

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 7, 2025

Opening Hymn

Take Up Your Cross #801

Responsorial Psalm #1160

Psalm 90: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Communion Hymns

Eye Has Not Seen #728

I Give You My Heart #2051

You Are My All in All #2081

The Love of the Lord #792

Closing Hymn

Lead Me, Lord #2056

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

#1160

First Reading:

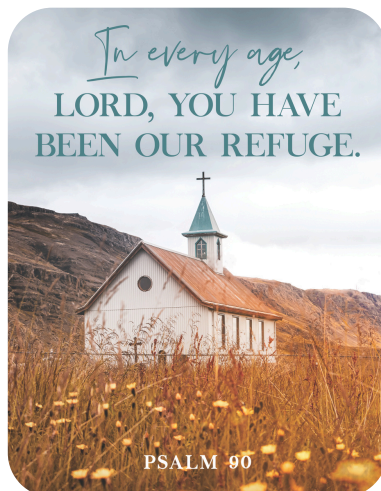
Wisdom 9:13-18b

Second Reading:

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel:

Luke 14:25-33



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

801 Take Up Your Cross



1. "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said, "If
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight Fill
3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, And
4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, And
5. Take up your cross and fol - low Christ, Nor



you would my dis - ci - ple be; Take up your cross with
your weak spir - it with a - larm; His strength shall bear your
let your fool - ish pride be still; The Lord for you ac -
calm - ly ev - 'ry dan - ger brave: It guides you to a
think till death to lay it down; For those who hum - bly



will - ing heart, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
spir - it up, And brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
cept - ed death Up - on a cross on Cal - v'ry's hill.
bet - ter home And leads to vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
bear the cross One day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.

Tune: ERHALT UNS HERR, LM; Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685–1750

First Reading

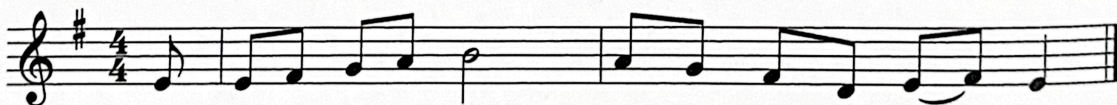
Wisdom 9:13-18b

Who can know God's counsel,
or who can conceive what the LORD intends?
For the deliberations of mortals are timid,
and unsure are our plans.
For the corruptible body burdens the soul
and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns.
And scarce do we guess the things on earth,
and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty;
but when things are in heaven, who can search them out?
Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from on high?
And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

Responsorial Psalm

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17



In ev-'ry age, O Lord, you have been our ref - uge.

You turn man back to dust,
and say, "Return, O children of men."
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
or like a watch in the night. *R.*

You sweep them away like a dream,
like grass which is fresh in the
morning.
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;
by evening it withers and fades. *R.*

Then teach us to number our days,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Turn back, O LORD! How long?
Show pity to your servants. *R.*

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be
upon us;
give success to the work of our
hands.
O give success to the work of our
hands. *R.*

Second Reading

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man,
and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus,
urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus,
whose father I have become in my imprisonment;
I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.
I should have liked to retain him for myself,
so that he might serve me on your behalf
in my imprisonment for the gospel,
but I did not want to do anything without your consent,
so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary.
Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while,
that you might have him back forever,
no longer as a slave
but more than a slave, a brother,
beloved especially to me, but even more so to you,
as a man and in the Lord.
So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus,
and he turned and addressed them,
“If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother,
wife and children, brothers and sisters,
and even his own life,
he cannot be my disciple.
Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple.
Which of you wishing to construct a tower
does not first sit down and calculate the cost
to see if there is enough for its completion?
Otherwise, after laying the foundation
and finding himself unable to finish the work
the onlookers should laugh at him and say,
‘This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.’
Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down
and decide whether with ten thousand troops
he can successfully oppose another king
advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops?
But if not, while he is still far away,
he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms.
In the same way,
anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions
cannot be my disciple.”

Communion Hymns

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.

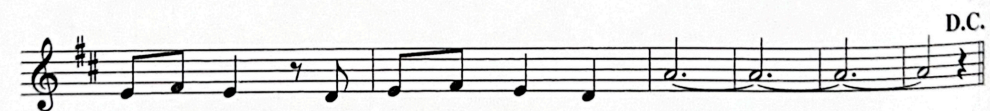
Verses 1-3



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



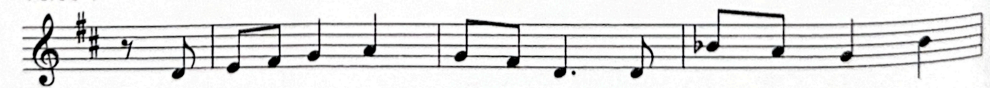
Lord; for - give the weak - ness of our faith, and
fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so
near, re - flect - ed in the fac - es of



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.

