

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 30, 2023

Entrance Hymn

The Reign of God #738

Responsorial Psalm #1140

Psalm 119: Lord, I love your commands.

Communion Hymns

Eye Has Not Seen #728

You Are My All in All #2081

Prayer of Augustine #2062

Closing Hymn

Seek Ye First #658

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

Readings

#1140

First Reading:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading:

Romans 8:28-30

Gospel:

Matthew 13:44-46



St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

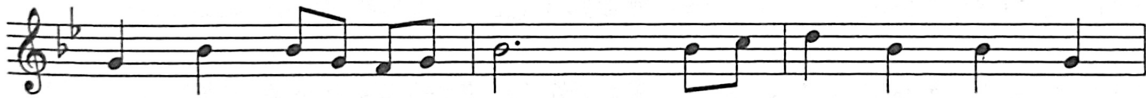
Amen.

Opening Hymn

The Reign of God 738



1. The reign of God, like farm - er's field, Bears
2. The reign of God can - not be found In
3. The reign of God is like a pearl On
4. Though hid - den now, the reign of God May,
5. Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God From
6. The reign of God is come in Christ; The



weeds a - long with wheat; The good and bad are
far - off, for - eign land Till in fa - mil - iar
bar - ren land con - cealed. If once you find that
yet un - no - ticed, grow; From deep with - in it
ti - ny seed will spread, Till birds of ev - 'ry
reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,



in - ter - twined Till har - vest is com - plete.
face and place We find it close at hand.
pre - cious pearl, Go out and buy that field.
ris - es up, Like yeast in swell - ing dough.
feath - er come To nest, and there be fed.
kin - dling hearts, The reign of God is here!

First Reading

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night.
God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you."
Solomon answered:
"O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king
to succeed my father David;
but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act.
I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen,
a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted.
Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart
to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.
For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request.
So God said to him:
"Because you have asked for this—
not for a long life for yourself,
nor for riches,
nor for the life of your enemies,
but for understanding so that you may know what is right—
I do as you requested.
I give you a heart so wise and understanding
that there has never been anyone like you up to now,
and after you there will come no one to equal you."

Responsorial Psalm

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 119:57 and 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130



Lord, I love your com-mands, I love your com-mands.

I have said, "O LORD, my portion
is to obey your words."
The law from your mouth means more
to me
than large quantities of silver and
gold. *R.*

Let your merciful love console me
by your promise to your servant.
Show me compassion, that I may live,
for your law is my delight. *R.*

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways. *R.*

Your decrees are wonderful indeed;
therefore my soul obeys them.
The unfolding of your word gives light,
and understanding to the simple. *R.*

Second Reading

Rom 8:28-30

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.

For those he foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
so that he might be the firstborn
among many brothers and sisters.

And those he predestined he also called;
and those he called he also justified;
and those he justified he also glorified.

Gospel

Mt 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant
searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a pearl of great price,
he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea,
which collects fish of every kind.

When it is full they haul it ashore
and sit down to put what is good into buckets.

What is bad they throw away.

Thus it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous
and throw them into the fiery furnace,
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?"

They answered, "Yes."

And he replied,

"Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven
is like the head of a household
who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

Communion Hymns

COMFORT

728 Eye Has Not Seen

Refrain



Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for



those who love him; Spir-it of love, come, give us the mind of



Je - sus, teach us the wis - dom of God.

Verses 1-3



1. When pain and sor - row weigh us down, be near to us, O
2. Our lives are but a sin - gle breath, we flow-er and we
3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ev - er



Lord; for - give the weak - ness of our faith, and
fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so
near, re - flect - ed in the fac - es of



bear us up with - in your peace - ful word.
we re - turn in love what love has made.
all the poor and low - ly of the world.

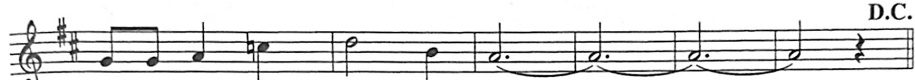
Verse 4



4. We sing a mys-t'ry from the past in halls where saints have



trod, yet ev - er new the mu - sic rings to



Je - sus, Liv - ing Song of God.

You Are My All in All

Dennis L. Jernigan



PART II

1. You are my strength when I am
 2. Seek - ing You as a pre - cious
 3. Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my
 4. When I fall down, You pick me

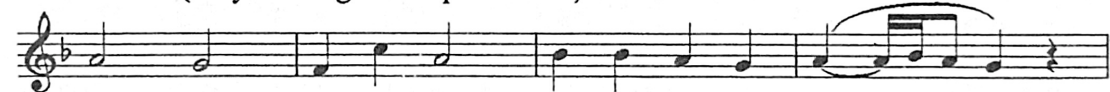


weak, You are the Trea - sure that I
 jewel, Lord, to give up I be a
 shame, ris - ing a - gain I'd bless Your
 up; When I am dry, You fill my

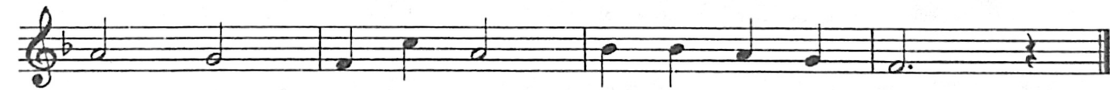


seek, You are my All in All. _____
 fool. You are my All in All! _____
 name. You are my All in All. _____
 cup. You are my All in All! _____

PART I (May be sung as a 2-part round)



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name; _____



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name.

Prayer of Augustine

Text adapted from
Augustine's Confessions, Book 10, Chapter 27

Words & Music by ED CONLIN

Verses



1. O Beau - ty an - cient, O Beau - ty so new
 2. I sought this world and chased its fin - er things,
 3. Lord, in my deaf - ness You cried out to me.



Late have I loved Thee and feeb - ly yet do.
 Yet were these not in You, they would not have been.
 I drew my breath and now Your frag - rance I breathe.



Though you were with me, I was not with You. Then
 My cease - less long - ing hid the deep - er truth, In
 O Fount of Life, You are for - ev - er the same; O



You shone Your face and I was blind no more.
 all my de - si - rings, I was de - sir - ing You.
 Fire of Love: come set me a - flame.

Refrain



My heart search - es rest - less - ly and finds no rest 'till it



rests in Thee. O Seek - er You sought for me, Your



love has found me; I am ta - ken by Thee.

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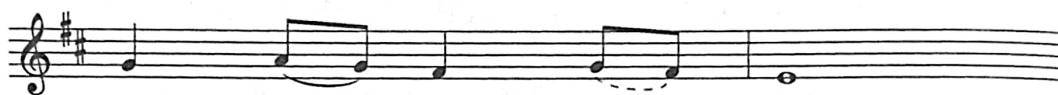
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Closing Hymns

658 Seek Ye First



*1.
1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
3. You do not live by bread a - lone,
4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,



and his right - eous - ness,
seek, and you shall find,
but, by ev - 'ry word,
there am I in their midst;



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
that comes forth from the mouth of God;
and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.



2. *Optional Refrain, Descant, or Canon:*
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

**May be sung as a two-voice canon.*