Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

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The Razed Temple Raised

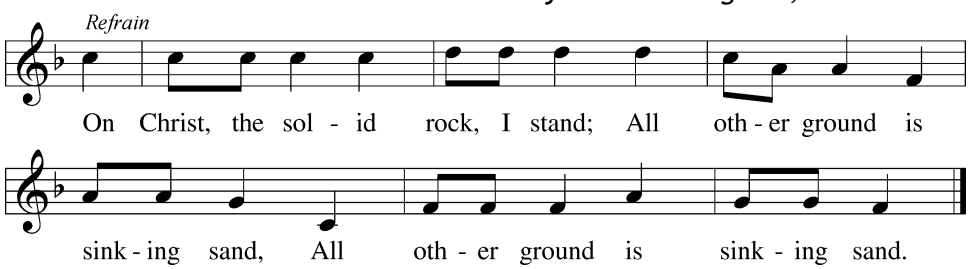
As We Gather

Today we consider the temple in Jerusalem, the place where God's people worshiped and prayed for generations. Yet after so many years, the temple itself became more the focus of their devotion than the Lord filled it with His presence. The prophet Jeremiah warned Israel, "Do not trust in these deceptive words: 'This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD;' (Jer 7:4) as if because the Lord's temple was in their midst no evil could befall them, despite even their wicked lives. For this reason God brought about through history the destruction of His temple – twice! It was razed to the ground, so that God's people might learn anew to put their trust in the Lord alone.

We too build up our temples and ministry facilities. Sitting outside this morning, it's satisfying to look around and see the wonderful buildings we have dedicated to the Lord. Yet we must resist the temptation to put so much emphasis on holy buildings that we neglect holy purpose for which they are dedicated. We will always find that what remains when our creations are destroyed is someone uncreated—Jesus Himself. His flesh is the true and eternal temple where God will be ever present with His people. To Him be all praise and honor in the church!

Preservice Hymn "My Hope Is Built" *Refrain sung by congregation*

Led by our musical guest, ***Michael Nicol***



Ringing of the Tower Bell

Morning Hymn Medley

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"
"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies "

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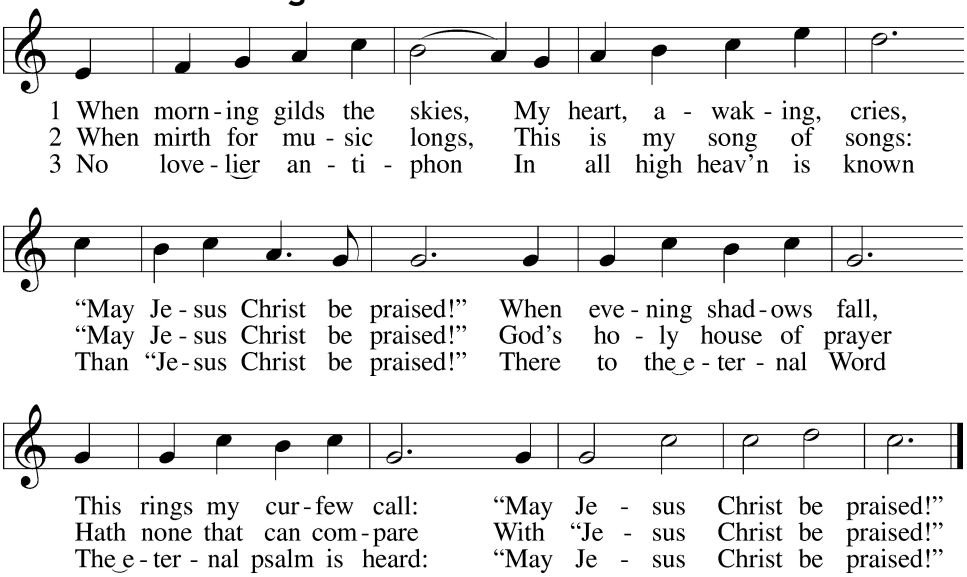

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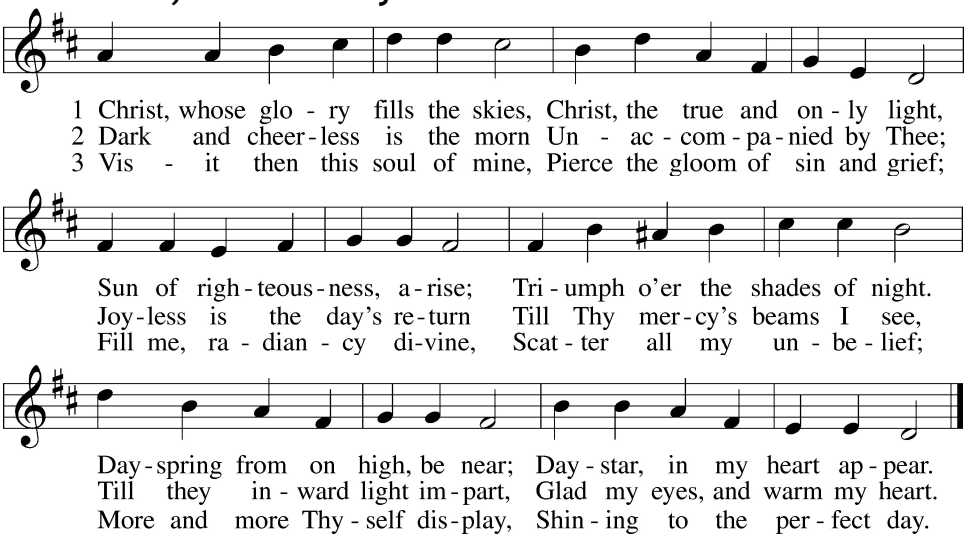

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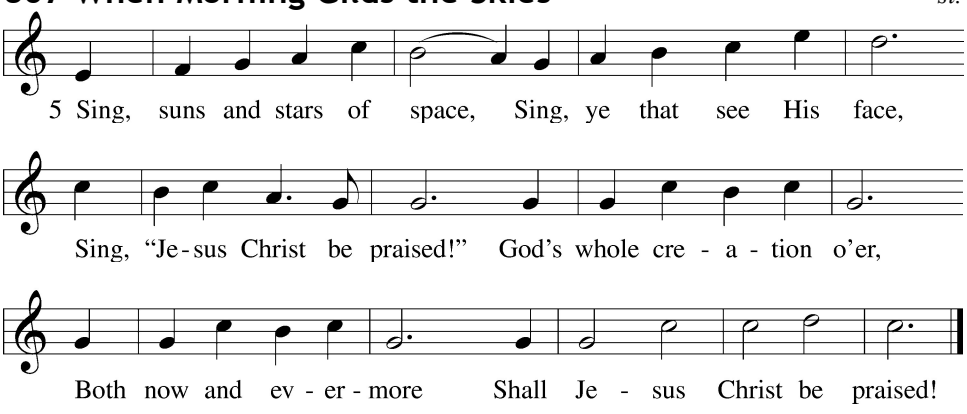


Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

P O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house,

C **and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Lord, restore the fortunes of Your people.

C **Let all Your people rejoice and be glad!**

P From generation to generation, You are our God.

C **Your Word shall be heard among our children and our children's children.**

P Let us ever share the joys of Jesus.

C **Let us spread His grace and love to all the nations.**

Confession and Absolution

P Indeed, it is good to be here, worshiping the Lord and receiving His gifts for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Yet, we must admit that there have been times when we have taken God for granted. There have been times when we have created our own religious, political, and social traditions and given those human-made traditions more attention than Jesus. Still, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

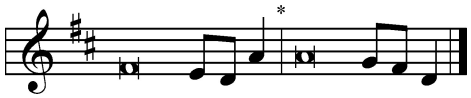
C **we confess that we have not always looked to You for all good. We have created idols for ourselves. We confess our sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, Father, for these weak failures. Renew us and lead us, so that we follow You and look to You for all good, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for You and because of Jesus forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. He is our true inheritance forever. Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 26:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8



P O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house*
and the place where your | glory dwells.

