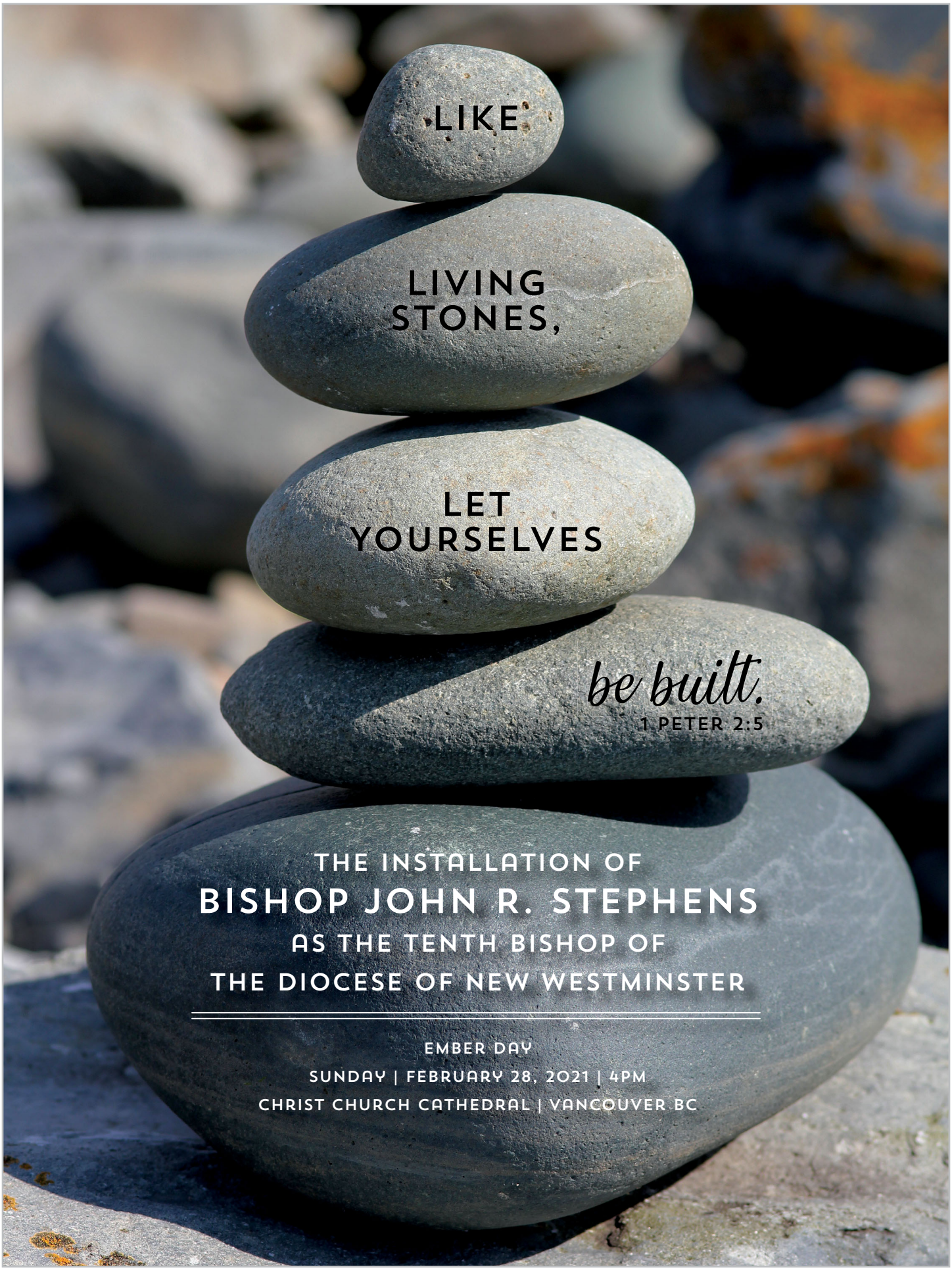


THE INSTALLATION OF

BISHOP JOHN R. STEPHENS

AS THE TENTH BISHOP OF

THE DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER

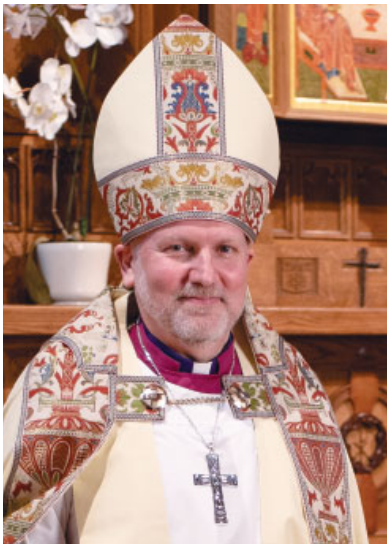
EMBER DAY

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 28, 2021 | 4PM

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL | VANCOUVER BC

WELCOME

GREETINGS TO ALL OF YOU AROUND THE DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER, OUR PROVINCE, THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA AND MANY PLACES AROUND THE WORLD.



