



Larchmont Avenue Church

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May 21, 2023

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Director of Music: Douglas Kostner

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 21, 2023

PRELUDE

Brook Green: Prelude
Larchmont Symphonia

Gustav Holst

INTROIT

I Am the Way
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the father except through me.

Douglas Kostner

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from 1 John 4:11-19)*

Beloved, since God has loved us so much, we are called to love one another.

If we love one another, God lives in us and God's love is perfected in us.

And how do we know that we abide in God and God abides in us?

Because God has given us God's own Spirit.

So we need not fear, because perfect love casts out fear.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Teacher and our Guide, we confess that we love you imperfectly:

we ignore your commandments and prioritize our own wants.

We confess that we love each other imperfectly:

we hurt those you call us to love through our acts and our omissions.

And we confess that we love ourselves imperfectly:

we struggle to believe that we are truly your children, made in your image.

Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that you are always with us in the power and

presence of your Holy Spirit. Show us a better way and lead us on your righteous path, so that we might live to serve and honor You...

(Silent prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(in unison)

Griffin Moore

Be with us now, our Spirit and our Advocate, and open the mysteries of your holy Word to your people. Bring ancient wisdom to life in us and guide us to the truth. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalms 25:1-9

OT, Page 502

ANTHEM

In My Father's House

Philip Stopford

*In my Father's house are many dwellings, and if I go to prepare a place for you,
I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.*

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God;

have faith also in me. In my Father's house are many dwelling places.

If there were not, would I have told you I am going to prepare a place for you?

Where I am going, you know the way. For I am the way, the truth, and the life;

no one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you also know my Father.

My spirit will be with you always. The Advocate, the Spirit of Truth will remind you of all I have said.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid.

I have told you I will come back to you; have faith in me.

NEW TESTAMENT

John 14:15-21

NT, Page 109

SERMON

“The Paraclete Strikes Again!”

*HYMN 686

God of Our Life

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE GREAT AMEN

(congregation singing)

Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Financial gifts may be shared electronically via the Realm Connect app or by scanning the QR code to the right. Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.



OFFERTORY

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Spike Müller

Melanie Huang, flute; Slava Snatchanii, oboe; Akari Yamamoto, clarinet;
Will deVos, horn; Keith Kreindler, bassoon

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit, one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

*CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Brook Green: Dargason
Larchmont Symphonia

Gustav Holst

*NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,
but there is no expectation that you remain seated at this time. Please join us for Coffee
Hour in Russell Hall!*

* *please stand if you are able*

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your voice and presence would be a gift to our worship! If you would be willing to be a liturgist, please scan the QR code to the right or email the office at LACoffice@lacny.org.



If you are interested in **sponsoring flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one, please either scan the QR code to the right or contact the office at LACoffice@lacny.org to sign-up for an upcoming Sunday!

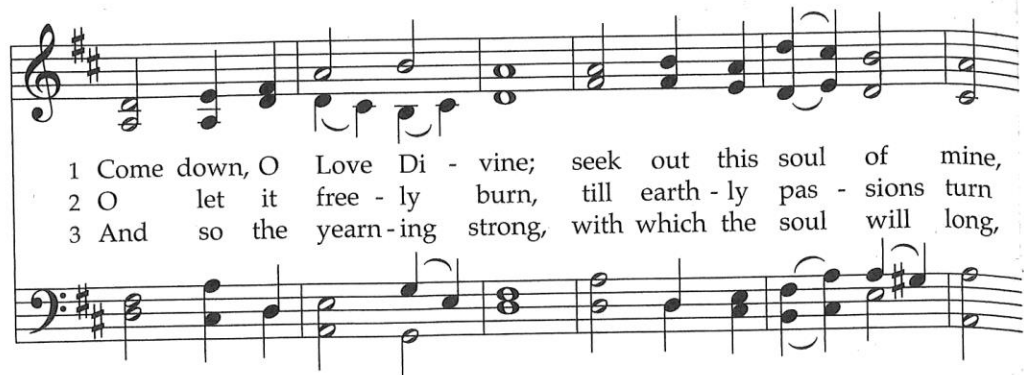


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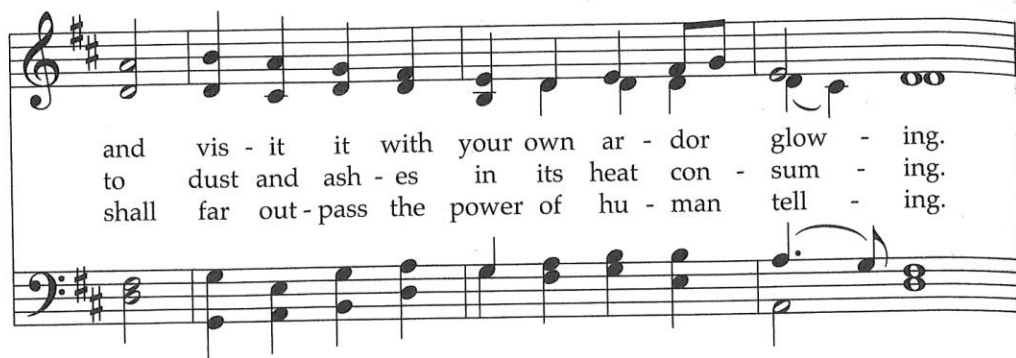
- **Nursery Care:** is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers age 2 and below.
- **Sunday School:** Today Rev. Claunch will be meeting in the Carhart Room with children ages Pre-K through 5th Grade *for the entire worship hour!*
- **TGIF and SHIFT** will meet at the regular time this week.
- **Brown Bag Bible Study** meets every Wednesday at noon in the Lindsley Room.
- **SAVE THE DATES: June 4th** – Senior Sunday; **June 26-30** – VBS