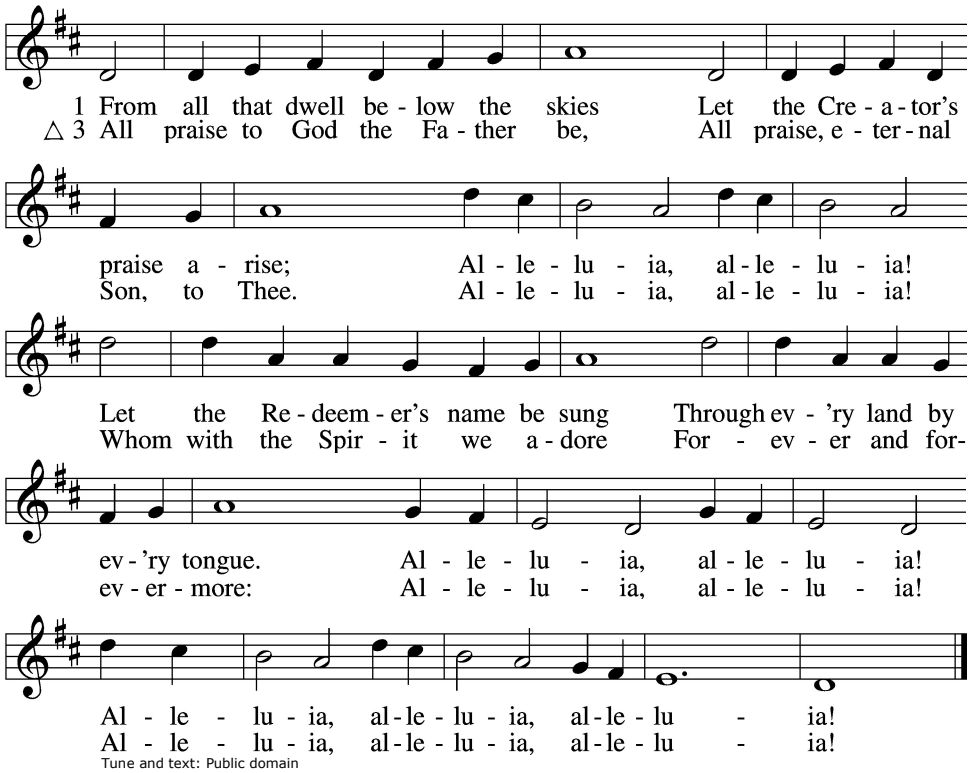
C **Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,***
and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering

P Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;*
test my heart | and my mind

C **I wash my hands in innocence**
and go around your altar, | O LORD,*
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
and telling all your | wondrous deeds.

C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE - 816 "From All that Dwell" *sts. 1, 3*



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Salutation & Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 29:11-19*

[11]The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book
that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, “Read
this,” he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.” [12]And when they give the
book to one who cannot read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot
read.”

[13]And the Lord said:
“Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,
[14]therefore, behold, I will again
do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.”
[15]Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?”
[16]You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker,
“He did not make me”;
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,
“He has no understanding”?
[17]Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?
[18]In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.
[19]The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of
Israel.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Song Solo: "Jesus Built a Bridge"

Epistle *Ephesians 5:22-33*

[22]Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. [23]For the
husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the
church, his body, and is himself its Savior. [24]Now as the church
submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their
husbands.

[25]Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave
himself up for her, [26]that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her
by the washing of water with the word, [27]so that he might present the
church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such

thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. [28]In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. [29]For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, [30]because we are members of his body. [31]"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." [32]This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. [33]However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Jeremiah 15:16a

P Alleluia. Your words were found, and I ate them,

C **and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1]When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, [2]they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. [3](For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, [4]and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) [5]And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" [6]And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

> "'This people honors me with their lips,
> but their heart is far from me;
> [7]in vain do they worship me,
> teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

[8]You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."

[9]And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! [10]For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' [11]But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God)— [12]then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, [13]thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Solo Song: “Unless the Lord Builds the House”

Children's Sermon "The Church"

- **Song "I Am the Church"**

Refrain: I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

1. The church is not a building; the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place; the church is a people.
Refrain:

2. We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.
Refrain:

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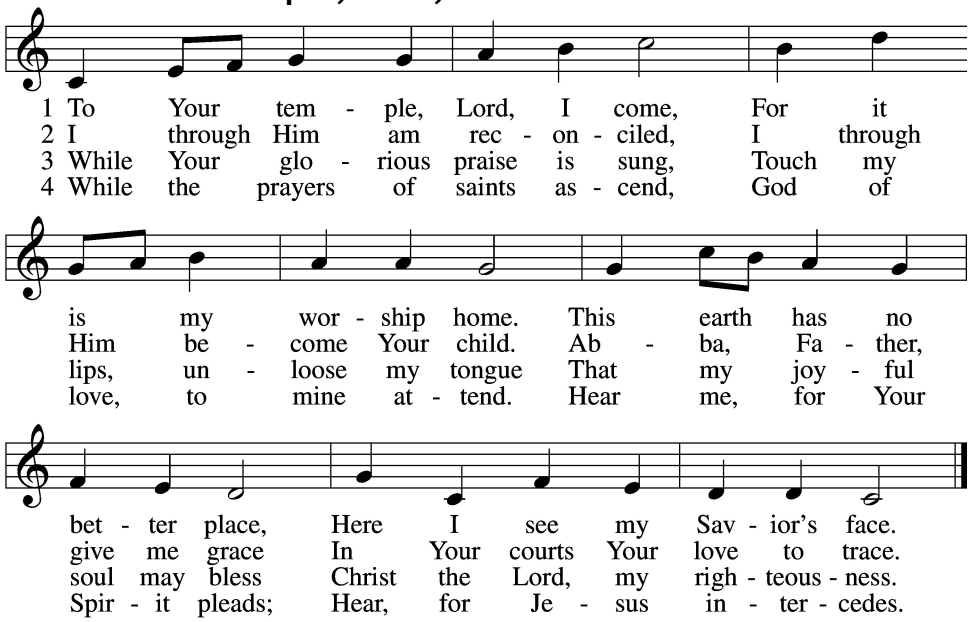


5 While I listen to Your Law,
Fill my soul with humble awe
Till Your Gospel bring to me
Life and immortality.

6 While Your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear You speaking from the sky.

7 From Your house when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
“I have walked with God today.”

Sermon "The Razed Temple Raised" *Isaiah 29:11-19*

The Third Article *Sanctification*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

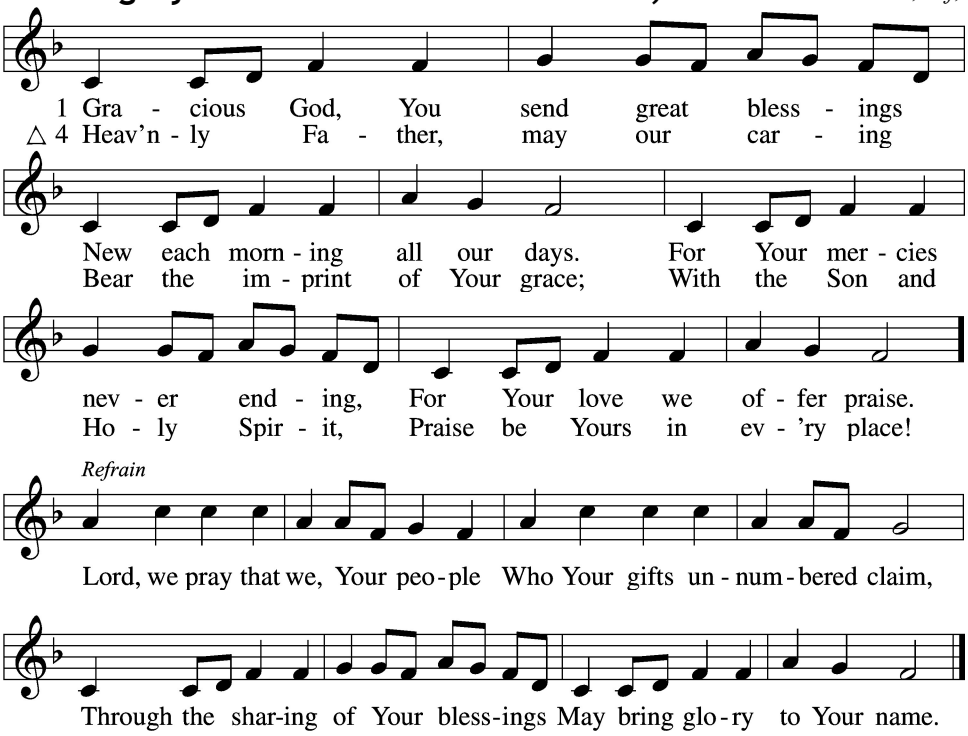
In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Offering (Baskets will be passed around)

