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***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION**

(The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 262**

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

Tune: NATIONAL HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(*unison*)

**God of all nations: you led men and women
to this land, and out of our conflicts you have
created in us a love for peace and liberty.
When we neglect rights and restrict freedoms,
we fail you. When we turn away neighbors in need
and refuse to extend the opportunities of this land
to all, we offend your justice and your love.
Forgive us. Forgive pride that will not
acknowledge national wrong and that justifies injustice.
Forgive our divisions of race and class.
Make us compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other
and to all people. Raise up in us a right patriotism
that seeks our nation’s good and the world’s peace
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***APOSTLES CREED** (*unison*)
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(unison)

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

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Give ear unto my words, O Lord. Hearken to the sound of
my cry my King and my God, for unto thee do I pray. Amen.

OFFERING

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"Dank sei Dir, Herr"

Siegfried Ochs

Thanks be to you, God. Thou hast freed your people Israel
and led them through the sea. Like a flock, your hand
has led us and leads us through. In your goodness and
mercy, salvation is ours. Thanks be to you, God!

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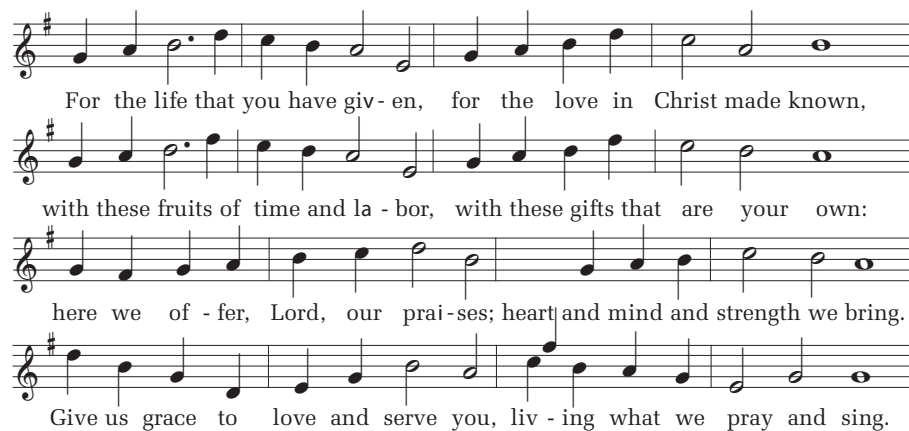
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We are grateful for people who have come with
customs and accents and dreams to enrich our lives.
Lead us into the future as you have led us in the past.
Renew within us our commitment to liberty and
justice for all. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 564**

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

Tune: MATERNA

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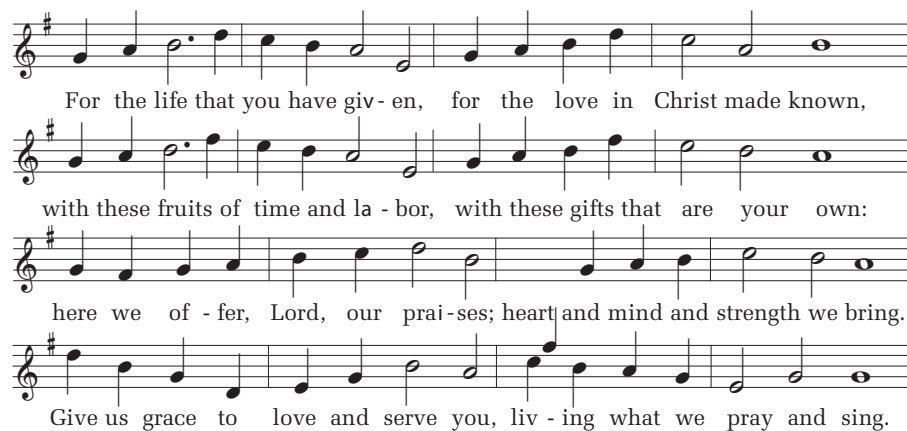
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