

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING SONG.....Blest Be The Lord

Refrain

Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord, the God of
mer-cy, the God who saves. I shall not fear the dark of
night, nor the ar-row that flies by day.

Verse 1

1. He will re-lease me from the nets of all my foes.
He will pro-tect me from their wick-ed hands.
Be-neath the shad-ow of his wings I will re-joice
to find a dwell-ing place se-cure.

Verse 2

2. I need not shrink be-fore the ter-rors of the night
nor stand a-lone be-fore the light of day.
No harm shall come to me, no ar-row strike me down,
no e-vil set-tle in my soul.

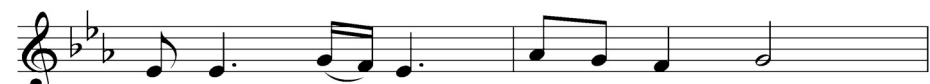
Verse 3

3. Al-though a thou-sand strong have fall-en at my side,
I'll not be shak-en with the Lord at hand.
His faith-ful love is all the ar-mor that I
need to wage my bat-tle with the foe.

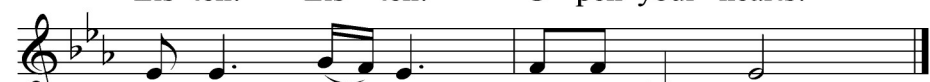
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RESPONSORIAL PSALM 95



Lis-ten! Lis - ten! O - pen your hearts!



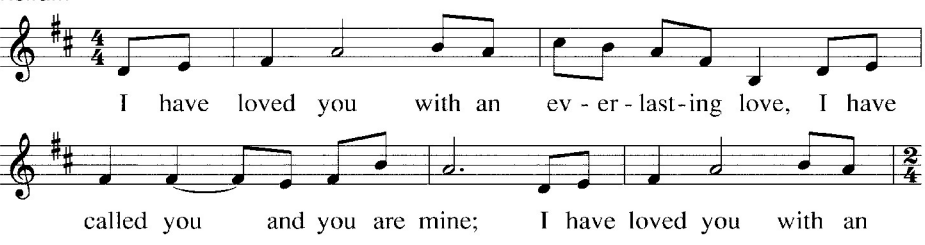
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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

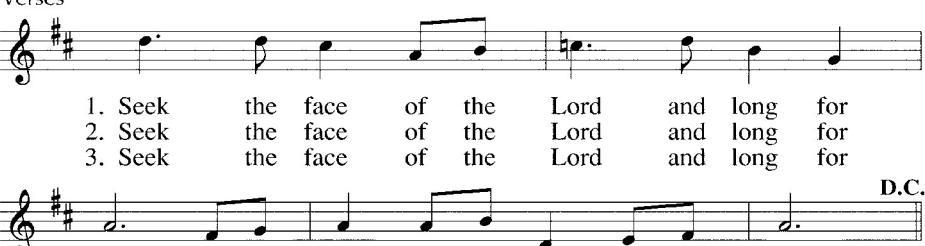
I Have Loved You

Refrain



I have loved you with an ev - er - last-ing love, I have called you and you are mine; I have loved you with an ev - er - last-ing love, I have called you and you are mine.

Verses



1. Seek the face of the Lord and long for
2. Seek the face of the Lord and long for
3. Seek the face of the Lord and long for

him: He will bring you his light and his peace.
him: He will bring you his joy and his hope.
him: He will bring you his care and his love.

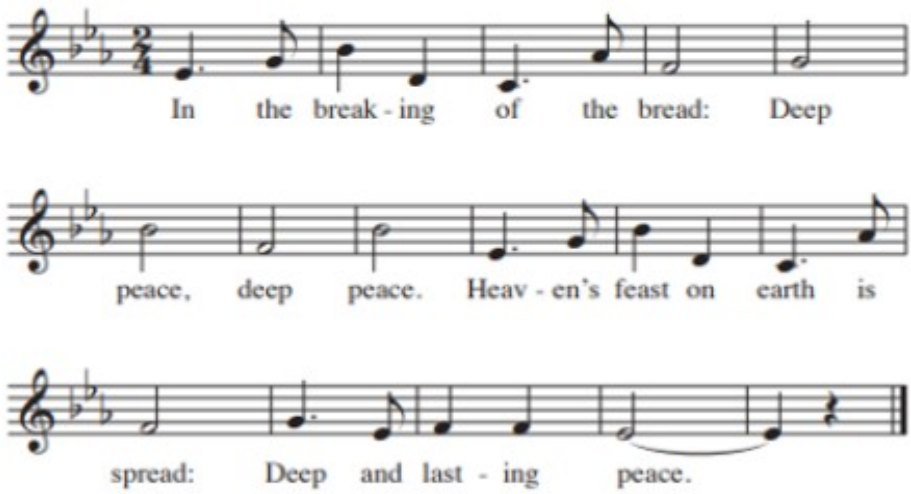
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COMMUNION HYMN

DEEP AND LASTING PEACE

Verses: Celtic prayer, first millennium, adapt. MJ

Refrain and Music by
Michael Joncas



The musical notation is written on three staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: In the break - ing of the bread: Deep peace, deep peace. Heav - en's feast on earth is spread: Deep and last - ing peace.

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Prayer for the Sixth Bishop of Lansing

Loving and faithful God, Shepherd of your people,
we place our hope and trust in you as we await the one you are calling
to serve as our next bishop.

Give us a shepherd after your own heart to preach the Gospel,
to lead your people in holiness, and to govern your flock with wisdom.

May he be constant in charity, gentle in service, discerning in spirit, and a faithful
steward of your mysteries.

May he encourage the faithful to grow in holiness,
defend the poor and vulnerable, and strengthen all who are
consecrated to you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY

How Great Thou Art



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some
2. When thru the woods and for - est glades I
3. And when I think that God, His Son not
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla -



won - der Con - sid - er all the worlds Thy hands have
wan - der And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the
spar - ing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it
ma - tion And take me home, what joy shall fill my



made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
in That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r thru - out the un - i - verse dis - played!
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin!
ra - tion And there pro-claim, my God, how great Thou art!



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee; How great Thou



art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

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