Offering Hymn: 782 "Gracious God, You Send" *sts. 1, ref, 4*



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Blessing of the School Staff
at the beginning of a new school year

Prayer of the Church

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

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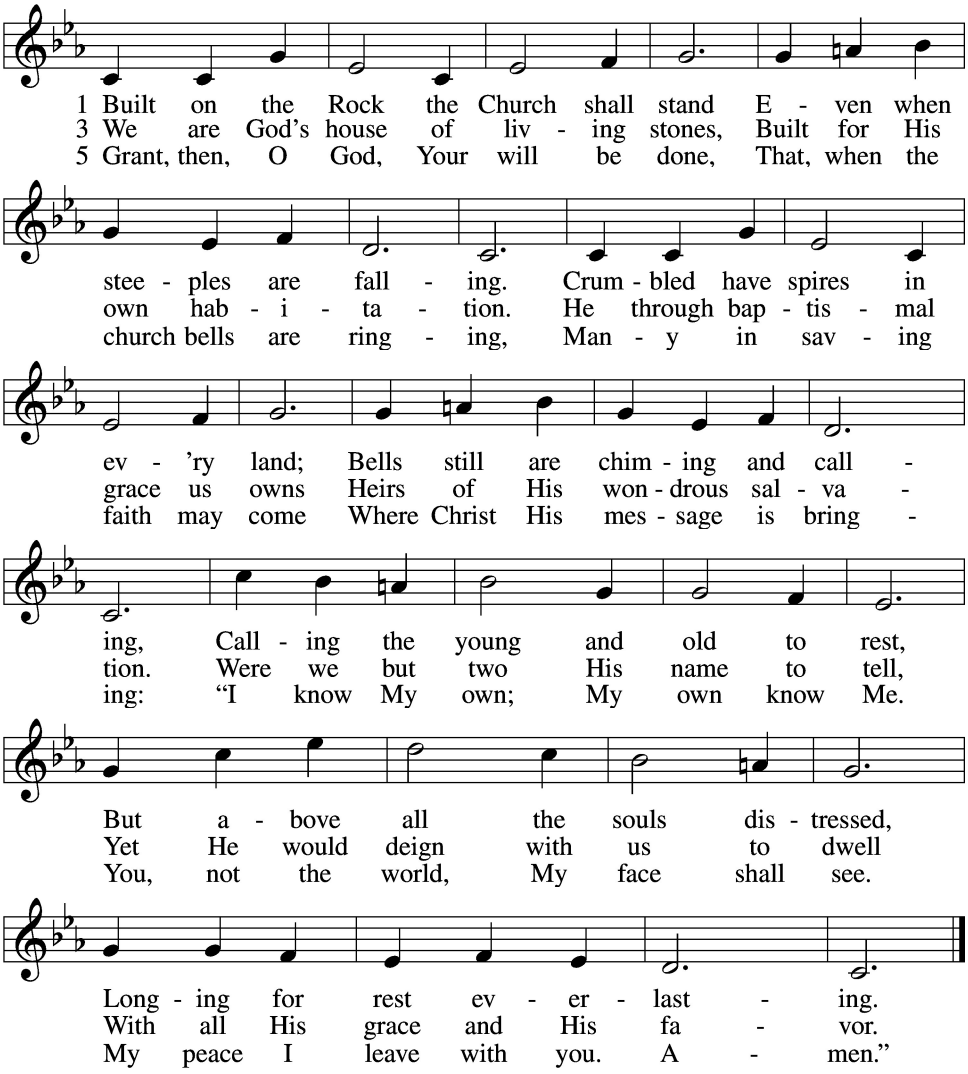

Dedication and Blessing
of the Renovated Old School Building
as our new

✢ *Youth & Family Center* ✢

The congregation gathers at the front doors of the Youth & Family Center

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Reading

Deuteronomy 6:37, 13–14

[3]Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go
well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the
God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk
and honey.
[4]"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. [5]You shall
love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and
with all your might. [6]And these words that I command you today shall
be on your heart. [7]You shall teach them diligently to your children,
and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk
by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.
[13]It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and
by his name you shall swear. [14]You shall not go after other gods, the
gods of the peoples who are around you,