THIS WEEK AT LAC	
<u>SUNDAY, MAY 21</u> 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary / Online) 10:00 am Sunday School (Carhart) 11:15 am FDC Mission Trip Coffee Hour (Russell) 1:30 pm Histoury Bus Tour Stop at LAC (Sanctuary) 4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus Concert	CHURCH STAFF (914) 834-1800 Senior Pastor and Head of Staff Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum pbynum@lacny.org Ext. 308 Associate Pastor Rev. Anna Grace Claunch agclaunch@lacny.org Ext. 303 Director of Music Ministry Douglas Kostner dkostner@lacny.org Ext. 307 Bookkeeper Gloria Haq ghaq@lacny.org Ext. 310 LAC Preschool Director Kristin DeFelice preschooldirector@lacny.org (914) 834-3984, www.lacpreschool.com Tammy Cosentino, Admin. Assistant adminassistant@lacny.org
<u>MONDAY, MAY 22</u> 7:00 pm Session (Library)	
<u>TUESDAY, MAY 23</u> 6:00 pm Fairway Greens Meeting (Russell Hall) 6:45 pm Al Anon (Library) 7:30 pm Welcome Committee (Zoom) 7:15 pm AA (Carhart / Zoom) 7:30 pm Westchester Chorale (Russell/Sanctuary)	
<u>WEDNESDAY, MAY 24</u> 11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley) 12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (Lindsley) 5:00 pm TGIF (Youth Room) 6:30 pm SHIFT (Youth Room) 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall) 7:30 pm Symphonia (Chapel)	
<u>THURSDAY, MAY 25</u> 4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus 7:15 pm AA (Carhart)	

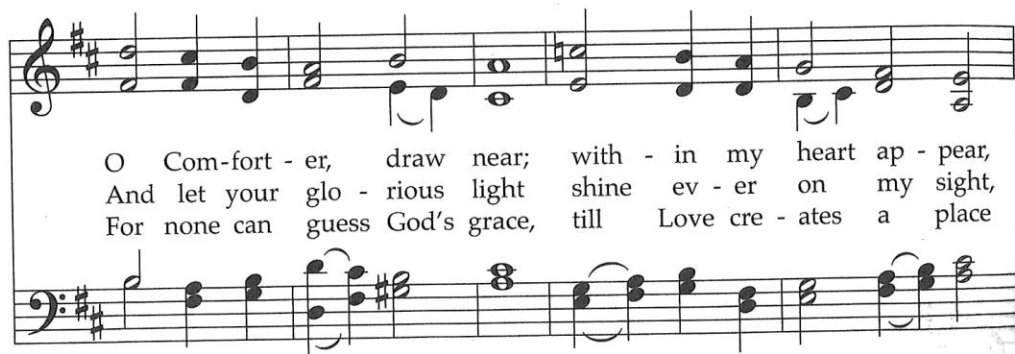
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1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place



and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

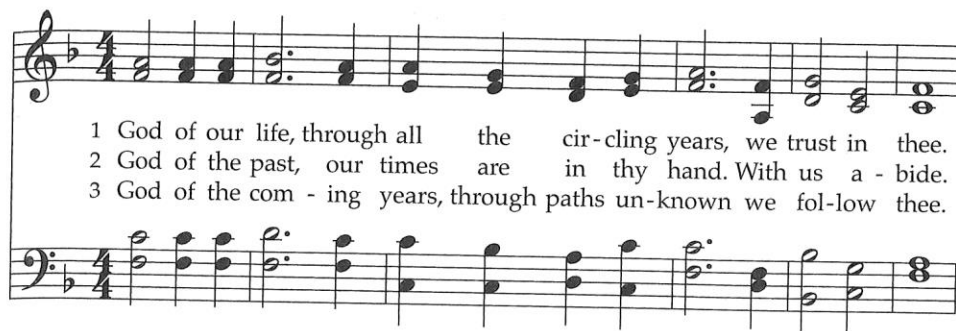
This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

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 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

