



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

The Church of St. John the Divine
9:00 am and 11:15 am — September 6, 2026

WELCOME



Welcome to St. John the Divine. We want to get to know you! Take your first step by completing a welcome card and placing it in the offering plate or scan this QR code to introduce yourself online.

Everything you need to join us in worship is found in this booklet. Hearing assistance is available. Please see an usher, who will be happy to help you!

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 18 – Year A

PRELUDE Fantasia on "Ton-y-botel"

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

THE WORD OF GOD

Congregation stands.

HYMN 527



1 Sing - ing__ songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward__ goes the pil - grim band,
2 One the__ light of God's own__ pres - ence, o'er his__ ran - somed peo - ple shed,
3 One the__ strain the lips of__ thou - sands lift as__ from the heart of one;



through the__ night of doubt and__ sor - row, march - ing__ to__ the prom - ised land.
chas - ing__ far the gloom and__ ter - ror, bright - ening all__ the path we tread:
one the__ con - flict, one the__ per - il, one the__ march in God be - gun:



Clear be - fore us through the__ dark - ness gleams and burns the guid - ing__ light:
one the__ ob - ject of our__ jour - ney, one the__ faith which nev - er__ tires,
one the__ glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the__ far e - ter - nal__ shore,



trust - ing God we march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.
one the__ ear - nest look - ing__ for - ward, one the__ hope our God__ in - spires.
where the__ one al - might - y__ Fa - ther reigns in__ love__ for ev - er - more.

Words: Bernard Ingemann (1789-1862), tr. Sabine Baring-Gould; Music: *Ton-y-Botel*, T.J. Williams (1869-1944)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

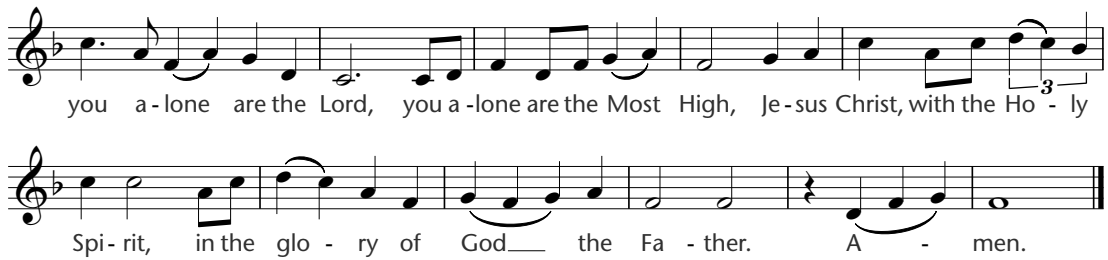
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GLORIA S-280

Robert Powell

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and
 peace__ to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - mighty__ God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*; Music: Robert Powell (1932-2025), rev.

THE COLLECTS

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Collect for Labor Day

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

Congregation sits.

The Epistle

Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 149 *(read responsively by whole verse)*

Cantate Domino

- ¹ Hallelujah!
Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- ² *Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.*
- ³ Let them praise his Name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- ⁴ *For the Lord takes pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with victory.*
- ⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them be joyful on their beds.
- ⁶ *Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand;*
- ⁷ To wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;
- ⁸ *To bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron;*
- ⁹ To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

At this time in the 9:00 a.m. service, students in 1st to 5th grade are invited to join The Bridge Worship in the Nau Family Room. Students rejoin this service at the Peace.

Hymn 440 *Congregation stands*

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know-ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684), tr. Catherine Winkworth; Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody J.R. Ahle (1625-1673)

The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹⁵ “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Reagan W. Cocke (9:00am)
The Rev. David M. Goldberg (11:15am)

THE NICENE CREED *Congregation stands.*

BCP 358

*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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.*

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Congregation kneels. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: *That we all may be one.*

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others;

The people may add their own petitions.

Celebrant: Awaken our hearts, O Lord, to love what you love. Awaken our minds, O Lord, to think with the mind of Christ. Awaken our souls, O Lord, to walk faithfully with your Spirit. Awaken your Church, O Lord, to renewal and revival as we gather in Christ, grow as disciples, and go bearing the Gospel as a light for the city. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

*All: 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 neighbors 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.*

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Congregation stands.

BCP 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Congregation sits.

THE COMMISSIONING

ESL Teachers, Volunteers, and Language Partners

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your financial offerings fuel ministries that Change Lives for God in Christ. You may make your Sunday offering in one of two ways:

- ✠ *By placing your offering in the plate during the Offertory or*
- ✠ *By scanning the QR code with your phone.*



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Anthem

John Rutter (b.1945)

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

Text: F.S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

PRESENTATION HYMN 380 (vs. 3) *Congregation stands.*

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 125

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Congregation kneels.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

Celebrant and People:

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant:

*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,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD S-155

Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ_our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; there-fore let us keep_ the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE MINISTRATION

- ✠ *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*
- ✠ *If you are not baptized, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*
- ✠ *If you are not baptized and want to be, please contact one of the clergy.*
- ✠ *Please be guided by the ushers to the communion rail.*
- ✠ *You may drink from the common chalice or intinct from the intinction cup.*
- ✠ *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request at the altar rail.*
- ✠ *After receiving communion, Prayer Ministers are present in the East Bay for prayer.*

