

*Celebrating Christ's Presence
In a Changing World*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2022

10:30 am

Welcome to St. Paul's! We are so happy you are with us today. Everyone is invited to take Holy Communion (the bread and the wine) and we have gluten free bread available. Just follow the congregation up the aisle. If you would like to come up for a blessing only, please cross your hands over your chest. Thanks for being here and please come again!

Prelude *Most Holy God, the Lord of Heaven*
William Bates (1943-)

Opening Hymn **The Hymnal 1982 #31**
Most Holy God, the Lord of Heaven

Welcome by The Rev. Jadon Hartsuff

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA **The Hymnal 1982 #S280**
Canticle 20
Gloria in Excelsis

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People **And also with you**
Celebrant Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our

conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(The people sit for the readings)

First Lesson

Lamentations 1:1-6

A Reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah:

How lonely sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces
has become a vassal.
She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers
she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,
they have become her enemies.
Judah has gone into exile with suffering
and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations,
and finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.
The roads to Zion mourn,
for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate,
her priests groan;

her young girls grieve,
and her lot is bitter.
Her foes have become the masters,
her enemies prosper,
because the LORD has made her suffer
for the multitude of her transgressions;
her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.
From daughter Zion has departed
all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags
that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
before the pursuer.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People **Thanks be to God**

Remain seated.

The Psalm

Lamentations 3:19-26

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!
My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.
But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

The Epistle

2 Timothy 1:1-14

A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy:

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this

reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People **Thanks be to God**

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn **The Hymnal 1982 #536**
Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

The Holy Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to **Luke 17:5-10**
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Jadon Hartsuff

(All stand)

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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.**

Prayers of the People

(The people may continue to stand or kneel)

Intercessor Brothers and sisters, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Christ in your mercy, refresh our hearts.”

Intercessor We remember in our prayers all the leaders of your Church, Bishop Bonnie and our Vestry. Bless our supply priests in their ministry to us and give Your guidance to our congregation as we seek an interim priest and work to find the new priest to serve You in the St. Paul’s community.

(Silence)

Intercessor Christ in your mercy,
People **Refresh our hearts**

Intercessor We remember in our prayers the leaders of the nations, May they choose ways of life and not paths of death. Deliver the nations of the world from violence and war. Set our feet on the way of peace.

(Silence)

Intercessor Christ in your mercy,
People **Refresh our hearts**

Intercessor We remember in our prayers all of your creation. May we protect the trees, the streams and the fruits of the earth. Forgive us when our choices cause death where you intend life. May we ever celebrate the life-giving aspects of your creation.

(The congregation silently adds their thanksgivings)

Intercessor Christ in Your mercy,
People **Refresh our hearts.**

Intercessor We remember in our prayers this congregation. We ask you to bless our ministries: especially today the Readers and LEMs, the Altar Guild, the Tech Team, the Hospitality Team, the Sunday School and Acolytes. May we encourage each other to delight in you. Let us appeal to each other on the basis of love and always remember our sisters and brothers in prayer.

(Silence)

Intercessor Christ in Your mercy,
People **Refresh our hearts.**

Intercessor We remember in our prayers all those who are in pain. Heal their bodies, their spirits, and their souls. Bless all with life and prosperity. Especially...

(The congregation silently add their petitions.)

Intercessor Christ in Your mercy,
People **Refresh our hearts.**

Intercessor We remember in our prayers all those who have died. May all who have carried the cross in the way of Christ also be raised with him to a new life.

(Silence)

Intercessor Christ in Your mercy,
People **Refresh our hearts.**

Celebrant O God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory for ever and ever. **Amen**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.
(Silence)

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

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

Announcements – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Meditation *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Doxology (*all stand & sing*)

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Celebrant continues,

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. +

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

H. 1982 #S154

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

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

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

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first and fourth staves are identical and contain the lyrics '(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;'. The third staff contains the lyrics 'there - fore let us keep the feast.'.

Celebrant,

Become what you see, receive who you are, the body and blood of Christ.

Communion Hymns:

(The Congregation is welcome to sing these hymns during communion)

The Hymnal 1982 #660

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

The Hymnal 1982 #345

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

All are invited to receive Holy Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says,

Let us pray. We pray with those worshipping online and here present:

Celebrant and People,

Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying,

Life is short, and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind...and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: The Hymnal 1982 #597
O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude *O Day of Peace (JERUSALEM)*
Charles Callahan. (1951-)

❖ ALTAR FLOWERS for today are given TO THE GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of my friends Nancy & Ray Hartsuff and Helen McGarry by Betty Thomas; and IN THANKSGIVING for St. Paul's Church by Cheryl Gumper.