It is my great delight to welcome you to this Installation Liturgy for the Tenth Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster. On January 23 I was ordained, or consecrated, a Bishop in the Church of God and took on the role of Bishop Co-Adjutor for the Diocese. Since that time, I have been working closely with Archbishop Melissa Skelton in preparation for this new ministry as the Diocesan Bishop. This time with Archbishop Melissa has been a real gift to me and I am so grateful. A time of sharing and learning and teaching. A time of looking at the Diocese and the role of Bishop from a new and important perspective. A time of good preparation to take on the role led by the Holy Spirit.

The liturgy today will reveal this transition from a Bishop Co-Adjutor to Diocesan Bishop. You will note the following three important liturgical pieces, as outlined by Archdeacon Richard Leggett:

KNOCKING ON THE DOOR OF THE CATHEDRAL

At the beginning of the service, Bishop John will knock on the Cathedral door three times and request entry. This symbolizes that he assumes the ministry of Diocesan Bishop with the consent of the people who are represented by the Dean and other Diocesan officials.

PRESENTATION OF THE DIOCESAN CROSIER

At ordination a crosier is presented to the newly-ordained bishop as a symbol of the pastoral ministry and leadership entrusted to every bishop. As Bishop Co-Adjutor, Bishop John took a share in the pastoral ministry of Archbishop Melissa. In the installation service Bishop John will be given the Diocesan Crosier as a symbol that he is now assuming the role of chief pastor of the Diocese of New Westminster as Archbishop Melissa's successor.

SEATING OF THE DIOCESAN BISHOP

The Bishop's chair, the *cathedra*, is a symbol of the teaching office of the Diocesan Bishop. When Bishop John is seated, it represents his new role "to be one with apostles in proclaiming Christ's resurrection and interpreting the Gospel." This symbolic action is the final act of his installation as Diocesan Bishop.

We had hoped to have the entire Diocese (or as many as possible!) gather at Christ Church Cathedral to be part of this new beginning. Unfortunately, that was not possible under the current health orders. I am delighted that we can still be together via the livestream. I am delighted that you are all with me, if not physically, in the Cathedral. Your prayers and support are incredibly important to me.

The list of people I would like to thank is very long, but in particular for the liturgy today, I am grateful to Archbishop Melissa Skelton, Metropolitan and Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster; the Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas, Dean of the Diocese; the Rev. Louise Peters, preacher; Rupert Lang, Cathedral Organist and Choir Director; Randy Murray, Diocesan Communications Officer; all others who are participating and the Installation Planning Group. I am grateful to my family and many friends.

May God continue to bless us on this journey,

Blessings & Peace

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THE INSTALLATION OF THE BISHOP

The Dean of the Diocese welcomes the community.
A territorial acknowledgement and welcome offered by Kelvin Bee, ODNW.

THE WELCOMING OF THE BISHOP

The Bishop waits outside.
Welcoming song/drumming provided by Urban Aboriginal Ministry Members.

The Bishop knocks three times on the door.
The Dean welcomes the Bishop in these words:

