

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home,
when Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

Refrain:

I sing because I'm happy, (I'm happy)
I sing because I'm free, (I'm free)
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

“Let not your heart be troubled,”
his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth
but one step I may see:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me. *[Refrain]*

Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing,
when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
from care he sets me free:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me. *[Refrain]*

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

Refrain:

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft, O praise him, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice, *[Refrain]*

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light, *[Refrain]*

Dear mother earth, you day by day
unfold your blessings on our way, O praise him, Alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show: *[Refrain]*

All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part, O sing now: Alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and cast on him your care: *[Refrain]*

And even you, most gentle death,
waiting to hush our final breath, O praise him, Alleluia!
You lead back home the child of God,
for Christ our Lord that way has trod: *[Refrain]*

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One: *[Refrain]*

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Officiant: God be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Officiant: Let us pray

Collect: Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Job 39:1–18

Lector: A reading from Job

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the deer?
Can you number the months that they fulfil,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?
Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;
they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free?
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling-place?
It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will it spend the night at your crib?
Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?
Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labour to it?
Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.
For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,

forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.
It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear;
because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.
When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Contemporary Reading: "God Would Kneel Down"- St Francis of Assisi

Lector: A reading from St. Francis of Assisi:

I think God might be a little prejudiced.
For once He asked me to join Him on a walk
through this world,

and we gazed into every heart on this earth,
and I noticed He lingered a bit longer
before any face that was
weeping.

And before any eyes that were
laughing.

And sometimes when we passed
a soul in worship

God too would kneel
down.

I have come to learn: God
Adores His
Creation.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence: Teach Me Master

Teach me mas-ter, mas-ter teach me, Oh, —
would not live — a li - ar, I —

teach me how to wait. —
tell you the rea - son why: —

When I bow at the al - tar, Oh, —
When my Lord might — call me, and I

teach me what to say. — Oh, I
would be ready to die. —

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of four systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The second system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The third system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The fourth system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. There are some markings in the score, such as a dashed line under 'mas-ter' in the first system, a large oval around the piano accompaniment in the second system, and a dashed line under 'al - tar' in the third system.

Matthew 11:25–30

Officiant: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Officiant: Lets us stand and reaffirm our faith by reciting the words of the Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Most high, all powerful, all good Lord! All praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing. And, it is to you alone, Most High, that we pray.

Leader: You are praised, O Lord by our brother, sun, who brings the day; and you give light through him. May light be shed on your Church, that your faithful people may bear your likeness.

O God, hear us.

Leader: You are praised, O Lord, through our sister, moon, and the stars; in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and beautiful. May the nations of the earth, whom they look down upon each night be blessed with your peace.

O God, hear us.

Leader: You are praised, O Lord, through our brothers, wind and air, may you rain down your grace upon our nation, and its leaders and people.

O God, hear us.

Leader: You are praised, O Lord, through our sister, water; Quench the thirst of the poor, the downtrodden, and those who are ill, or in trouble of any kind.

Leader: I invite you to offer your intercessions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

Pause

O God, hear us.

Leader: You are praised, O Lord, through our brother, fire, through whom you brighten the night; We pray you to brighten your kingdom, where the souls of the faithful departed rest. For them, as you, may there be no night.

O God, hear us.

Leader: You are praised, O Lord, through our sister, and mother, Earth, who feeds us and rules us, and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs; Give us the will to care for her, as you created her.

O God, hear us.

Leader: Be praised, my Lord, through those who forgive for love of you; through those who endure sickness and trial. Happy those who endure in peace, for by you, Most High, they will be crowned.

O God, hear us.

Officiant: O Lord, we praise and bless you, and we give you thanks, and with all of creation, we serve you and pray to you with great humility.

Peace

Announcements and Prayer Requests

Birthday Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as s/he begins another year. Grant that s/he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of her/ his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

O God, be with N. and N., as they celebrate another year together. Deepen their love for each other, grant them joy, and make their life together a blessing to all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Anthem: O sifuni mungu (All creatures of our God and King)

The Great Thanksgiving

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Officiant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Officiant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Officiant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Officiant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages, you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time, you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Officiant: And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: Santo, Santo, Santo

One: All: San - to, San - to, San - to. San - to San - to San - to.

One: All: E-res tú Dios, luz del u - ni-ver - so; e-res tú Dios, luz del u - ni- ver - so.

One: All: Heav-en and earth are full of your glo ry. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-

One: All: One: sa - na en el cie - lo. Ho - sa - na en el cie - lo. Blest is the one who comes,

All: One: All: Blest is the one who comes, comes in the name of our God; Comes in the name of our

One: All: God; Ho - sa - na en el cie - lo. Ho - sa - na en el

One: All: cie - lo, en el cie - lo; en el cie - lo.

Officiant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Officiant: God of our fathers: Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our mothers, Sarah, Hagar, Rebeka and Rachel. God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Officiant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

Officiant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

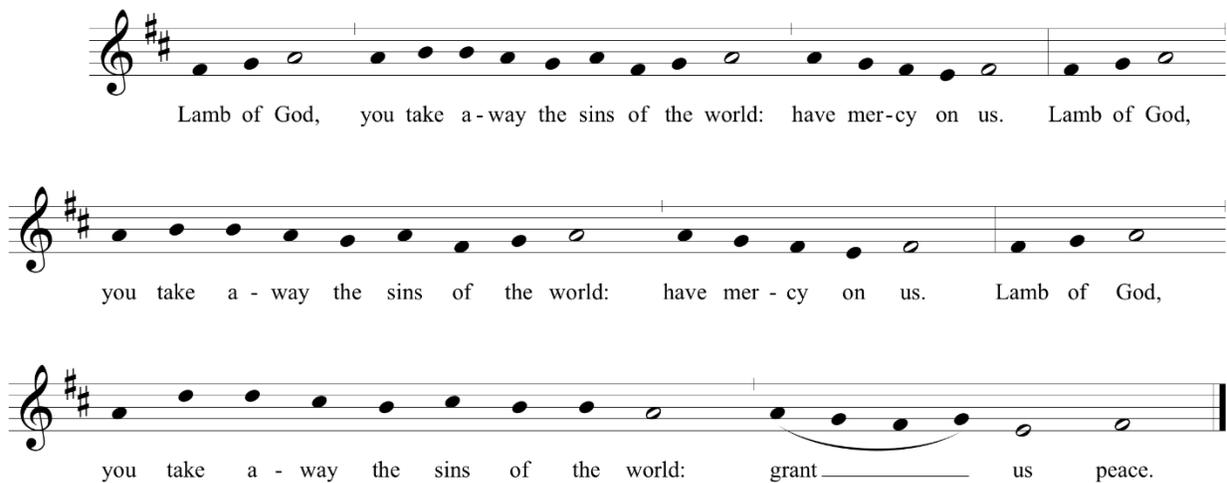


Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-lo-wed be Thy name, Thy
king-dom come; Thy will be done on earth— as it is in hea-ven.. Give us this
day— our dai-ly bread, and for - give us as we for-give our debt-ors; and
lead us not— in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li-ver us— from e - vil; for
Thine is— the king - dom and the po - wer and the
glo - ry, for - e - ver. A - men.

Officiant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn: Prayer of St. Francis

Lord make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there's despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
And where there is sadness, joy.

O divine master grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love
For it is in giving that we receive-
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got you and me sister in His hands,
He's got you and me sister in His hands,
He's got you and me sister in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the little bitty baby in His hands,
He's got the little bitty baby in His hands,
He's got the little bitty baby in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got...

Dismissal

Alleluia! Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!