

MIDWEEK VESPERS FROM PLYMOUTH

7:00 P.M.

22 APRIL 2020

We invite you to prepare at home for worship by printing this bulletin and lighting a candle, and to please join us in our singing and praying at home.

Prelude

“An Easter Pastorale”

Léon Boëllmann

Welcome and Unison Prayer

The Rev. Carla Cain

Holy One, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace that we may live as community, harming no one. Amen.

Hymn: “All Things Bright and Beautiful”*

Unison Refrain

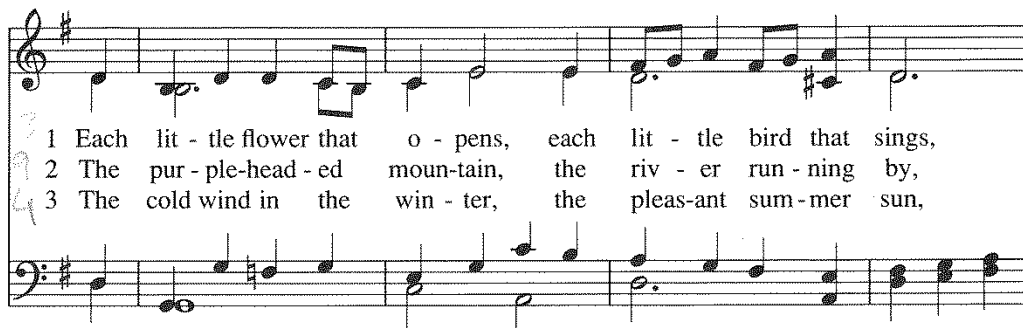


All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

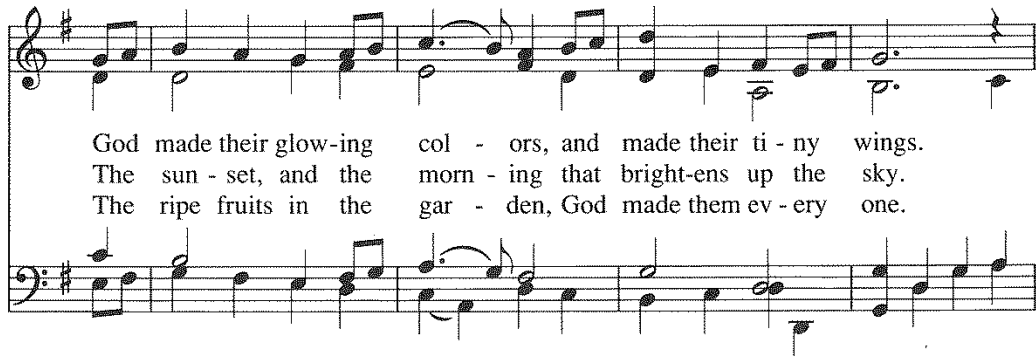


All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear God made them all.

Last time, end



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,



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Reading **'Earth Prayer** The Rev. Carla Cain
U.N. Environmental Sabbath Program

The Prayer of Jesus Blair Carpenter, cantor
(congregation repeats after cantor)

Ground of all being / Mother of life
 Father of the universe, Your name is sacred.
 May we know your presence / May your longings be ours.
 Our longings in heart and in deed. / May there be food
 For God's family today / For the planet God loves.
 Forgive us the falseness / Of what we have done
 As we forgive those who are untrue to us.
 Do not forsake us / In our time of conflict
 But lead us into new beginnings. / For the light of life
 The vitality of life / And the glory of life are yours now and forever. Amen.

- John Philip Newell, alt., arranged by Bobby Brannock

Scripture **Job 12:7-10** The Rev. Carla Cain

Reading "A Collection" The Rev. Carla Cain

Music "Idyll" Flor Peeters

Night Prayer of St. Augustine (unison)

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And for all your love's sake. Amen.

Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation"*

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For God's gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Blessing

The Rev. Carla Cain

Prelude

"Evening Song"

Edward Bairstow

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