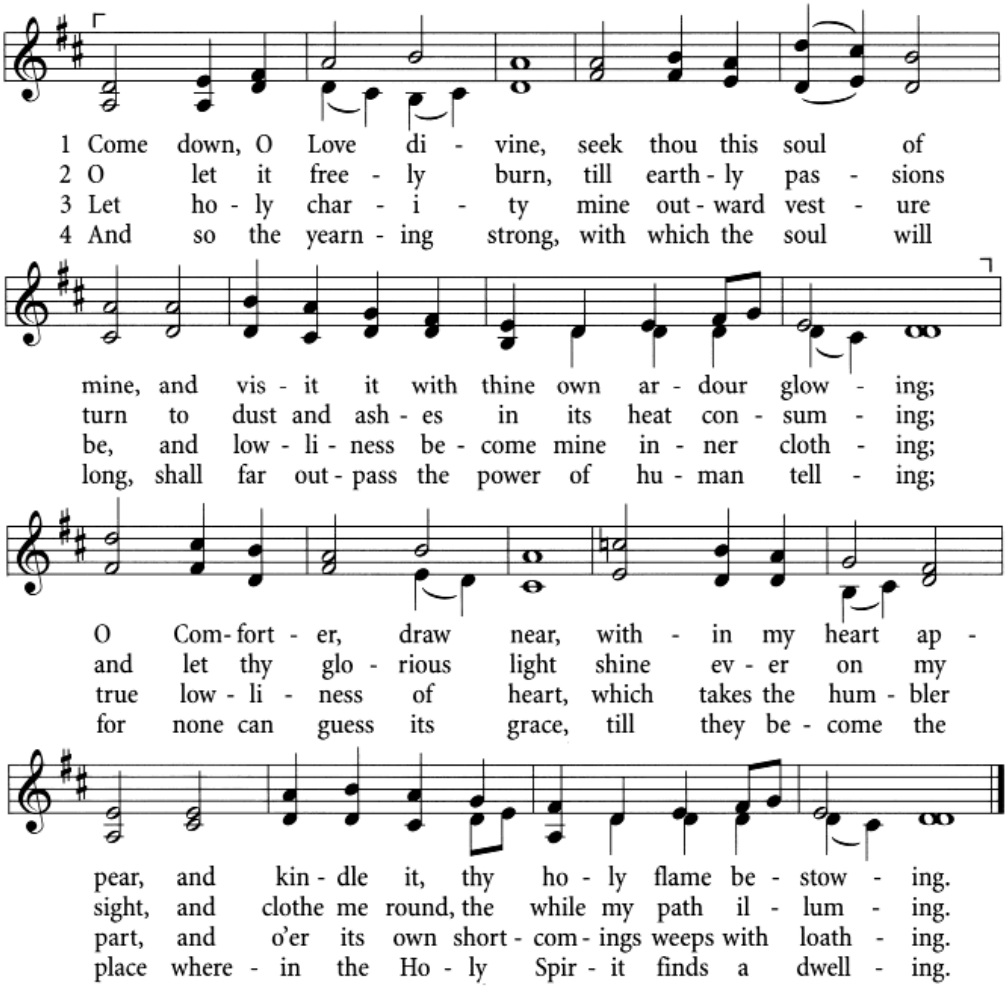
John, Bishop in the Church of God and our Bishop,
we welcome you to your Cathedral Church,
the symbol and centre of your pastoral, liturgical,
and teaching ministry in this diocese.

The Bishop responds, saying:

I thank you for your welcome.
I promise, with God's help, to be a faithful pastor and servant among you.
I pray that the ministry we share may be pleasing to God
and may strengthen the life of this diocese
located on the unceded ancestral lands of the Coast Salish People
and the whole Church of God.

Hymn Come Down, O Love Divine *(CP 645)*

Text: Bianco da Siena (1350?–1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833–1890), alt.;
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958); Down Ampney



The Bishop enters, led by the Dean of the Diocese and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral.
The Bishop says:

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

There is one body and one Spirit,
There is one hope in God's call to us;

There is one body and one Spirit,
One God and Father of all.

THE SEATING OF THE BISHOP

The chancellor of the diocese reads the certicate of ordination.
The retiring Bishop presents the Bishop with the diocesan crosier, saying:

I pass to you this crosier, a symbol of your office as Bishop of New Westminster.
May Christ the Good Shepherd so uphold and sustain you
that you may lead with courage and guide with love those committed to your charge.

The Bishop is escorted to the Cathedra. The people say:

John, we, the people of this diocese, receive you as our Bishop.
Be among us as our pastor and leader.
May the Lord stir up in you the flame of holy charity
and the power of faith that renews the world. Amen.

The Bishop is seated and the people may offer their acclamations and applause.
The Bishop may, if he chooses, offer a few words.

The Bishop then invites the people to pray, saying,

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
by your grace alone
we are accepted and called to your service.
Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

The appointed reader—Mebbo Basvi—*reads the first reading in the Shona language.*

A Reading from Isaiah (44:1-8).

But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen!
Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you in the womb and will help you:
Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen.
For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring.
They shall spring up like a green tamarisk, like willows by flowing streams.
This one will say, 'I am the Lord's', another will be called by the name of Jacob,
yet another will write on the hand, 'The Lord's', and adopt the name of Israel.

