

# *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Sunday, July 4, 2021*

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

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## **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

"Here I Am Lord"

M. Hayes

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**Amen.**

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,  
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sins.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

O God of mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another,  
and against your good creation.**

**We have stored up treasures for ourselves  
and turned away our neighbors in need.**

**We have used our time foolishly and daily strayed from your path.**

**Forgive us, that we may know true joy and freedom  
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Through Jesus Christ, the true Bread of life, God has given us life and hope.

Know that your sins are forgiven and live abundantly – as we await his coming!

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

“Rise Up, O Saints of God”

[See back of bulletin]

## GREETING

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### A Reading from Ezekiel

<sup>1</sup>[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. <sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them,

“Thus says the Lord GOD.” <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

(Ezekiel 2:1-5)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 123 (Read responsively)**

To you I lift up my eyes,  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

so our eyes look to the LORD our God,  
until he show us his mercy.

**Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**  
too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,  
and of the derision of the proud.

**A Reading from Second Corinthians**

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

(2 Corinthians 12:2-10)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then [Jesus] went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. (Mark 6:1-13)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Love to Tell the Story”  
[See back of bulletin]

## SERMON

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED (Read in Unison)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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 the life everlasting. **Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Strengthen their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit enlivens the universe. We give you thanks for the sun, moon, stars, and everything that appears in the sky. Help us to learn more about what you have placed over our heads and under our feet. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, you stand in solidarity with the marginated and disempowered. Comfort those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring healing to those who suffer, especially everyone on our prayer list. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. Equip us as we leave this place to daily serve our neighbors and share your good news. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In every time and place you call forth prophets who move us from captivity to freedom. Thank you for those who strive for liberty and justice for all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*(The Pastor concludes):* We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

