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An other othered
and an othered othering
found another other to smother
with othering.
How can it be any other?

Yet the Other
chose to become another other;
the Spirit hovered
over His mother,
so that He is our brother,
othered in life,
never othering others.

Then He was othered to death
and raised to another life,
a life to give to the others
—whether othered or othering—
saved by the Other.

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NARRATIVE LECTIONARY – YEAR 3

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Year 3 of the Narrative Lectionary from the appointed readings from the Old Testament.

Anthem

What a Mighty God We Serve

Children's Choirs

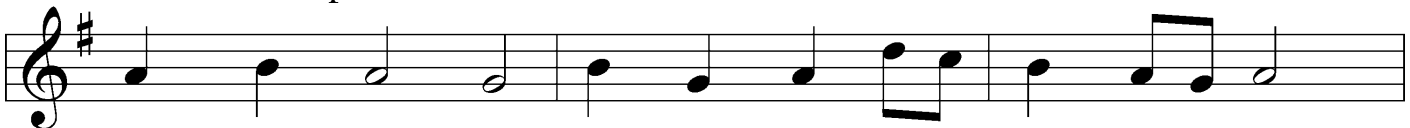
Opening Hymn

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

LSB 545



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
 world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
 pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Invocation (based on Hannah's Song in 1 Samuel 2:1-10)

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: My heart rejoices in the LORD;

C: I rejoice in Your deliverance.

P: No one is holy like the LORD! There is no other god besides the LORD!

C: There is no rock like our God!

P: The bows of warriors are shattered,

C: but those who stumble receive strength.

P: The well-fed are now desperate for food,

C: but the hungry are now always full.

P: The LORD lifts the weak from the dust;

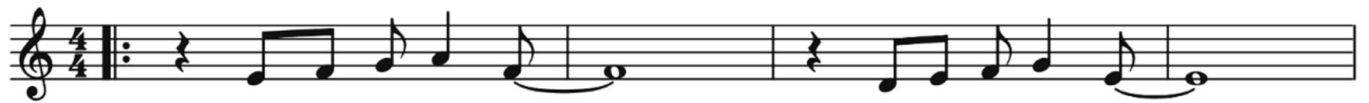
C: He raises the poor to a place of honor.

P: The LORD executes judgment to the ends of the earth.

C: and exalts the power of His Anointed One: Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise

Change My Heart, Oh God



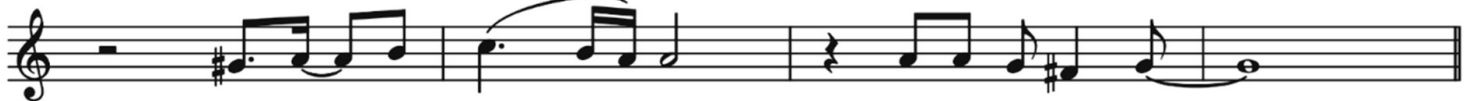
Change my heart, oh God. ___ Make it ev - er true. ___



Change my heart, oh 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. ___



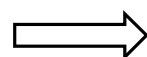
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Change my heart, oh God. ___ May I be like You. ___

Confession and Absolution (Exodus 32:7-9,12)

P: When the Lord brought the people out of Egypt, out of slavery, and when Moses was on the mountain receiving the Law of God, the people became impatient. So Aaron made a golden calf and said, "This is the god who brought you out of Egypt." When the Lord saw this, He said, "The people have acted corruptly."



We know ourselves, and we know we are not far from such sin. We also have acted corruptly in our lives.

**C: We confess that we have quickly turned aside from the way of God.
We often are a stiff-necked people, stubborn in our sinful ways.**

P: The Lord would be right to let His anger burn against us and destroy us. But even as Moses pleaded with the Lord on behalf of the people, so now Jesus pleads for us before the Father. So we are bold to say:

**C: Turn Your burning anger away from us for the sake of Jesus Christ.
Remember Your promises of old to bring salvation for Your people.
Rescue us from sin and death for the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

P: And indeed, the Lord has turned His anger away from you. He will not utterly destroy you. He has promised to make You to be His people, transformed by His Holy Spirit. Therefore, based on this promise of God's steadfast love, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

"As Surely As I Live," God Said

LSB 614, sts. 1,7 (alt.); tune: 580



1 "As sure - ly as I live," God said, "I would not
7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be For ab - so



see the sin - ner dead. I want him turned from
- lu - tion full and free, In which You show Your



er - ror's ways, Re - pen - tant, liv - ing end - less days."
rich - est grace; This gift for - gives us in this place.

This Week's Narrative Lectionary Reading

Luke 7:1-17 (NET)

After Jesus had finished teaching all this to the people, he entered Capernaum. ² A centurion there had a slave who was highly regarded, but who was sick and at the point of death. ³ When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. ⁴ When they came to Jesus, they urged him earnestly,

Elders: He is worthy to have you do this for him, ⁵ because he loves our nation, and even built our synagogue.

⁶ So Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him,

Friends: Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof! ⁷ That is why I did not presume to come to you. Instead, say the word, and my servant must be healed. ⁸ For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me. I say to this one, “Go!” and he goes, and to another, “Come!” and he comes, and to my slave, “Do this!” and he does it.