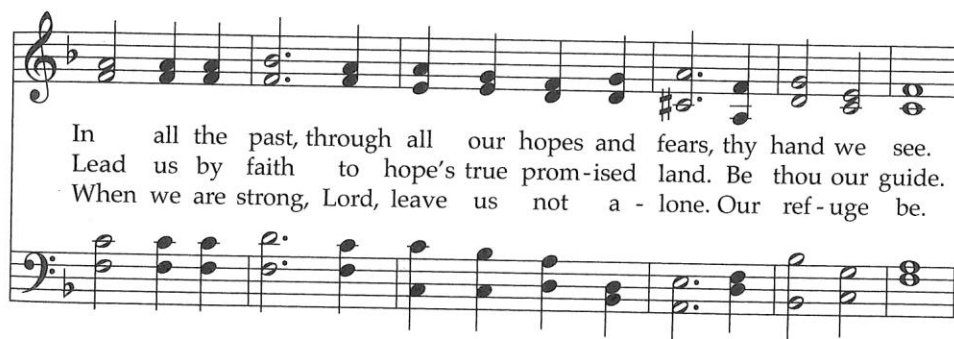
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God of Our Life

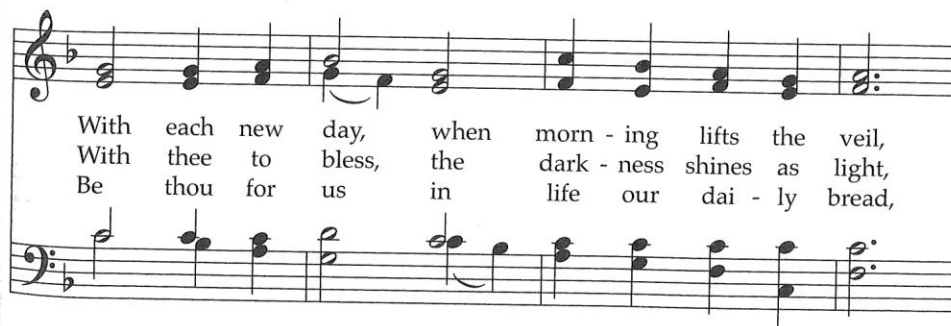
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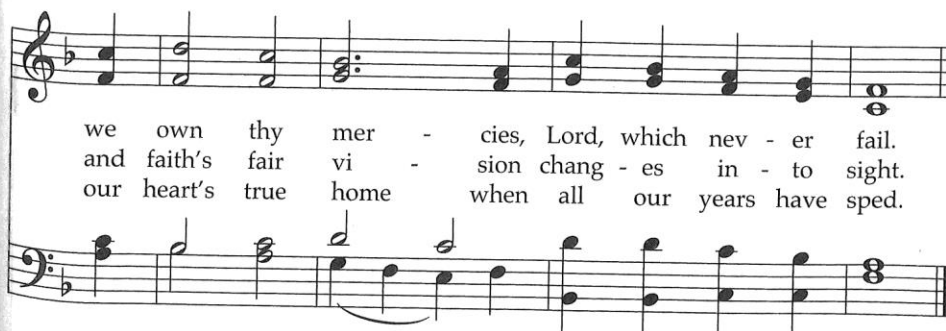
1 God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, we trust in thee.
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a - bide.
 3 God of the com - ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.



In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone. Our ref-uge be.



With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
 With thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
 Be thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,



we own thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
 and faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

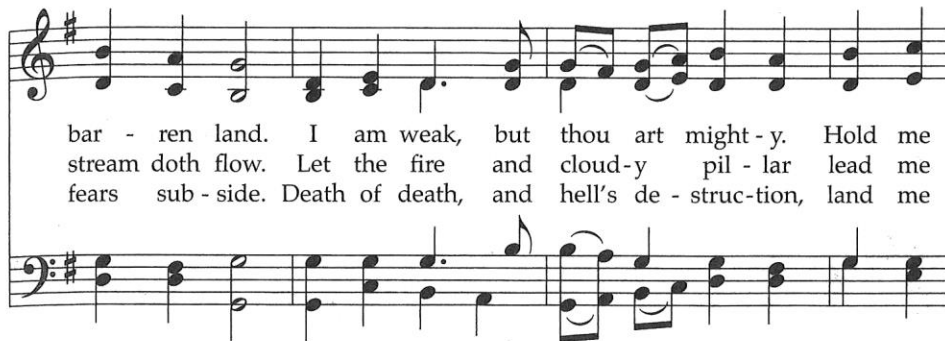
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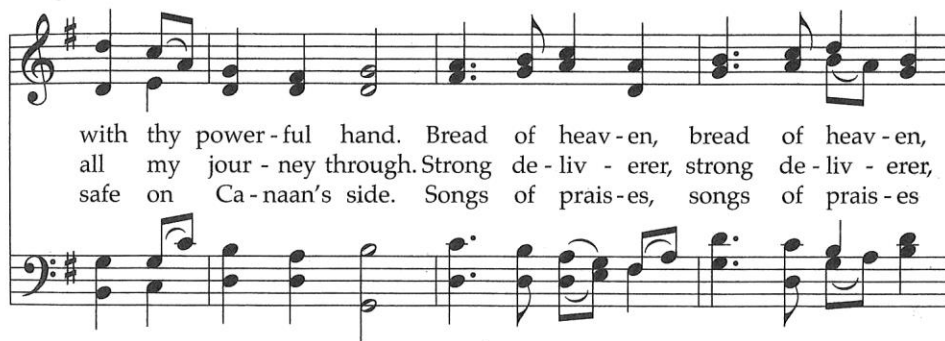
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.