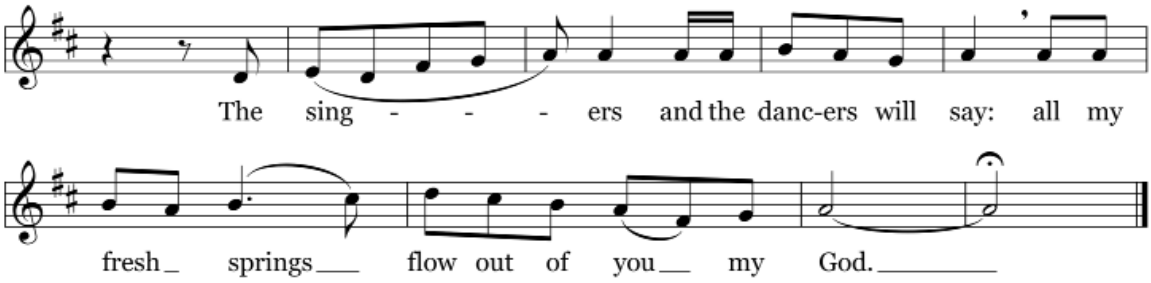
Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 87

Dedicated to Bishop John R. Stephens, on the occasion of his Installation
Text: *A Liturgical Psalter (General Synod 2016 edition),* adapt. R. G. Lang; Setting: Rupert Lang



On the holy mountain stands the city God has founded;
the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
Antiphon

Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of our God.
I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me;
behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.
Antiphon

Of Zion it shall be said,
"Everyone was born in there, and the Most High shall sustain it."
The Lord will record as the peoples are enrolled, "These also were born there."
Antiphon

THE SECOND READING

The appointed reader — Midori Seo — *reads the second reading in Japanese.*

A Reading from 1 Peter (2:4-10).

Come to him, a living stone,
though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight,
and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,
to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'
To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,
'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner',
and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him
who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

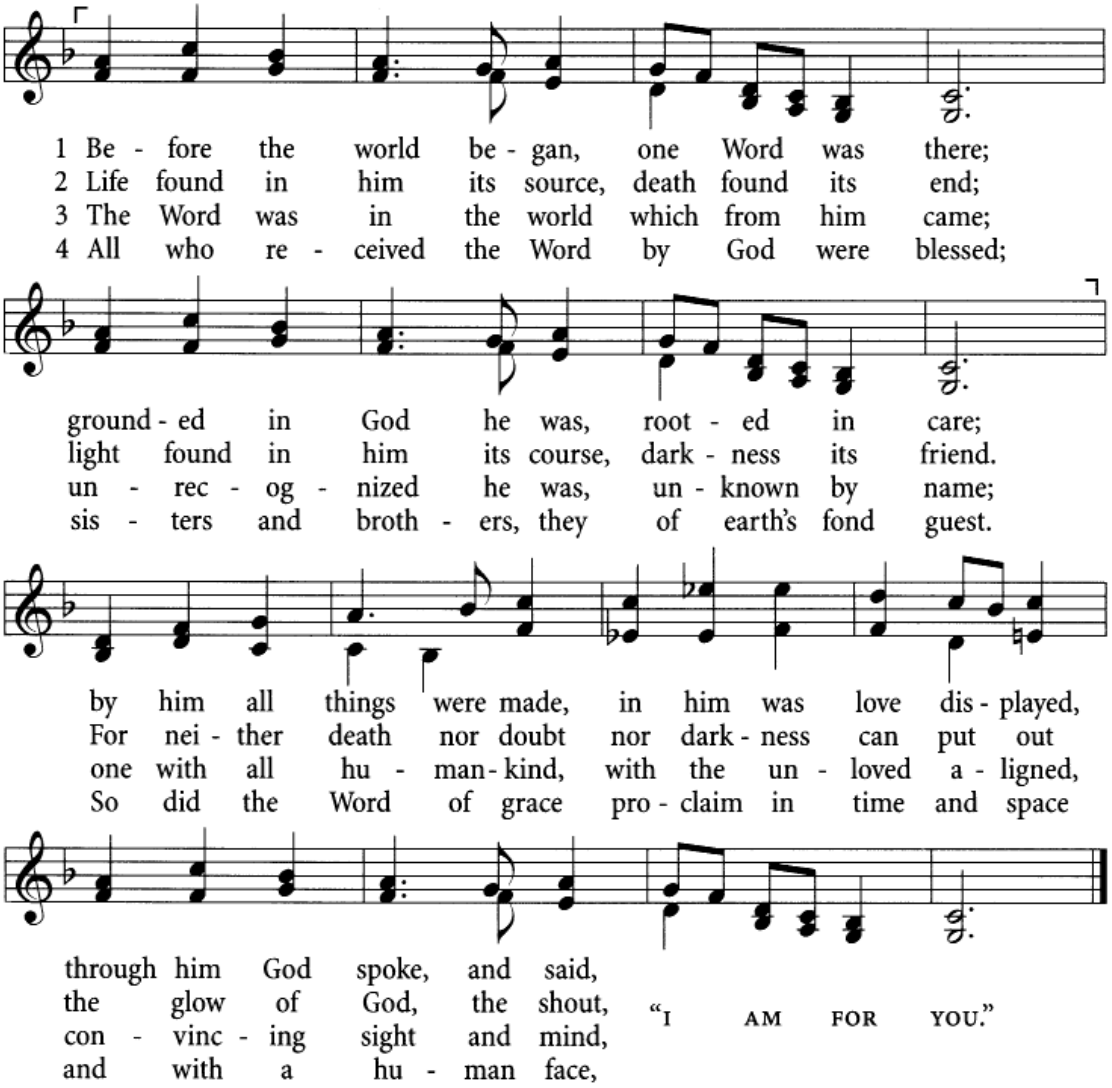
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