- ❖ THE AUMBRY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK to the Glory of God and IN LOVING MEMORY of Rev. Milton & Eunice Austin by The Women of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, ECW.

Announcements

- **Birthdays:** Garry Trammell, Cynthia Rider, Teri Utz, Evan Lagow, Sue Smar (our gardener), Sue Hammett, Laura Orr, Dominic Themm, Autumn Boody, Jadon Hartsuff, and Michelle Gibson. **Anniversaries (?)**
- **Episcopal Relief & Development** is mobilizing with partners to aid those affected by hurricanes. Your donation to the Hurricane Relief Fund will support affected communities in the Caribbean and southern United States. **Visit episcopalrelief.org** for more information.
- **The ECW nut sale is extended through today, so get your order in now!** Forms are available on the table outside the church office or you can contact Romelle Frey to place your order also. Checks must be written to "The Women of St. Paul's Episcopal Church" with "nut sale" on the memo line. For questions, please call Romelle 517-414-3768.
- **Altar flowers needed:** We have several Sundays available for altar flower dedications in the months of November and December. The cost is approx. \$45. Please call Cheryl Gumper at 517-789-7982, or contact the church office if you would like to help.
- **New Parish Directory:** A rough draft is on the bulletin board in the glass narthex. If you have not already, please take a minute to check your contact info to make sure it is correct. If you do **NOT** want to be in the directory, cross out your entry; or if you would **like to be** included in it and aren't already, please write in your information, or contact the church office. A final copy will be emailed and printed as soon as everyone has the chance to submit their revisions.

Opening Hymn: The Hymnal 1982 #31
Most Holy God, the Lord of Heaven

Most Holy God, the Lord of heaven,
who in the high arched sky has placed
the sun that flames up from the east
and brings the splendors of the dawn:

for you the dazzling star shines forth
which in its gleaming path declares
the wonders of your glorious power,
and beckons us to worship you.

The day departs, the evening stars
serenely light the darkening sky;
the moon with cool reflected glow
will bring the silences of night.

You, Holy One, Creator, Lord,
you in the primal world once set
the boundaries of the day and night
and ordered seasons in their round.

Like sun and day, shine in our hearts;
like moon and night, give loving peace.
Free us from bonds of blinding sin
and guide us on our path to you.

Latin; tr. Anne K. LeCroy (b. 1930)



Sequence Hymn: The Hymnal 1982 #536

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People



1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,
3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,
4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,



o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the
Ju - dah is glad to see his day. From east and west the
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O



roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.
way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.
peo - ples trav - el, he will show the way.
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.



God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!



And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -



jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,



Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are
To - rah o - ra,

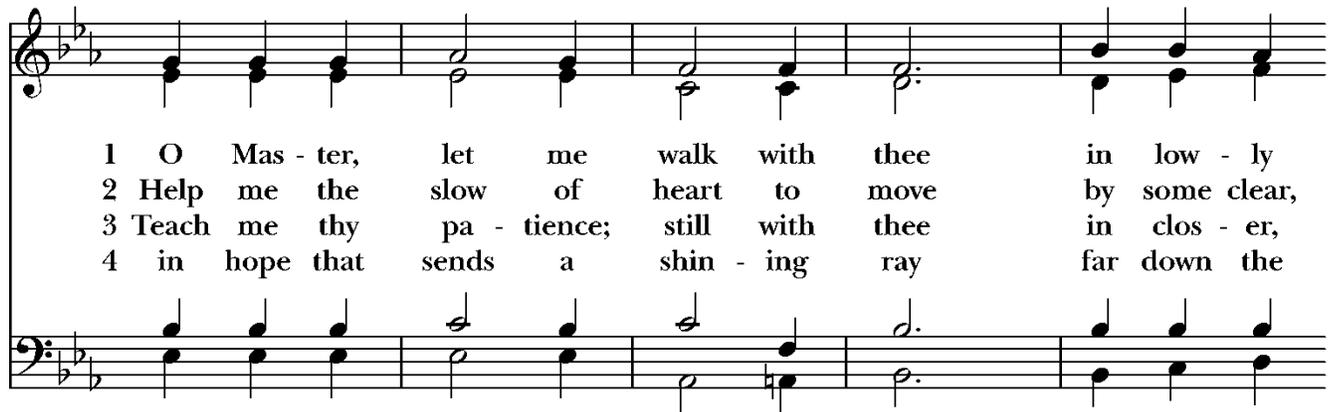


words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!
To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

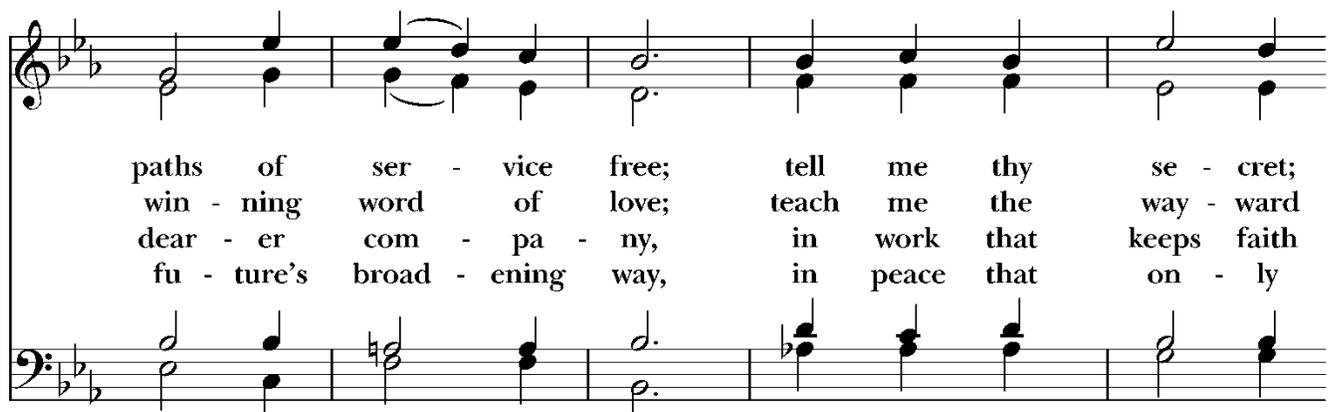
"Torah ora" is Hebrew for, "The Law is our Light."

Communion Hymn: The Hymnal 1982 #660

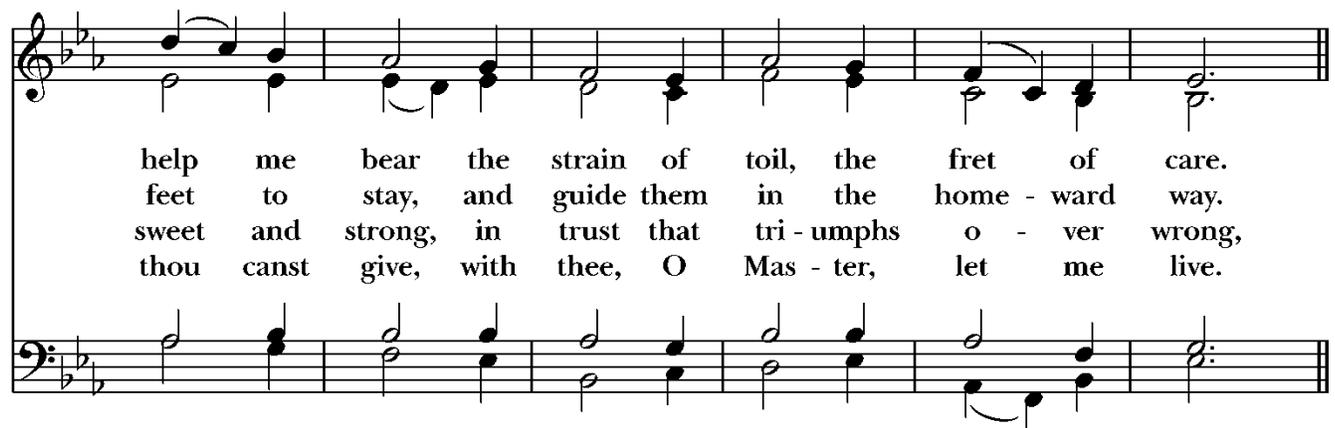
O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

The Hymnal 1982 #345

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

1 Sa - vior, a - gain to thy dear Name we raise
 *2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life;
 4 thy peace in life, the balm of ev - ery pain;

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day;
 peace to thy Church from er - ror and from strife;
 thy peace in death, the hope to rise a - gain;