Hymn 317

1 This is the hour of ban-quet and of song;
 2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev-eral ways;
 3 Feast af-ter feast thus comes and pass-es by,
 this is the heaven-ly ta-ble spread for me;
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
 yet, pass-ing, points to the glad feast a-bove,
 here let me feast, and feast-ing, still pro-long
 the Bread and Wine con-sumed; yet all our days
 giv-ing us fore-taste of the fes-tal joy,
 the brief, bright hour of fel-low-ship with thee.
 thou still art here with us, our Shield and Sun.
 the Lamb's great mar-riage feast of bliss and love.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889), alt.; Music: *Morestead*, Sidney Watson (1903-1991)

Anthem

William Boyce (1710-1779), arr. Watkins Shaw

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me;
 try out my reins and my heart.
 For thy loving kindness is ever before mine eyes;
 and I will walk in thy truth.

Text: Psalm 26:2-3

Hymn 657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us see thy hum - ble dwell - ing,
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion

all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry

all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); Music: Hyfrydol, R.H. Pritchard (1811-1887)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Congregation stands.*

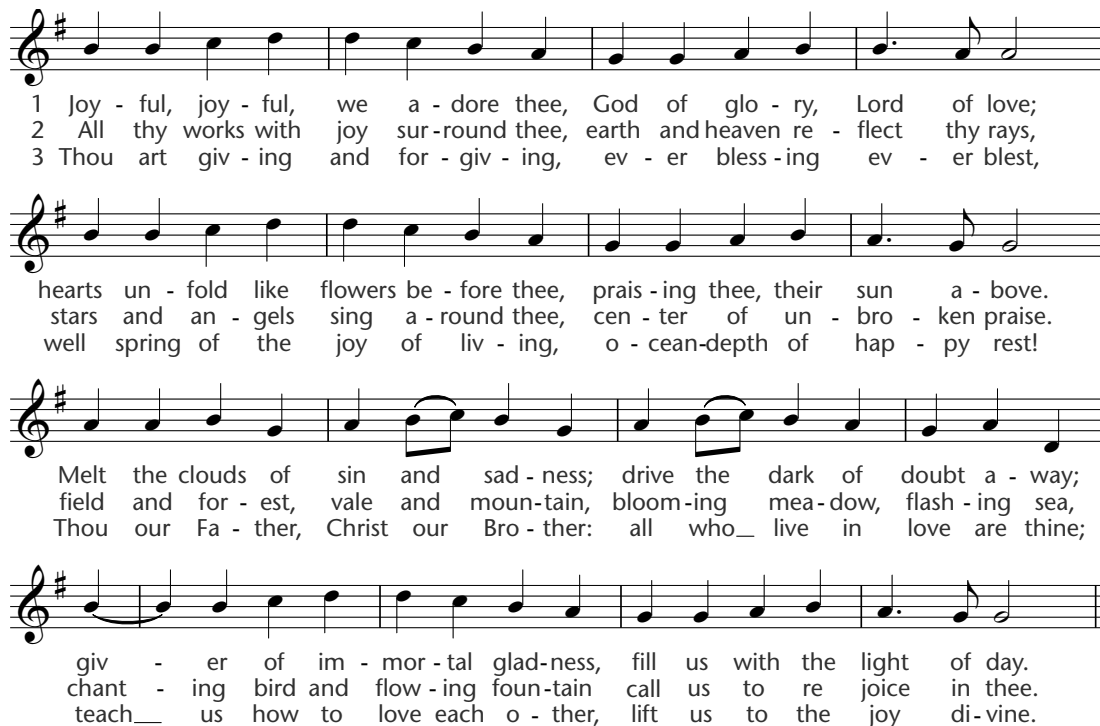
BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*People: Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

HYMN 376



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing ev - er blest,
hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!
Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;
giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain call us to re joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933); Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827), adapt.

THE DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE Epilogue

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERING

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Today, our upper voices lead the sung portions of our worship. They offer anthems by two significant Anglican composers, one from the eighteenth century and the other from the present day.

John Rutter, born in London in 1945, is one of the best-known English choral composers of the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. He studied music at Clare College, Cambridge, where he published his first compositions. His extensive output includes choral, orchestral, and instrumental music. In 1983, he founded the Cambridge Singers, with whom he has made numerous recordings, and he continues to be active internationally as a composer, conductor, and choral ambassador.

At the Offertory, we hear one of Rutter's most popular anthems, *For the Beauty of the Earth*, commissioned by the Texas Choral Directors Association. Rutter sets the familiar text with a beautiful, lyrical melody, supported by an accompaniment characterized by sparkling, flowing lines.

During the Ministration, we hear *Examine Me, O Lord* by English composer William Boyce (1711–1779), one of the leading figures in the English church-music tradition of the eighteenth century. The text is drawn from Psalm 26, in which the psalmist asks God to search his heart and test his faithfulness: “Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.” Boyce's setting reflects the spirit of this prayer with music of dignity and quiet intensity, inviting us to consider our own hearts and our relationship with God.



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