The following hymn is sung by the choir.

Hymn Before the World Began *(CP 621)*

Text & Music: John L. Bell (1949–); INCARNATION



THE GOSPEL

The appointed deacon begins the gospel, saying:

May God be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (17:6-19).
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world.
They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.
Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;
for the words that you gave to me I have given to them,
and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you;
and they have believed that you sent me.
I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world,
but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.
All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.
And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.
Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me,
so that they may be one, as we are one.
While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me.
I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost,
so that the scripture might be fulfilled.
But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world
so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.
I have given them your word, and the world has hated them
because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.
I am not asking you to take them out of the world,
but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.
They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.
Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.
And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Louise Peters

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith, as we say,
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. With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped 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

On Ember Days, we are asked to pray as one for the life of the Church, its mission and ministry.
Today we lift up especially the Spirit at work in our diocese as we celebrate the installation of our new bishop.
To the call, "God of Life," *please respond,* **"Hear our prayer."**

Holy One, you are the living Word.
May all who minister and teach in your church
lead with wise minds, kind hearts and devoted spirits;
may their passion and commitment give life to those around them,
and may they seek to serve Christ in all persons.

Today, we pray for John as he is installed as our diocesan bishop,
and we ask your blessing on his episcopal ministry.
We pray for John's family, his close colleagues, and all who will support him in his role.

We remember with thanksgiving the leadership of Archbishop Melissa.
We ask your blessing on Melissa and Eric as they discover what new ministries await them.

God of Life,
Hear our prayer.

Loving God, you are the living Water that refreshes our spirit
and strengthens us for your work.
May our parishes and emerging communities of faith
be known as places of genuine welcome,
active compassion, and commitment to the common good.

From Powell River to White Rock and from Hope to Richmond,
may we sing out the good news of Christ among us.
May each of our people live confident in your love,
and seek to share that love with others.

God of Life,
Hear our prayer.

Unchanging One, you are the living Stone,
the foundation of who we are and all we do.
We rely on you for strength and steadiness when our own reserves are thin;
especially in these challenging times of pandemic,
help us be both lamp and lifeboat to others.

We pray for all who are downcast by hard circumstances;
those who are ill, those who are lonely;
those working too hard and those without work to do.
Give courage, rest, and hope to all who are struggling.

God of Life,
Hear our prayer.

Ever-creating One, you are the Life of the World and all her peoples.
We give thanks for the diversity with which you have made us,
and pray that we may learn to better appreciate each other's perspectives, skills and knowledge.

We have often failed to recognize your presence in others, and we are sorry.
We know your longing is for reconciliation between nations,
between peoples, between faiths, and between individuals.
Give us the will to be agents of peace and healing within our homes and communities.

God of Life,
Hear our prayer.

We close these prayers with grateful hearts for the privilege
of being your Church in this land of astonishing beauty.
Help us recognize that all of Creation is precious in your sight,
and that we honour you by caring for the world you love.

In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

The people are invited to confession.

