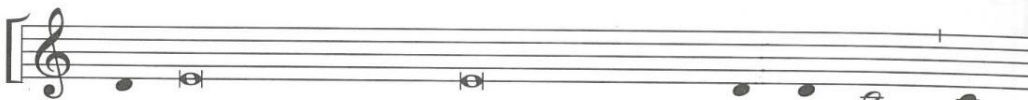


You bid us return to you and be re - newed, that your

To Preface Ending



justice might shine like the sun and the poor of the earth be lift - ed up.



And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heav - en, we



praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is the One who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy of our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation
you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

P God's love is poured out in Christ for you. Open yourselves to
receive it.

BE SEATED.

COMMUNION SONGS

Lamb of God

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1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

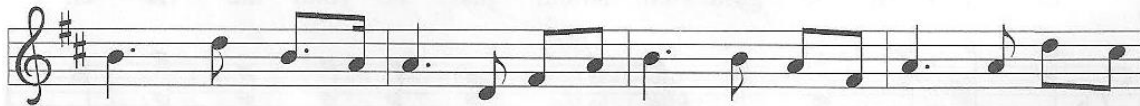


sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

Refrain



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
rod and to be called a lamb of God.

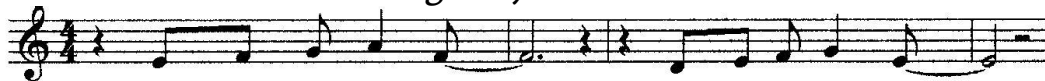


God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre-cious blood, my Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Change My Heart O God



Change my heart, O God. _ Make it ev-er true. _



Change my heart, O God. _ May I be like you. _



You are the pot - ter, I am the clay; _



mold me and make _ me, this is what I pray.



Change my heart, O God. _ Make it ev-er true. _



Change my heart, O God. _ May I be like you. _

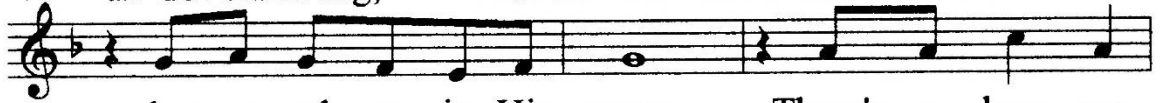
There's a Quiet Understanding



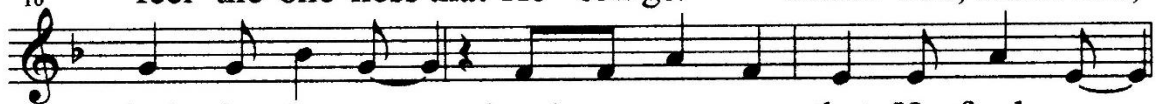
There's a qui - et un - der - stand - ing when we're gath - ered
4 And we know when we're to - geth - er, shar - ing love and



7 in the Spir - it; It's a prom - ise that He gives us,
un - der stand - ing, That our bro - thers and our sis - ters -



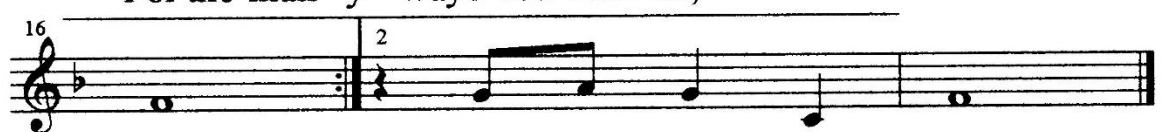
10 when we gath - er in His name. There's a love we
feel the one - ness that He brings. Thank You, thank You,



13 feel in Jes - us, there's a man - na that He feeds us,
thank You Jes - us, for the - way You love and feed us,



It's a prom - ise that He gives us when we gath - er in His
16 For the man - y ways You lead us,



Name.

Thank You, Thank You Lord.

Give Us Clean Hands

Samuel Hill

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score includes a 'Refrain' section starting at measure 8 and a final section with three numbered endings.

