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1 Can Share My Gifts

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Today's Lay Reader: Sharon Wilson

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **We come, ready to share our gifts!**

Leader: To share our gifts, we first have to discern what they are.

People: **Through prayer and discernment, God will reveal our gifts to us. Then, like Joseph, we are called to share our gifts with the world.**

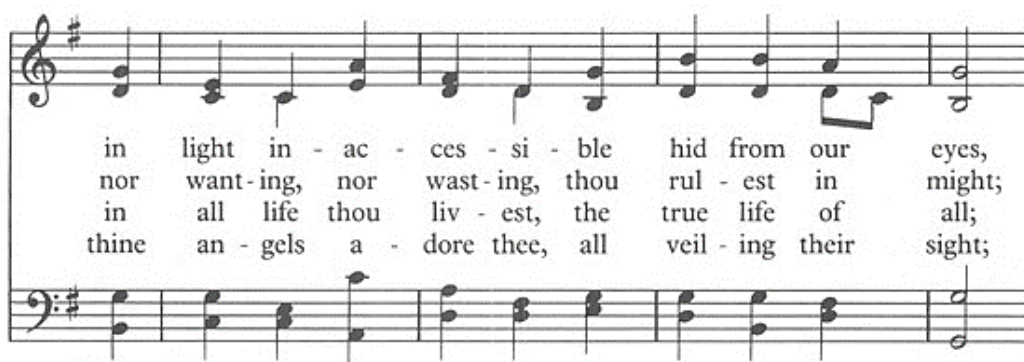
Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

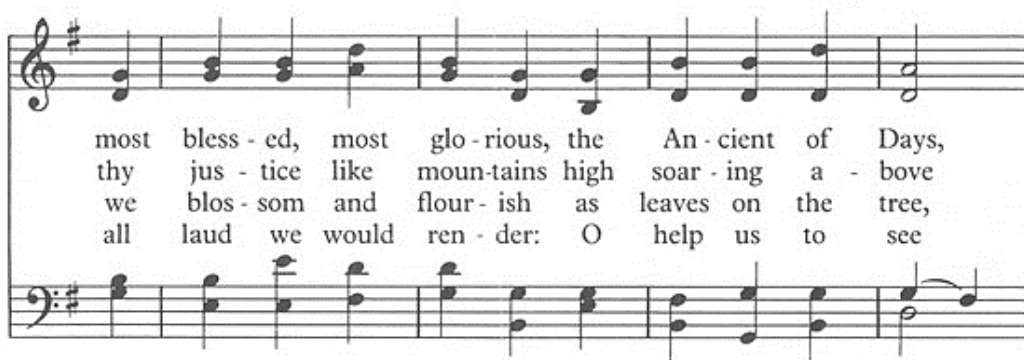
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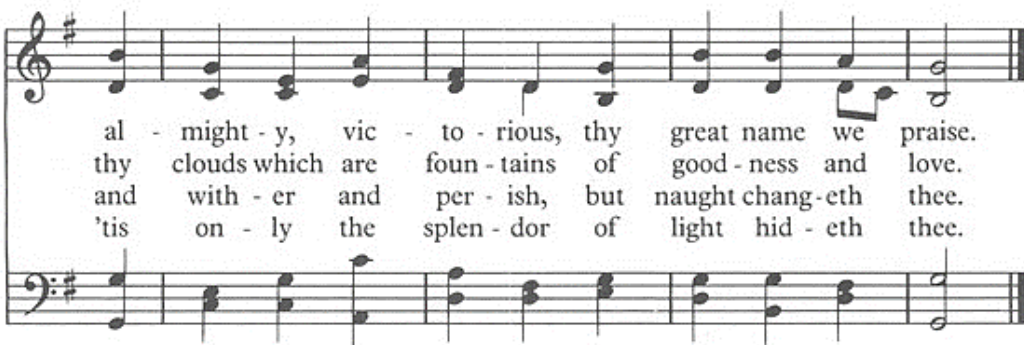
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Opening Prayer

God, how would you like us to use our gifts today? We know that each one of us was born with gifts from your Holy Spirit. Some of us might have started to explore them. Others of us may be brand new to this. But we do know that we all have spiritual gifts. And we know that we are called to use them. Bless us, Lord, to discern our gifts, and then discern how you would like us to use them. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

He Has Made Me Glad

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.
He Has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 41:38-45

Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find anyone else like this, one in whom is the spirit of God?" So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has shown you all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command; only with regard to the throne will I be greater than you." And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." Removing his signet ring from his hand, Pharaoh put it on Joseph's hand; he arrayed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. He had him ride in the chariot of his second-in-command, and they cried out in front of him, "Bow the knee!" Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt." Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-paneah, and he gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, as his wife. Thus Joseph gained authority over the land of Egypt.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Message

I Can Share My Gifts

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Adagio

David Corelli

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



SCAN to GIVE

Hymn

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

(verses 1, 2, and 5)

1. I stand a - mazed in the pres - ence of
2. For me it was in the gar - den he
3. In pit - y an - gels be - held him, and
4. He took my sins and my sor - rows, he
5. When with the ran - somed in glo - ry his

Je - sus the Naz - a - rene, and won - der
prayed: "Not my will, but thine." He had no
came from the world of light to com - fort
made them his ver - y own; he bore the
face I at last shall see, 'twill be my

how he could love me, a sin - ner, con-demned, un - clean.
tears for his own griefs, but sweat-drops of blood for mine.
him in the sor - rows he bore for my soul that night.
bur - den to Cal - vary, and suf - fered and died a - lone.
joy through the a - ges to sing of his love for me.

Refrain

How mar-vel-ous! How won-der-ful! And my song shall ev - er be:
O how mar-vel-ous! O how won-der-ful!

Benediction

Postlude

Postlude in D

G. Armstrong Gibbs