"Panis Angelicus"  
Mary Wagner, soprano

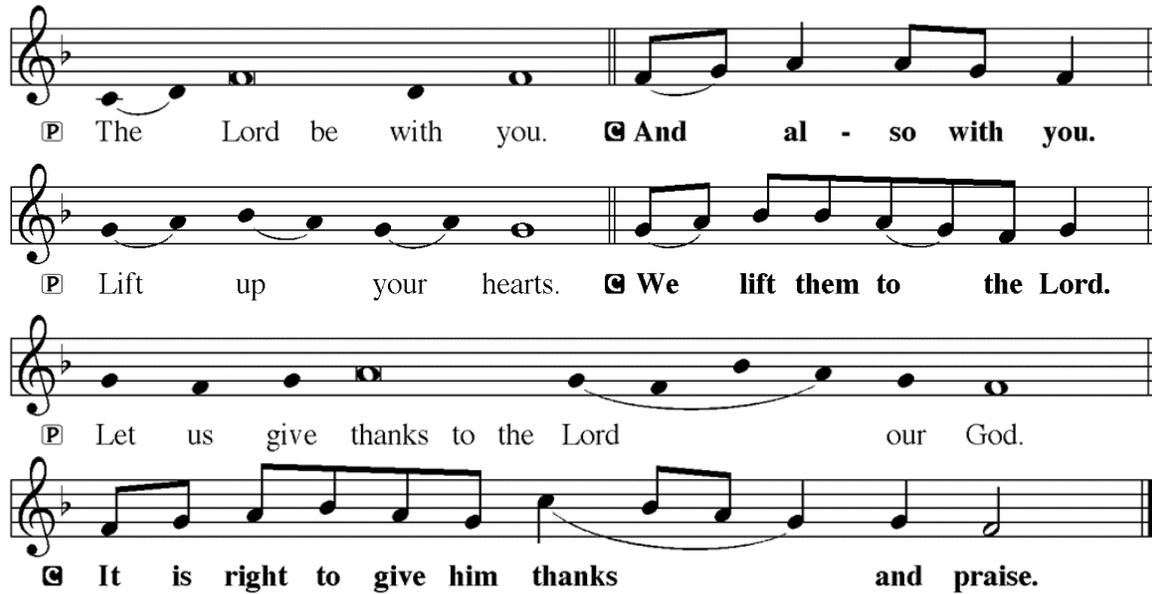
C. Franck

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.  
**Amen.**

# MEAL

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

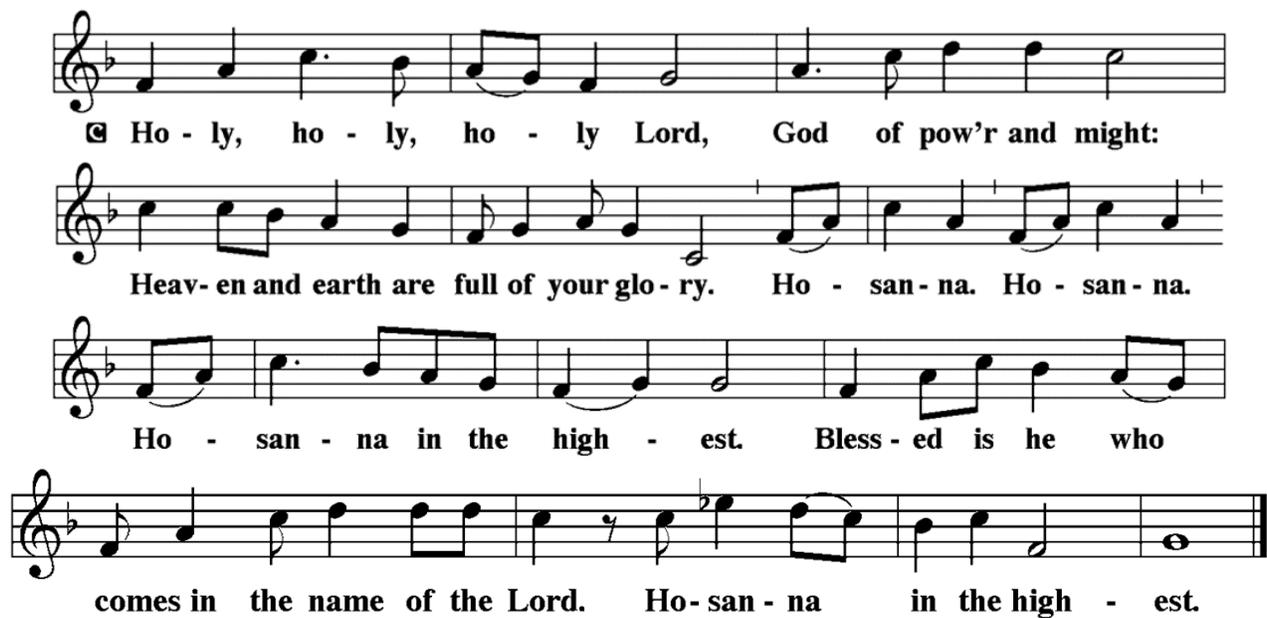
**P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**G** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



**G** 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. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for 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.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has set this table. There is heavenly food and drink for all. Come and be filled with new life!

## ***INSTRUCTIONS***

*If you wish to receive the Sacrament, please move into the center aisle when instructed to do so. Walk towards the Pastor allowing sufficient space between you and the person in front of you.*

*When you stand before the Pastor, please open your hand to receive a wafer of bread, and then turn to the Communion Assistant to dip the tip of the wafer into the chalice of wine. [Please be careful not to touch the chalice or wine with your hand.] After you have eaten the wafer, you may return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*Those unable to come forward to receive the Sacrament may receive in their pews.*

*Those who would like to receive a blessing from the Pastor rather than the Sacrament should stand before the Pastor and say, "A blessing."*

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

"Here I Am, Lord"  
[See back of bulletin]

## **TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world as you love the world. In your name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **SENDING HYMN**

"My Country, 'tis of Thee"  
[See back of bulletin]

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

"March"

J. P. Sousa

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**Introduction to the day:** Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

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**Altar flowers** are presented in memory of G. Roger and John A. Lengel by brother, James W. Lengel.

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**SERVING THIS SUNDAY (7/04/21)**

**9:30 AM**

LECTOR: Chris Long; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Chris Long

GREETER: Wayne Lutsey; USHER: Carl Heintzelman;

ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Lafko and Beth Post;

COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr, and Glenda Bright

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (7/11/21)**

**9:30 AM**

LECTOR: Jim Emerich; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Sue Schenck;

GREETER: Sarah Eger; USHER: Carl Heintzelman;

ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Lafko and Beth Post;

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Diane Brobst, and Marlene Eidam

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S**

Sunday, July 4		Independence Day
	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Friday, July 9	9:30 AM	STiC SRT Walk, Landingville, PA
Saturday, July 10	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, June 11	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

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# GATHERING HYMN

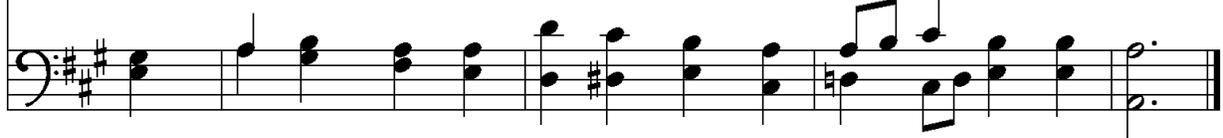
## “Rise Up, O Saints of God”



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!