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The Bishop says:

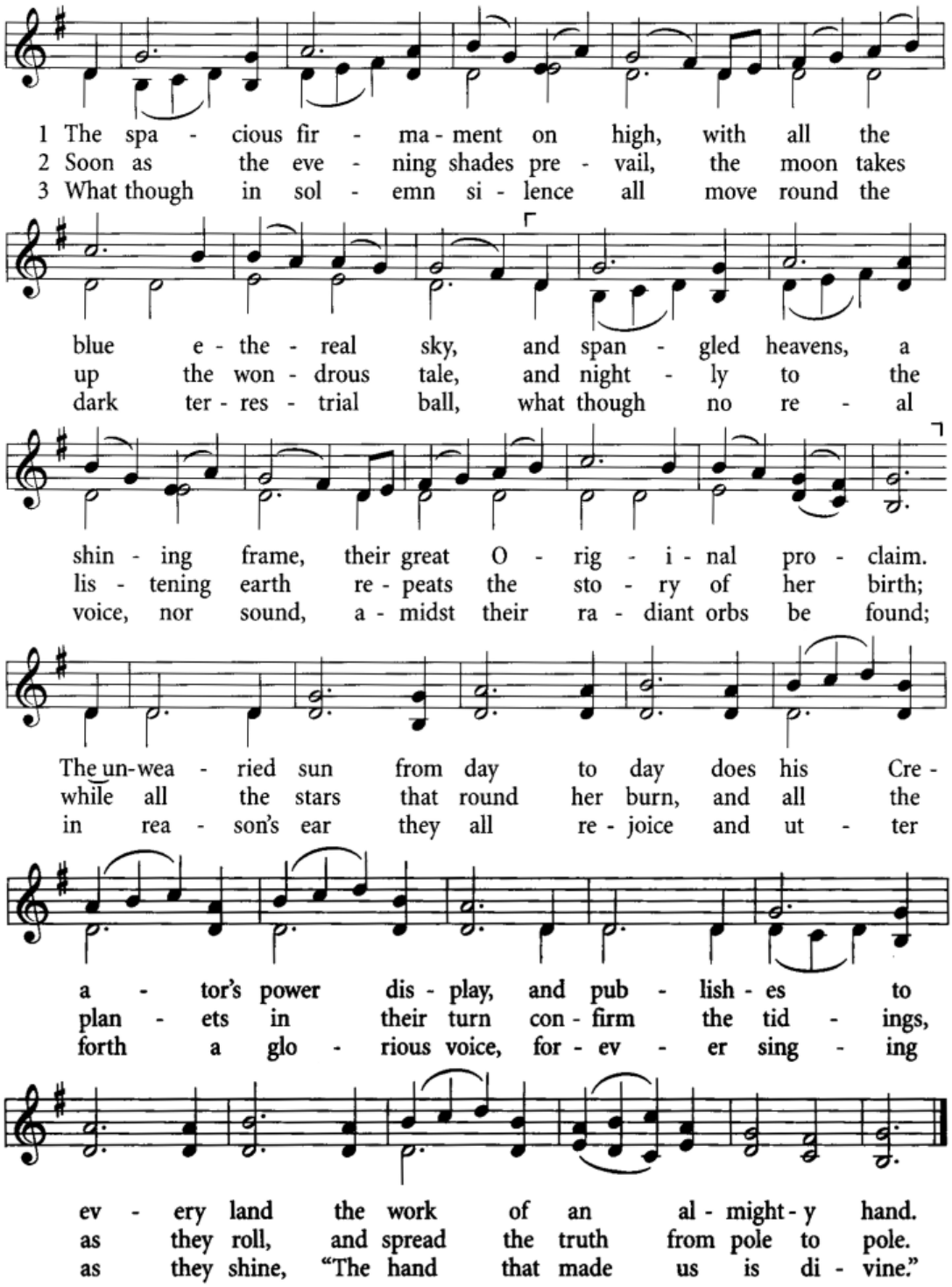
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

An offering can be taken with the proceeds going to the Diocesan 'Care + Share' programme.
Please make cheques payable to the Diocese of New Westminster.

Offertory Hymn The Spacious Firmament on High *(CP 426)*

Text: Joseph Addison (1672–1719); Music: Franz Josef Haydn (1732–1809);
adapt. *Dulcimer, or New York Collection of Sacred Music*, 1850, alt.; trb. arr. Melva Treffinger Graham (1947–); CREATION



The deacon prepares the gifts of bread and wine for the eucharist.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Bishop leads the community in the prayer over the gifts.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
as we celebrate this holy eucharist,
may your Spirit fill us with the light of faith.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Bishop begins the thanksgiving at the table, saying:

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.

