

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH   
 OF *St. John the Baptist*

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**The Fifth Sunday  
in Lent**  
*March 21, 2021*

**The Holy Eucharist**  
**The Word of God**

**Prelude** *Voluntary 'What Wondrous Love Is This'*  
*Hymn Tune: Wondrous Love* **Thomas Keesecker**

**Processional Hymn** (*Please stand as able*) *Please see page 8*

**Children's Chat** - *Robert Freeman*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **God's mercy endures for ever.**

**The Decalogue** (*Please kneel or be seated*)  
*The Celebrant and People pray responsively*

Hear the commandments of God to God's people:  
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.  
You shall have no other gods but me.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make yourself any idol.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

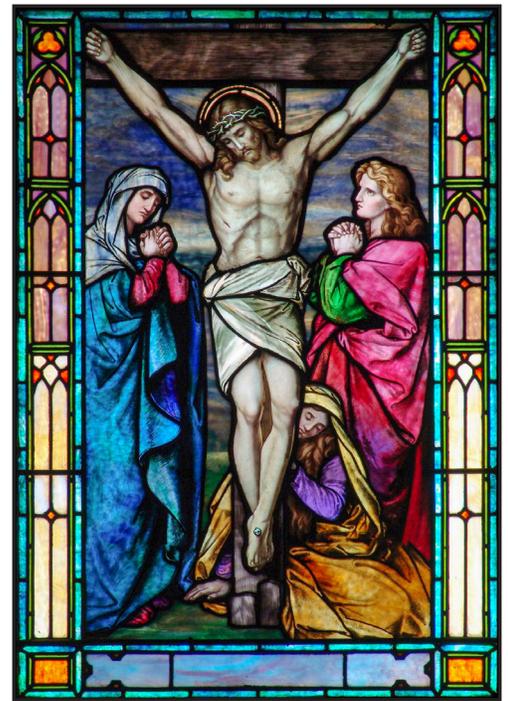
You shall not steal.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*The Celebrant may add the following sentence*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*



#498 | *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

## The Confession of Sin *(Please kneel as able or be seated)*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence may be kept)*

*People* ***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

## Lord, Have Mercy *(Please stand as able)*

*Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect*

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* ***Amen.***

## First Reading *(Please be seated)*

*Reader* A Reading from Jeremiah:

### *Introduction to the First Reading*

*This reading comes from a section of Jeremiah called the "book of consolation," in which are gathered the prophet's oracles of hope for Israel's restoration. The prophet looks forward to a "new covenant," which will be written on the heart, the seat of the will.*

### *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 51:1-13



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.  
And so you are justified when you speak  
and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me,  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

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## Second Reading - Linda Tuttle

*Reader* A Reading from Hebrews:

### *Introduction to the Second Reading*

*Using priestly imagery and references from the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.*

### *Hebrews 5:5-10*

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** (*Please stand as able*) - *Please see page 9*

#479 | “Gory Be To Jesus”

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John:

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

**The Holy Gospel** (*The Gospel is carried into the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.*)

### *John 12:20-33*

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*Celebrant*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## THE SERMON

**The Nicene Creed** *(Please stand as able)*

*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.*

**The Prayers of the People** *The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

You wash us through and through and remember our sin no more. Make your church a community of forgiveness throughout the world. Give your people courage to forgive; through them show the world new possibilities. Bless ministries of repentance and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

***Your mercy is great.***

You fill the earth—from tiny grains of wheat to the mighty thunder—with your presence, and you call us to attend to your will for all creation. Grant weather that prepares the soil for seeds; protect all from violent storms, flooding, and wildfires. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You promise to write your law on our hearts. Guide citizens throughout the world to shape communities that reflect your mercy, justice, and peace, and give them creativity to work for the welfare of all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Restore the joy of all who need to know your presence: those who are lonely or feel unforgivable, those who need healing of mind or body, those who are dying, and all you grieve. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Jesus calls us to follow him in life and death. Empower this congregation in discipleship. Bless the children and their teachers in our Sunday School. Give us your truth and wisdom and teach us to follow Jesus. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the cross of Christ, your name is glorified. We praise you for those who have given us words to worship you. With all those who have died in Christ, bring us into life everlasting. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially remembering those on our parish prayer list and those we name in our hearts.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*(The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect, or a Doxology.)*

**The Peace** *(Please stand as able)*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### The Holy Communion

*Being seated, we begin with a time of offering, giving money as a sign that our life serves God's purposes and showing our gratitude for God's many blessings.*

*Your faithful tithes and offerings are much needed and can be sent to:*

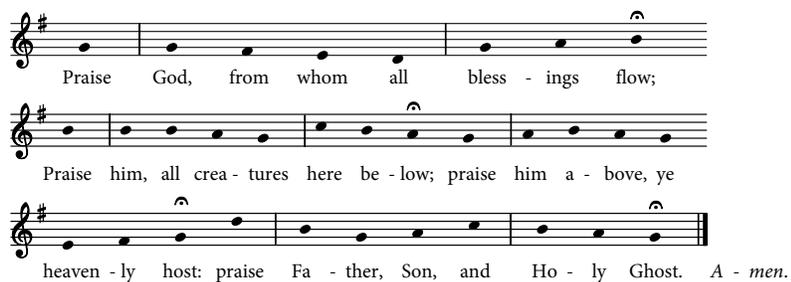
*The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, PO Box 441, Milton, DE 19968 OR*

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### Offertory Sentence & Interlude

**Doxology** *(The offering is presented as the Doxology is sung.*

*Please stand as able)*



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye  
heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.