# HYMN OF THE DAY

## “I Love to Tell the Story”

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

# COMMUNION HYMN

## “Here I Am, Lord”



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.  
3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?”  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?”

### *Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



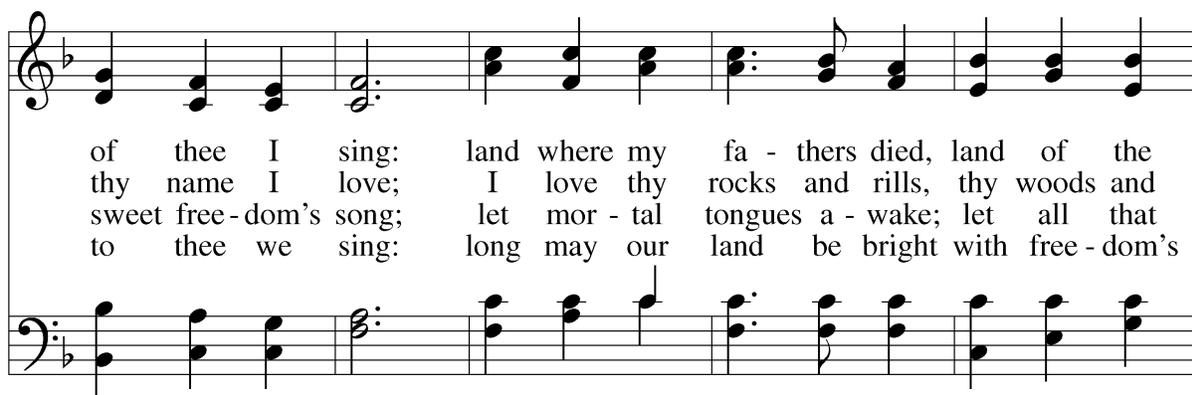
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

# SENDING HYMN

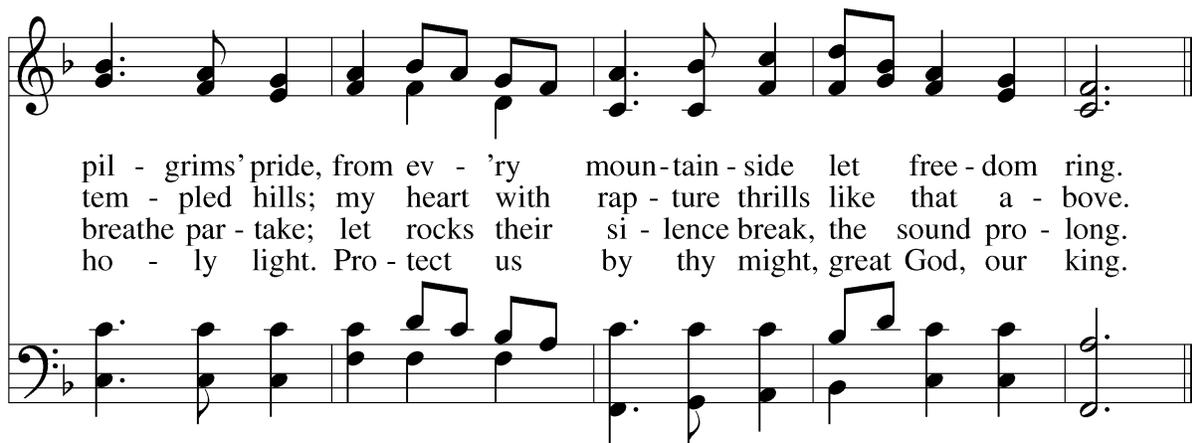
## “My Country, ‘tis of Thee”



1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,  
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,  
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees  
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,



of thee I sing: land where my fa - thers died, land of the  
thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and  
sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that  
to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free - dom's



pil - grims' pride, from ev - 'ry moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.  
tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.  
breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.  
ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our king.