Homily

P Beloved in the Lord, the psalmist declares, *"Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."* *(Psa 127:1)* In this very same Psalm it is written, *"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD."* *(Psa 127:3)*

Thus the psalmist brings together in one inspired song the purpose for which we dedicate this *Youth & Family Center* today. This is a house built and now renovated by the Lord through the agency of you, His generous and dedicated people. Its purpose is to serve families and their youth in developing

their Christian faith by growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord teaches us that the things of God's creation are to be *"received with thanksgiving"* and are *"made holy by the word of God and prayer." (1 Tim 4:5)* It is fitting, therefore, that we bless and sanctify this *Youth & Family Center* to be a place where the Lord's will is done, where His name is glorified, and where His kingdom of grace is advanced.

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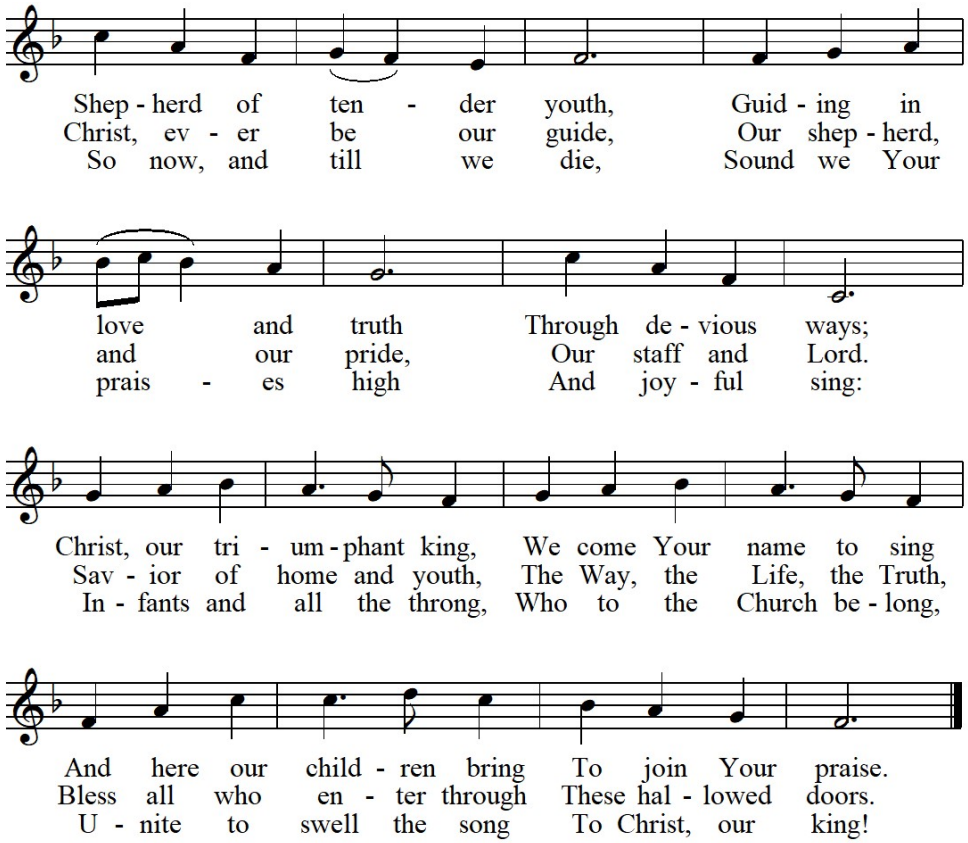

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.* Almighty God, heavenly Father, without whom no word or work of ours avails, grant Your blessing to all who use this *Youth & Family Center*. Help them to grow day by day in the knowledge of Your will and in the grace to perform it, to the honor and praise of Your name and the good of all people; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✢ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this *Youth & Family Center* to the glory and honor of His name.

C **Amen.**

P Let the doors be opened in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The Youth of St. John's LYF cut the ribbon.
A representative of the Y&FC Planning Committee opens the doors.

P Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

C **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

P The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

C **This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.** *(Psa 118:19-24)*

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven…**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

✢ Soli Deo Gloria ✢

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