### Offertory Hymn

*Please see page 10*

#603 | "When Christ Was Lifted"

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer C*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:** *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

*Hymnal S130*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and mi - ght, Hol - ly, ho - ly,  
11 ho - ly Lord, God of power and mi - ght, heav - en and earth are fu -  
20 ll, fu - ll of your glor - ry Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the  
31 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes - in the name of the Lo - rd. Ho -  
41 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people may kneel as able, or be seated. The Celebrant continues.*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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,

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

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 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.

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

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.*

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*People* ***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.***

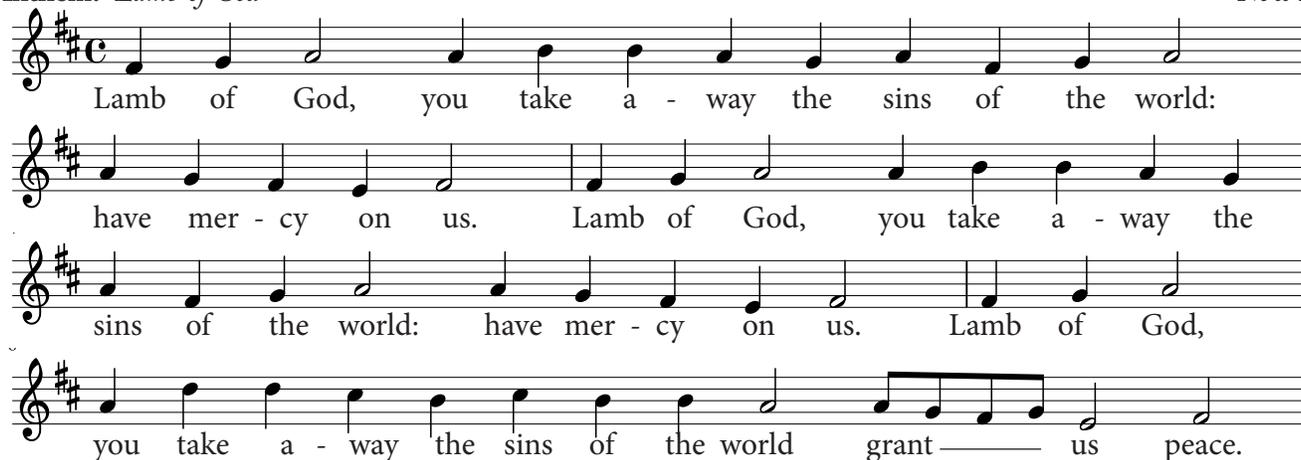
***And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

## The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

### Fraction Anthem: *Lamb of God*

*New Plainsong*



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.

### A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart and my soul. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you, my Lord and my God! Amen.*

### Distribution Anthem - "One Bread, One Body" Words & Music: John Foley

Vocalist: Robert Freeman Accompanist: Scott Kresge

### Post Communion Prayer (Please kneel or be seated)

Celebrant Let us pray.

People *Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all whom you have made.*

*We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.*

*And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your presence, that as we lament our separation from one another, we may continually show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

### Benediction

Recessional Hymn (Please stand as able) Please see page 11

#439 | "What Wondrous Love Is This"

### The Dismissal

Celebrant Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude "Fugue in E-flat" John Goss

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Robert Freeman, Cantor/Soloist

Elizabeth Scheer, Videography/Streaming

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Jesus Christ our Lord

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,  
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eyes at times can see  
 3 I take, O cross, thy sha - dow for my a - bid - ing place;

the sha-dow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
 the ve - ry dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me;  
 I ask no o - ther sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
 and from my smit - ten heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:  
 con - tent to let my pride go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.  
 the — won - ders of re - deem - ing love and — my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 my — sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my — glo - ry all the cross.

Words: Elizabeth Cecilia Clephane (1830-1869), alt.  
 Music: *St. Christopher*, Frederick Charles Maker (1844-1927)

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Jesus Christ our Lord

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1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains  
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find,  
3 Bles - t through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream  
 4 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing wafts its praise on high,  
 5 Lift ye then your voic - es; swell the might - y flood;

1 poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins!  
 2 blest be his com - pas - sion in - fi - nite - ly kind!  
3 which from sin and sor - row doth the world re - deem!  
 4 an - gel hosts, re - joic - ing, make their glad re - ply.  
 5 loud - er still and loud - er praise the pre - cious blood.

Words: Italian, 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt.  
 Music: *Wem in Leidenstagen*, Friedrich Filitz (1804-1860)

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Christian Responsibility

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his  
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and  
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -  
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,  
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us  
 vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels  
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.  
 as his friends and loves us as we are.  
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.  
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936)

Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

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Jesus Christ our Lord

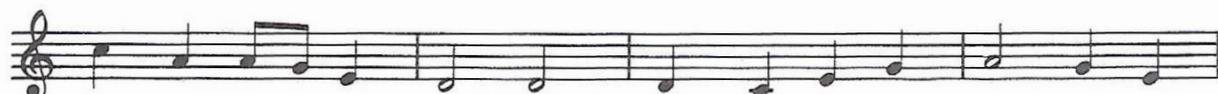
*Unison*



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835

Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

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