D.C.

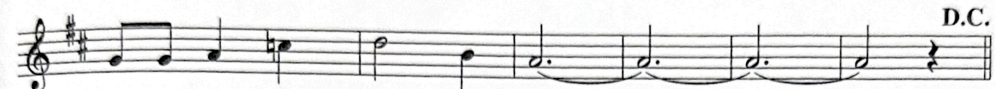
Verse 4



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.

D.C.

2051

I Give You My Heart

Words and Music by Reuben Morgan

This is my de-sire to hon - or You,
Lord, with all my heart I wor - ship You.
All I have with in me, I give You praise,
all that I a- dore is in You.
Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my Soul, I
live for You a - lone, Eve - ry breath that I take,
— ev-'ry mo-ment I'm a - wake, Lord,
have Your way in me.

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2081

You Are My All in All

Dennis L. Jernigan



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

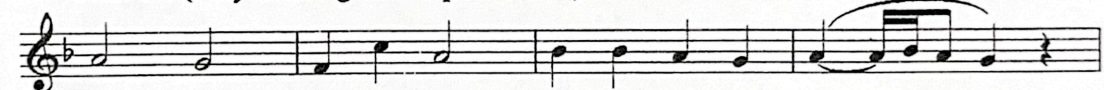


weak, You are the Trea - sure that I
 jewel, Lord, to give up I be a
 shame. ris - ing a - gain I'd bless Your
 up; When I am dry, You fill my

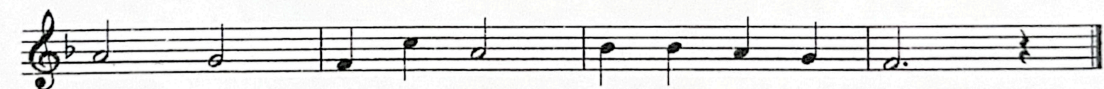


seek, You are my All in All. _____
 fool. You are my All in All! _____
 name. You are my All in All. _____
 cup. You are my All in All! _____

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.

792 The Love of the Lord

1. All that I count - ed as gain
 2. Rich - es and hon - ors will fade,
 3. Sil - ver and gold have I none,
 4. Faith is the wealth I pos - sess

now I con - sid - er as loss,
 earth - ly de - light dis - ap - pear,
 no land to count as my home, yet
 Find - ing its source in my God:

emp - ty and worth - less to me in the
 fade like the grass of the field in the
 wealth be - yond meas - ure I own in the
 faith in the prom - ise of Christ is my

1., 3. 2., 4.
 light of the love of the Lord.
 light of the love of the Lord.
 light of the love of the Lord.
 life and my love of the Lord.

What more could bring us hope than to know the pow'r of his
 life? What more could bring us peace than to
 share in his suf-f'ring and death? What more could be our
 fi - nal wish than to live in the love of the Lord?

Closing Hymn

2056

Lead Me, Lord

Matthew 5:3-12; 7:7, 13, John 14:6

John D. Becker

Verses



1. Bless-ed are the poor in spir - it, long-ing for their Lord,
2. Bless-ed are the mer - ci - ful, for mer - cy shall be theirs,
3. Blest are they who through their life-times sow the seeds of peace;



for God's com - ing king-dom shall be theirs. _____
 and the pure in heart shall see their God. _____
 all will call them chil-dren of the Lord. _____



Bless - ed are the sor-row - ing, for they shall be con - soled,
 Blest are they whose hun - ger on - ly ho - li - ness can fill,
 Blest are you, though per - se - cut - ed in your ho - ly life,



and the meek shall come to rule the world.
 for I say they shall be sat - is - fied.
 for in heav - en, great is your re - ward.

Refrain



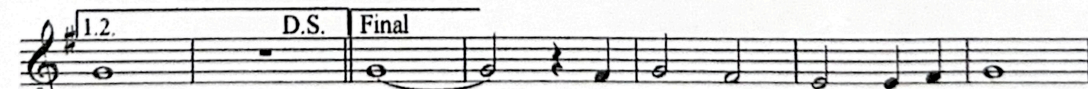
Lead me, Lord, _ lead me, Lord, _ by the light _ of truth to



seek and to find _ the nar-row way. _ Be my way; _



_ be my truth; _ be my life, _ my Lord, and lead me, Lord, _ to-



day. _ day. _ And lead me, Lord, _ to - day.