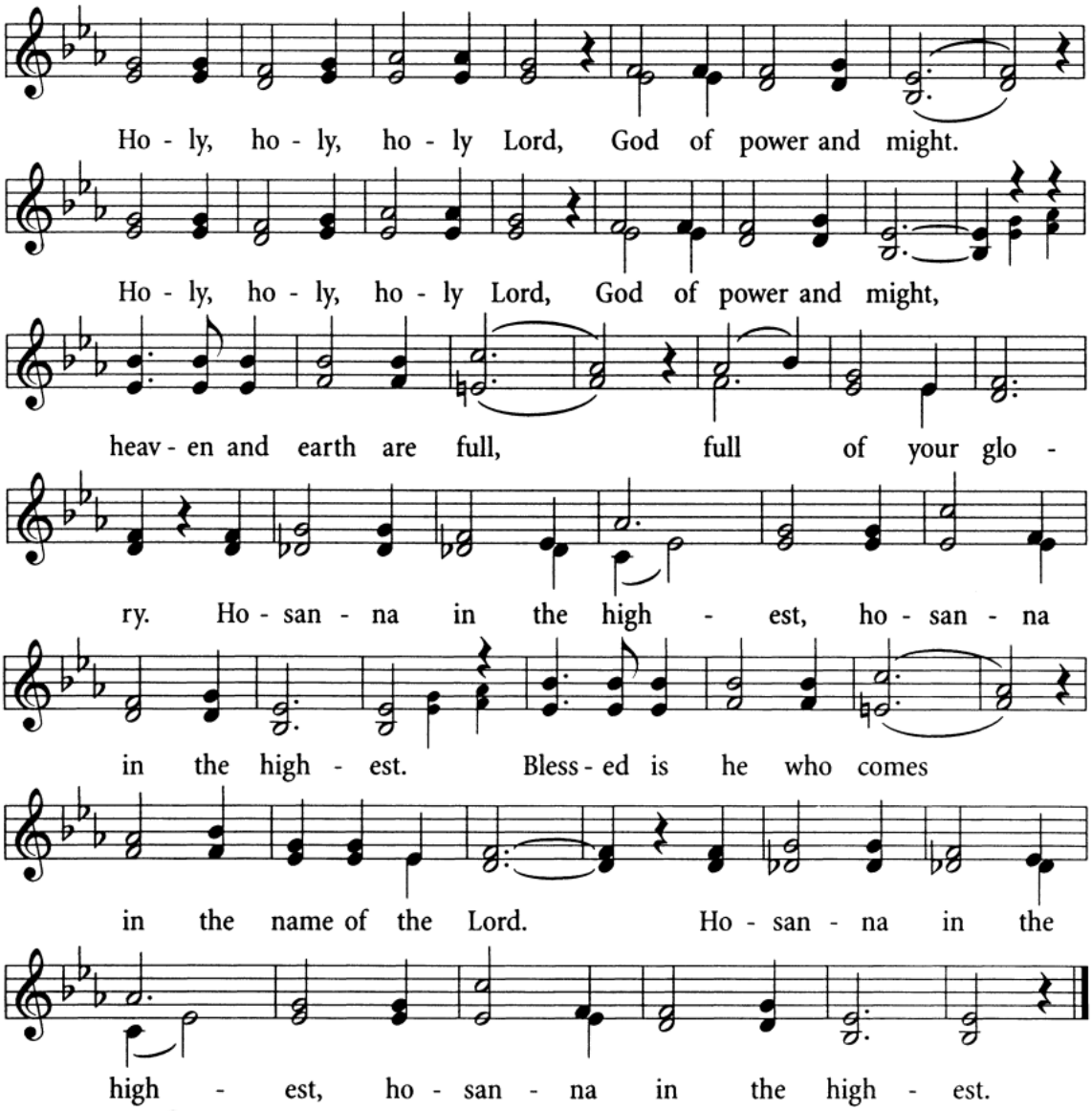
Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people,
a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us.
When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness.
You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first.
Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *(CP 735)*

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert (1797 – 1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937 –)



The Bishop continues:

Blessed are you, O Holy One:
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land.
When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.
Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life.
Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said,
"Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.
Therefore we proclaim our hope.
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them
you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers.
When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.
Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Bishop then says:

As our Saviour taught us, and in our native languages, let us pray,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Bishop breaks the bread at the table, saying:

We break this bread.
Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.
If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

THE COMMUNION OF THE COMMUNITY

Choir Motet Sicut Cervus

Setting: G. P. da Palestrina

Translation Like a deer, longing for springs of clear,
cool, running water, I thirst for you,
the living God. *(Psalm 42:1)*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Bishop leads the people in the following:

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the holy food
of the body and blood of your Son,
and for uniting us through him
in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit.
We thank you for raising up among us
faithful servants for the ministry
of your word and sacraments.
We pray that John may be to us
a godly example in word and action,
in love and patience,
and in holiness of life.

Grant that we, with him, may serve you now,
and always rejoice in your glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

The Bishop then says:

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

The Bishop then blesses the Diocese, the cities and communities within the Diocese, Indigenous communities and all who seek God's blessing in their lives.

God bless this City of Vancouver
and all the cities and communities of our Diocese
and all who live and work here.

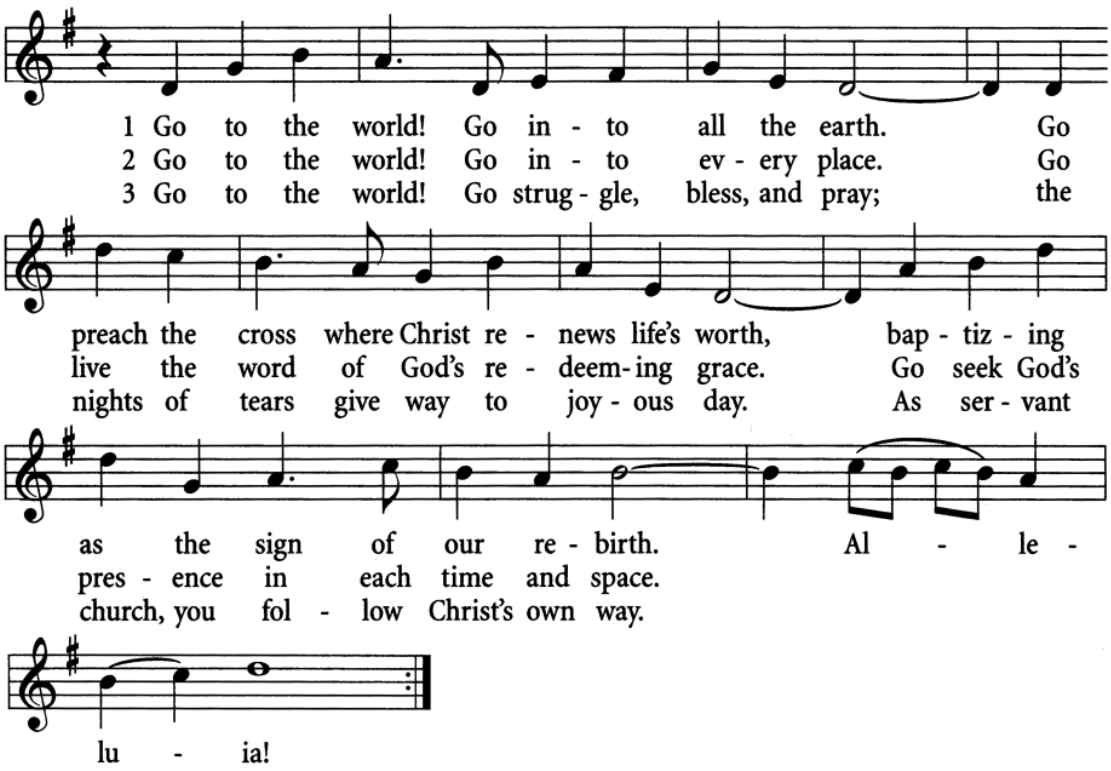
God bless the unique society, wisdom and beauty
of the Indigenous people of this land.

God bless this Diocese of New Westminster,
our people, parishes and ministries.

May God in Jesus Christ visit you with mercy,
surround you with love,
and fill your hearts with courage, strength and peace:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
the Holy and undivided Trinity be upon you,
this land and our Diocese of New Westminster, always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn Go to the World *(CP 598)*

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955–1993); Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924); Engelberg



THE DISMISSAL

A deacon dismisses the people:

Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude Go to the World *(CP 598)*

4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry, "Amen!"
Alleluia!

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