3 We bow our hearts, we bend our knees;

6 O Spir - it come make us hum - ble. We turn our eyes

8 from e - vil things; O Lord, we cast down our i -

10 dols. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts;

12 let us not lift our souls to an - oth -

14 er. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts;

17 let us not lift our souls to an - oth - er. And God, let us be

19 a gen - er - a - tion that seeks, that seeks Your face,

21 O God of Ja - cob. O God, let us be

23 a gen - er - a - tion that seeks, that seeks Your face,

1. Repeat to verse 2. Repeat to refrain 3.

O God of Ja - cob. cob. Give us clean hands, cob.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

STAND FOR THE BLESSING, IF YOU CAN COMFORTABLY DO SO.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, † bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

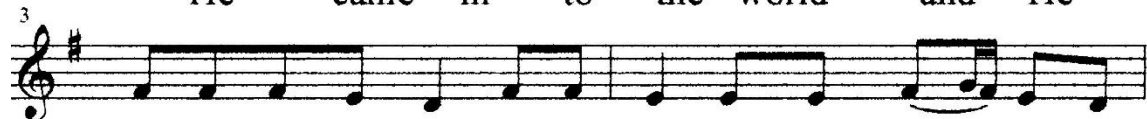
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CLOSING SONG

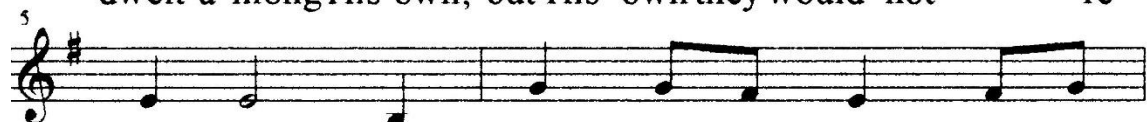
For God So Loved



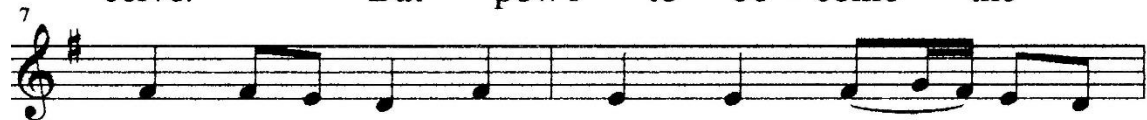
For God so loved the world that He
For God did not send His
He came in - to the world and He



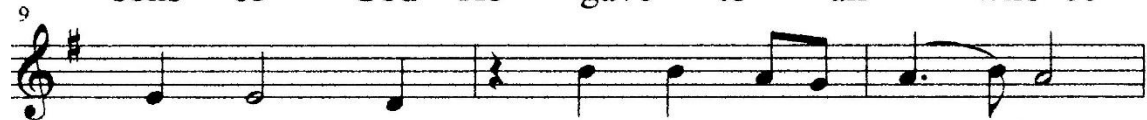
gave His on - ly be - got - ten
Son in - to the world to bring con-dem-
dwelt a-mong His own; but His own they would not re -



Son, - That who - so - ev - er be -
na - tion; But rath - er that through the re -
ceive. But pow'r to be - come the



lieves in Him should not per -
ceiv - ing of Him, men might find sal -
sons of God He gave to all - who be -



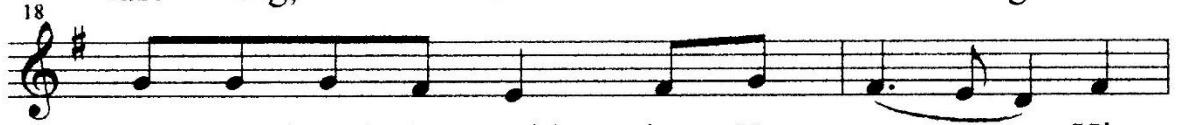
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va - tion And have life ev - er - last - ing,
lieved. He gave life ev - er - last - ing,



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have li - fe ev - er - last - ing, have life ev - er -
His li - fe ev - er - last - ing, His life ev - er -



last - ing, have li - fe ev - er - last - ing. For
last - ing, have li - fe ev - er - last - ing. For
last - ing, His li - fe ev - er - last - ing. For



God so loved the world that He ga - ve His
God so loved the world that He ga - ve His
God so loved the world that He ga - ve His



on - ly be - got - ten Son.
on - ly be - got - ten Son.
on - ly be - got - ten Son.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sweet Mercies

Music Team

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Control Booth.....	Phil Aponte and Jill Olson
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