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We confess that we have squandered the gifts
you have given. We have neglected the land.
We have grasped for goods.
We have used each other.
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Cleanse from us the illusion of innocence.
Come into our hearts and make us new again.
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ANTHEM

“Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Children” *Christopher Tye*
Praise ye the Lord, ye children, praise ye the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord forevermore. The Lord’s name is praised from the east unto the west. The Lord is high above all nations and his glory is above the heavens.

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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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Amen"

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO (8:00)

"Lord, Jesus Christ, Abide with Us"

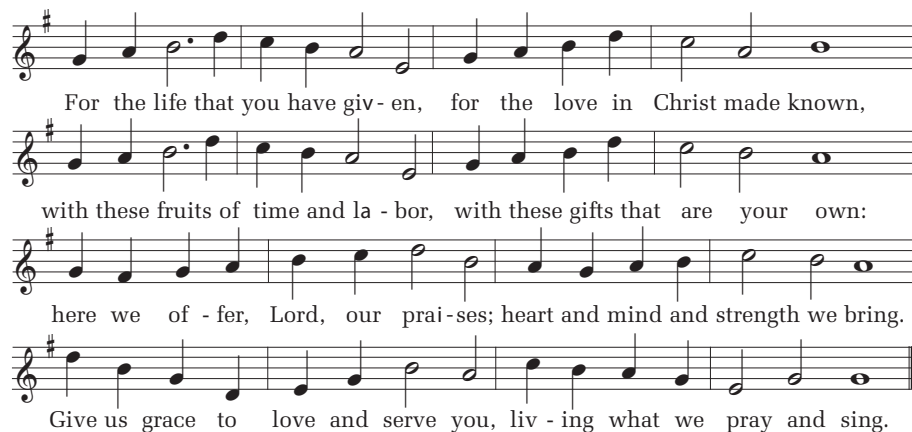
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reward in heaven! Ye are the salt of the earth, ye are the light
of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. When he
came down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him
shouting his praises. Then all the crowd sought to touch him
for power came forth from him healing them all.

***PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE**



For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
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Help us to be Christ's faithful disciples so that
our daily living, as individuals and as a church,
may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love
may be your love reaching out into the life of the world,
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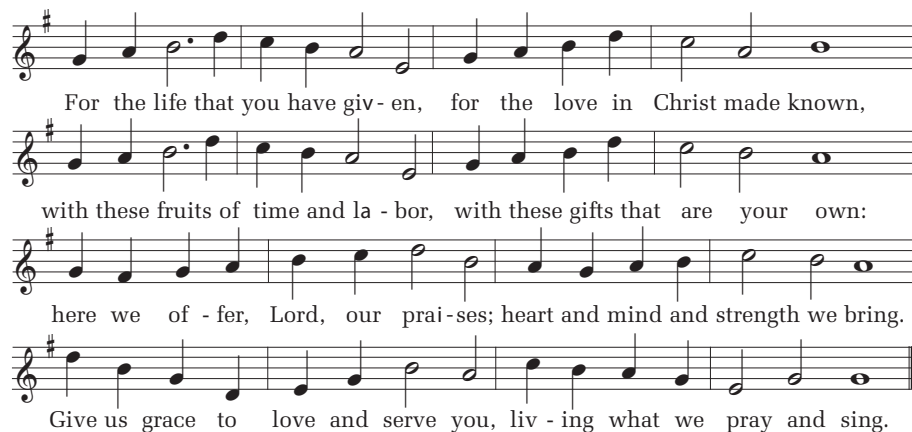
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