⁹ When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him. He turned and said to the crowd that followed him,

Jesus: I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith!

¹⁰ So when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave well.

¹¹ Soon afterward Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. ¹² As he approached the town gate, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother (who was a widow), and a large crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her,

Jesus: Do not weep.

¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and those who carried it stood still. He said,

Jesus: Young man, I say to you, get up!

¹⁵ So the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they began to glorify God, saying,

People: A great prophet has appeared among us! God has come to help his people!

¹⁷ This report about Jesus circulated throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Collect (Prayer for the Reading)

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You brought joy to Gentiles, those who were not Jewish, through Your Gospel that proclaims that Jesus is a light to all nations to bring salvation to the ends of the earth. Give us courage to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world, and to people from around the world who live in our country, even in the face of opposition, knowing that it is through suffering that we enter the kingdom of God; and that all people need the hope offered in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Refrain



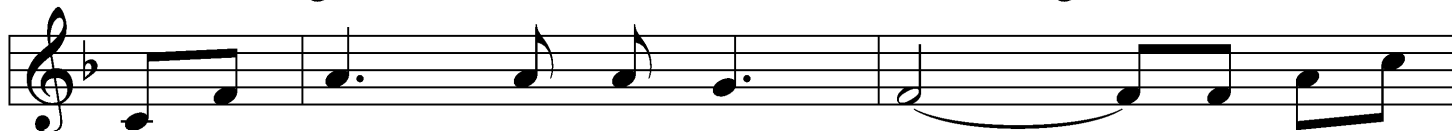
My Lord, what a morn-ing; My Lord, what a



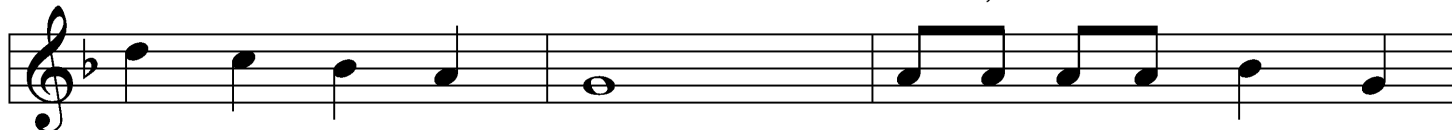
morn-ing; Oh, my Lord, what a morn-ing, When the



stars be-gin to fall, When the stars be-gin to fall.



1 You'll	hear	the trum - pet	sound,	To wake the
2 You'll	hear	the sin - ner	cry,	To wake the
3 You'll	hear	the Chris - tian	shout,	To wake the



na - tions	un - der - ground,	Look-ing	to my God's	right
na - tions	un - der - ground,	Look-ing	to my God's	right
na - tions	un - der - ground,	Look-ing	to my God's	right



hand,	When the	stars	be - gin	to	fall.
hand,	When the	stars	be - gin	to	fall.
hand,	When the	stars	be - gin	to	fall.

Refrain

Children's Message & Sermon

Confession of Faith (based on Daniel 6:26-27)

P: When God saved Daniel from the lion's den, it bore great witness to the Persian King, Darius, who then declared that people in his kingdom were to fear and revere the God of Daniel, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. King Darius may not have fully understood the truth of his words, but we can declare those words like a creed—for we do indeed fear and revere the God of Daniel:

C: For He is the living God; He endures forever.
 His kingdom will not be destroyed; His authority is forever.
 He rescues and delivers and performs signs and wonders
 in the heavens and on the earth.
 He rescued Daniel from the power of the lions!

P: And brothers and sisters in Christ, you know these words point to the far greater miracle
 of what the Lord brought about on Good Friday and Easter:

C: For Jesus is the living Son of God;
 He died on the cross, but death could not hold Him.
 He rose again to conquer the grave for us.
 He endures forever.
 His kingdom will not be destroyed; His authority is forever.
 He rescues and delivers and performs signs and wonders
 in the heavens and on the earth.
 He rescues us from the power of sin, death, and the devil. Amen.

Offering & Prayer Requests

Offertory (Based on 1 Kings 17:17-24)

LSB 814, sts. 1,5

(we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
 5 He fills the poor with good; He gives the suf - f'ers rest.



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
 The Lord hath judg - ments for the proud And jus - tice for the op - pressed.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: 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.

Benediction (Blessing) (based on Isaiah 61:1-4,9)

P: The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon Jesus,
who has come to encourage the poor, to help the brokenhearted,
to decree the release of captives, and the freeing of prisoners,
to announce that the Lord will show his favor to those who follow His Son,
the day when our God will seek vengeance against all evil, to console all who mourn.
By giving You His Holy Spirit, you will be called oaks of righteousness,
trees planted by the Lord to reveal his splendor.
All who see you will recognize that the Lord has blessed you
in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

LSB 920 sts. 1, 3-5; tune: 616



1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go; Christ to the
3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth This world of
4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak; Proph - ets are
5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show That in His



world with joy we bring; Christ in our minds, Christ
time to con - se - crate, This world of sin by
we whose deeds pro - claim Christ's truth in love that
Church all na - tions find Their hearth and home where



on our lips, Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.
grace to heal, Christ's world in Christ to re - cre - ate.
we may be Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.
Christ re - stores True peace, true love to all man - kind.

Announcements

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