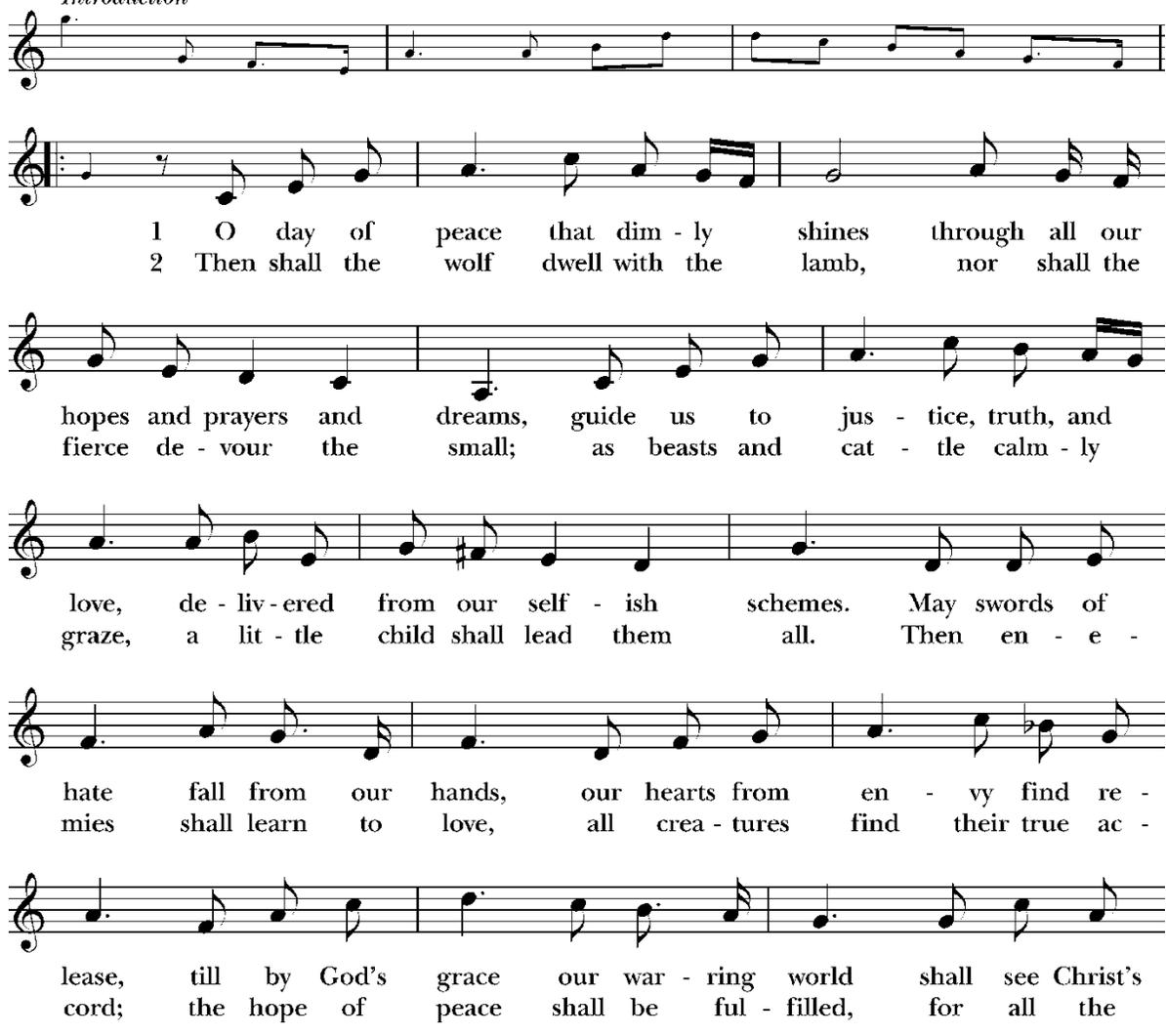
guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 from harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,
 peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
 then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

that in this house have called up - on thy Name.
 for dark and light are both a - like to thee.
 peace in each heart, thy Spi - rit from a - bove:
 call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

Closing Hymn: The Hymnal 1982 #597

O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines

Introduction



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the

hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
 fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly

love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of
 graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -

hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -
 mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -

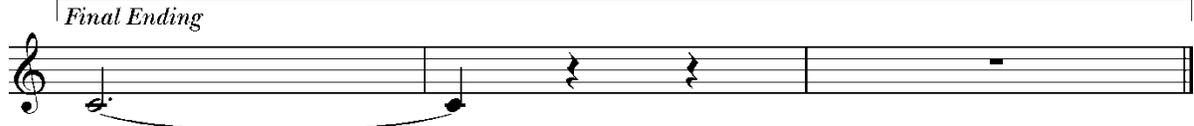
lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's
 cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the

[1] *Interlude*



prom - ised reign of peace.
 earth shall know the (Lord.)

Final Ending



Lord. _____

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