



Prelude	Partita on “The Mountain” - “Going Up the Mountain” Marty Franklin	John Barr
Words of Welcome		Rev. R.C. Griffin

One: Our God is holy and mighty, a leader who loves justice,
who established honesty, justice, and righteousness.

Many: God has done this! We exalt you, O God!
We worship at your footstool. You are holy!

One: Miriam, Moses and Aaron were among them, and Samuel, too was among
those who invoked the Name; they called on God, and God answered them.

All: We exalt you, O Lord our God,
and we worship you at your holy mountain; for you, O God, are holy!

***Call to Confession** Rev. Amanda Horan

***Prayer of Confession**

God of radiant light, we confess that we are a people who are sometimes too comfortable dwelling in darkness. We say we want things to change, that we do not accept the way things are. But, in reality, we want someone else to take care of the changing. We resist transformation and sometimes do not even believe it is possible. Forgive our unbelief. Soften our hearts toward one another and ourselves. May your Spirit move through and among us. Make us light bearers for your sake, and for the sake of your people. (Silence)

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

One: The good news is this: while we do not always – or perhaps often – get it right, God is faithful. God keeps God's promises.

Let this truth deep down seep into your weary bones:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free for life in God's Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

***Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace**

***Congregational Response (#605)**

Praise to God the Father

*Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit: praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination (#456, refrain)

Listen, God is Calling

*Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.*

First Scripture Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

*(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Many: Thanks be to God.**)*

Anthem

This Is My Beloved Son

Pepper Choplin

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9

*(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Many: Thanks be to God.**)*

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH***Affirmation of Faith***Nicene Creed*

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

***Hymn (#190)***Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory***Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer****Call to Generosity****Offertory**

Partita on "The Mountain" - "Covered By A Cloud"

John Barr

***Congregational Response (#69, refrain)**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

***Responsive Prayer of Dedication**

One: Gracious and holy God, we give you thanks for the many gifts in our lives.
We are well and truly blessed.

All: **We dedicate these offerings to you. Multiply them beyond our imagining,
that others might experience your love and grace, your mercy and justice.
May we come to know a world where each person is enough
and has enough. These things we ask boldly in Christ's name. Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn (#156)**

Sing of God Made Manifest

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Partita on "The Mountain" - "This Is My Beloved Son"

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***Please rise, in body or spirit.**



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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.

MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; arr. Cankadaw y Cyswgr, 1839

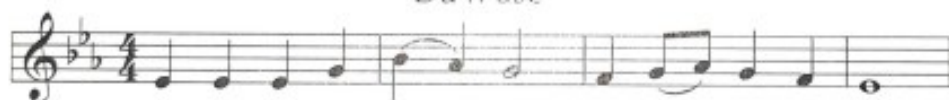
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Praise to God the Father

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Da n'ase



Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!



praise to God the Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One.
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!



Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Ef - ia - se o - ye n'a n'a - do - e do - e so.



Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!

Listen, God Is Calling

456

Refrain

Neno lake Mungu

Leader *All*

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,
Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,

of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.
ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.

Leader *All*

1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader *All* *to Refrain*

that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

This anonymous Swahili hymn from Kenya follows a pattern of traditional African music (refrain, call-and-response stanzas, refrain) also common in African American spirituals. This text affirms that God's inviting and forgiving call can still be heard through the written Word.

TEXT: Kenyan; trans. Howard S. Olson, 1987

MUSIC: Kenyan; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1987

English lyrics: © 1987 Lutheran Theological College, Makumbi (admin. Augsburg Fortress)

MUSIC: Arr. © 1987 Austin C. Lovelace (admin. Augsburg Fortress)

NENO LAKE MUNGU

6.4.6.4 with refrain

190 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Capo 3: (Dm) Fm (Gm) Bbm (A7) C7 (Dm) Fm

1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, heav - en's voice, the
 2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, they shall gain and
 3 Lord, trans-fig - ure our per - cep - tion with the pur - est

(Gm) Bbm (A7) C7 (Dm) Fm (Gm) Bbm (A7) C7

daz - zling light; Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish;
 keep its truth, not by build - ing on the moun - tain
 light that shines, and re - cast our life's in - ten - tions

(Dm) Fm (A7) C7 (Dm) Fm (D) F (Bm) Dm

Christ a - lone com - mands the height! Pe - ter, James, and
 an - y shrine or sa - cred booth, but by fol - low -
 to the shape of your de - signs, till we seek no

(Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F (Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F

John fall si - lent, turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise down - ward
 ing the Sav - ior through the val - ley to the cross and by
 oth - er glo - ry than what lies past Cal - vary's hill and our

(Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F (Bm) Dm (D) F (A7) C7 (D) F

toward the shad - owed val - ley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.
 test - ing faith's re - sil - ience through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
 liv - ing and our dy - ing and our ris - ing by your will.

The first two stanzas of this 20th-century Transfiguration hymn guide singers through a contemplation of the disciples' experience of that event. The final stanza becomes a corporate prayer for enlightenment and for a renewed sense of commitment to doing God's will.

TEXT: Thomas H. Troeger, 1985

MUSIC: George Henry Day, 1940

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GENEVA

8.7.8.7.D

(alternate tune: EBENEZER)

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

Sing of God Made Manifest 156



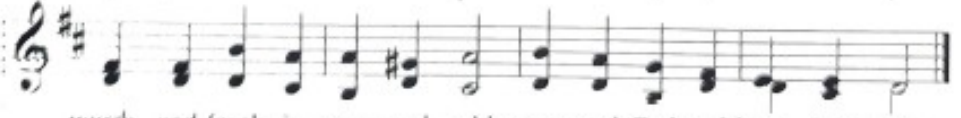
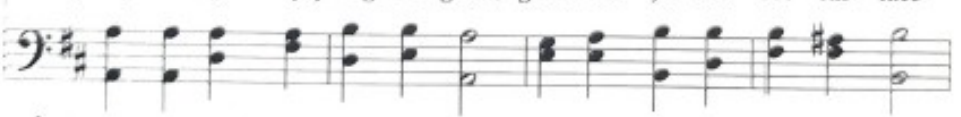
1 Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
2 Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,
3 Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
4 Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud-capped moun - tain's crest,



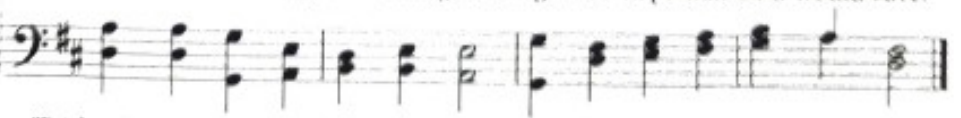
to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,
"I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re - mained:



ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro - found:
Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face



myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.



"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing forth" and this text cites key disclosures of Jesus as Messiah: the coming of the Magi, his baptism by John the Baptist, the wedding at Cana. All are summed up in the Transfiguration, recalled on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany.