

HYMN FESTIVAL

August 3, 2009 7:00 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Now the Silence, Now the Peace, Now the Vessel Brimmed for Pouring

Gathering

HYMN Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

St. 1-all, st. 2-men, st. 3-women, st. 4-all, st. 5-all



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
5. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne. Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
his the throne. Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on



thun - der like a mighty - y flood: "Je - sus out of
when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of
robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on earth both
thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of



ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er more?"
all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood.

Now the Silence, Now the Peace, Now the Empty Hands Uplifted

We all begin with empty hands

In the beginning, GOD Genesis 1:1

HYMN Christ, Mighty Savior

St. 1-women, st. 2-all, st. 3-men, st. 4-all, st. 5-all



1. Christ, might - y Sav - ior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the
 2. Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting, mir - ror of
 3. There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly
 4. Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion, that you may
 5. Though bod - ies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their - vig - il, for - ev - er



day - time ra - diant with the sun - light and to the night give
 day - break, pledge of res - ur - rec - tion; while in the heav - ens
 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion
 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,
 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the heav - ens.
 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
 join - ing hearts and voic - es, sing - ing your glo - ry.
 rest for ach - ing bod - ies, sooth - ing the wea - ry.
 wor - ship - ping our Sav - ior now and for - ev - er.

Now the Kneeling, Now the Plea, Now the Father's Arms in Welcome

Our idle, empty hands get us into trouble

. . . all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

HYMN As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered



1. As reb - els, Lord, who fool - ish - ly have wan - dered Far from Your love— un -
 2. Still we - re - turn, our con - trite words re - hears - ing, Speech, that with - in Your
 3. A feast of love for us You are pre - par - ing; We who were lost, You



fed, un - clean, un - clothed— Dare we re - call Your wealth so rash - ly
 warm em - brace soon dies; All of our guilt, our shame, our pain re -
 give an hon - ored place! "Come, eat; come, drink, and be no more de -

squan-dered, Dare hope to glean that boun - ty which we loathed.
 vers - ing As tears of joy and wel - come fill Your eyes.
 spair - ing— Here taste a - gain the trea - sures of My grace.”

Now the Hearing, Now the Power

The power of hearing the Word of God

Faith comes through what is heard. Romans 10:17

HYMN Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

1. O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's Word.
 2. They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;

O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
 they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's Word.

God has spo - ken to the peo-ple, hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken
 words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to the peo - ple,
 hal-le - lu - jah! God has spo-ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Now the Vessel Brimmed for Pouring; Now the Body, Now the Blood,

Now the Joyful Celebration

The visible words of baptism and eucharist

Give me this water always. John 4:15 I am the bread of life. John 6:48

HYMN Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying
St. 1-all, st. 2-all, st. 3-choir, st. 4-all, st. 5-all

1. Wa - ter, blood, and Spir - it cry - ing, By their wit - ness tes - ti - fy - ing
 2. In a wa - t'ry grave are bur - ied All our sins that Je - sus car - ried;
 3. Dark the way, yet Christ pre - cedes us, past the scowl of death He leads us;
 4. Though a - round us death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged sword un - sheath - ing,
 5. Spir - it, wa - ter, blood en - treat - ing, Work - ing faith and its com - plet - ing

To the One whose death - de - fy - ing Life has come, with life for all.
 Christ, the Ark of Life, has fer - ried Us a - cross death's rag - ing flood.
 Spreads a ta - ble where He feeds us With His bod - y and His blood.
 By His Spir - it life is breath - ing Through the liv - ing, ac - tive Word.
 In the One whose death - de - feat - ing Life has come, with life for all.

Now the Wedding, Now the Songs
The new creation: a song to join in singing

The new Jerusalem, a bride adorned for her husband. Revelation 21:1-4

HYMN Jerusalem, My Happy Home
St. 1-all, in unison; st. 2-all, in parts; st. 3-choir, st. 4-choir, st. 5-all, in parts

1. Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
 2. O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
 3. Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
 4. There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
 5. Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see

When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
 there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
 there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
 thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Now the Heart Forgiven, Leaping

Fleshy hearts: incarnate Christ

I will put my law within them, I will write it on their hearts. Jeremiah 31:33

HYMN Write Upon Our Hearts

St. 1-all, st. 2-all, st. 3-all, st. 4-choir, st. 5-all

1. Write up - on our hearts and flood them with your cleans - ing tides.
 1. Write up - on our hearts the WORD that Ab - 'ram, Mo - ses heard.
 3. Write up - on our hearts, "God loved the world and gave the Son."
 4. Write up - on our hearts with bro - ken bread and wine out-poured.
 5. Write up - on our hearts, breathe Jer - e - mi - ah's hope a - gain.

Write up-on our hearts the prom-ise bright-'ning No - ah's skies. Your heal - ing
 Write up-on our hearts the grace that Sar - ah, Mir - iam stirred. Bring us
 Write up-on our hearts, "God's new cre - a - tion has be - gun!" From his
 Write up-on our hearts as first dis - ci - ples shared our Lord. Not in an
 Write up-on our hearts with re - sur - rec - tion's might - y pen. Our Christ from

wa - ters flow as they flowed long a - go in Jor-dan's stream, o'er Christ, our
 to our knees re - mem - ber - ing our need of last - ing love, poured from a -
 hands and side, the blood of Christ who died flows to our hearts, new life im -
 up - per room, but here a - mong us come. Soak us with soft - 'ning, sooth-ing
 death a - woke what priest and proph - et spoke. The great I Am, Christ, Ris - en

King. With that same wa - ter, clear our lives from death and fear.
 bove. The cov - e - nant you swore to those who went be - fore.
 parts. The cov - e - nant once heard now lift - ed, Liv - ing Word.
 touch that hearts once hard as stone may wor - ship you a - lone.
 Lamb, from death and hell sets free God's peo - ple end - less - ly.

**Now the Spirit's Visitation, Now the Son's Epiphany,
Now the Father's Blessing**

A Trinitarian love song

Baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19-20

HYMN Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1. Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2. Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel ciors a -
 3. Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell - the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Now, Now, Now

Christ, the beginning and the end

From his fullness we have all received grace on top of grace. John 1:16

HYMN Now the Silence

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed
 Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come
 Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion
 Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing
 Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny
 Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Sending

HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion! O my soul,
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is - won - drous - ly reign - ing and, as on
 3. Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you; sure - ly his
 4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him! All that has
 praise him for he is your health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear
 wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen
 good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new
 life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men
 now to his tem - ple draw near, join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 all that is need - ful has been sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing!
 what the Al - might - y can do if with his love he be - friend you.
 sound from his peo - ple a - gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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 Organist Jeffrey Blersch
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