



*"Prophet Miriam," stained glass by Pippa Blackall, 2008  
in St. Edmundsbury Cathedral, England*

## THE 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A Service of the Word

September 13, 2020 ✦ 10:00 a.m.



## The 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The exodus, with its picture of a God who takes the side of the oppressed and powerless, has been a beacon of hope for many in despair.”

— Robert Allen Warrior

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day, the day of Christ's resurrection*

**Prelude** — “Pastoral Dance on BUNESSAN” by Andrew Clarke

*Dr. Patricia Snyder*

**Welcome**

**Greeting**

*One:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*Many:* **And also with you.**

**Call to Worship**

*One:* Creation eagerly yearns for the Day of the Lord

*Many:* **when the sea will part again,  
the mountains skip like rams,  
and the hills like young sheep.**

*One:* Come.

Like the Earth, tremble at the presence of the Lord in this place;  
come to the one:

*Many:* **who drew forth water from the rock,  
who turned flint into a flowing stream.**

*One:* Come and hear truth—

*Many:* **strange speech for our age—**

*One:* come and be transformed.  
Come.

**Hymn** — “Morning Has Broken”

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## Prayer of the Day

*One:* Let us pray.

*Many:* O God who is our strength,  
you have protected us from those who would seek to oppress us.  
You have shielded us from those who would seek to destroy  
the good gifts you have put in us.  
Your love and power never fail.  
Thanks and praise to you, our safety and stronghold.  
We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness,  
for there is none like you. Amen.

## News from our Life Together

### WORD

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

### Refrain — “The Lord Is God”

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4-B4, quarter notes C5-D5, and quarter notes E5-F5. The bass clef staff provides accompaniment with chords. The lyrics for the first system are: "The Lord is God, the Lord a-lone! Give hon-or, thanks, and praise". The second system continues the melody with quarter notes G4-A4, quarter notes B4-C5, quarter notes D5-E5, quarter notes F5-G5, quarter notes A5-B5, quarter notes C6-D6, and quarter notes E6-F6. The bass clef staff continues with accompaniment. The lyrics for the second system are: "to God, the mak-er of all things and giv-er of our days."

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Reading — Exodus 14:19-31

Having decided to let the Israelites go from Egypt, Pharaoh had second thoughts and sent his army after them (14:5-8). Though the passage through the Red Sea became a sign of salvation for the people of Israel, Pharaoh's forces drowned in the waters. As a result the Israelites believed in the LORD and in the LORD's servant Moses.

*The refrain ("The Lord Is God" – music above) is repeated.*

**Sermon** — "Wade in the Water"

*The Rev. Matthew Emery*

## RESPONSE

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*We begin our lives of responding to the gospel in prayer and offering*

### Responding with our Gifts

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**Text:** Text "StorrsCongChurch" to 73256, followed by your gift amount (i.e. "StorrsCongChurch \$100") to access online giving via text message.

*Those participating via Zoom are welcome to submit prayer petitions (joys and concerns) during this time via the Chat feature in Zoom.*

### An Offering Thought

*We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. – Romans 14:26-27*

What is the common good? For Christians, it is expressed in the reign, or way, of Christ. We are accountable to God for how we treat one another; how we reflect the love of Christ through both our words and our actions.

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** — "Wade in the Water" arr. by Burleigh

*Jonah Garcia, soloist*

Wade in the water, Wade in the water, children,  
Wade in the water, God's a-goin' to trouble the water.

See that band all dressed in white, God's a-goin' to trouble the water.  
The leader looks like the Israelite, God's a-goin' to trouble the water.

See that band all dress'd in red, God's a-goin' to trouble the water.  
It looks like the band that Moses led. God's a-goin' to trouble the water.

### The Prayers of the People, *ending with* The Lord's Prayer

**Many:** 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 glory forever. Amen.

# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world*

Hymn — Psalm 114: “When Israel Was Going Forth”

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Benediction

Postlude — “Sketch on PISGAH” by Dale Wood

*Dr. Patricia Snyder*

**Following the postlude, the Zoom Meeting will remain open** for those who wish to connect and chat—a bring-your-own-coffee “coffee hour”! We look forward to connecting with you!

**Flowers this morning are given by Bob & Stacy Malecki and Annemarie Thompson in celebration of Bill Thompson’s birthday today!** “He continues to be much loved and missed. We continue to relish our memories and are grateful for the assurance that we join him in heaven someday.”

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# Morning Has Broken 664



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

# When Israel Was Going Forth 58

(Psalm 114)

Capo 5: (C) F (Dm) Gm (Em) Am

1 When Is - ra - el was go - ing forth from  
 2 to be God's ho - ly dwell - ing place, God's  
 3 The sea be - held and fled a - way; the  
 4 O sea, why did you run a - way? O  
 5 O trem - ble, earth, be - fore the Lord; the

(C) (Am) (G) (F) (C)  
 F Dm C B<sup>b</sup> F

out of E - gypt's land, and Ja - cob's house from  
 choice on Ju - dah fell, and there as God's do -  
 Jor - dan stopped its flow. The moun - tains skipped like  
 Jor - dan, why turn tide? You mounts and hills, like  
 God of Ja - cob fear; God made the rock a

(Am) (Dm) (G7) (C)  
 Dm Gm C7 F

for - eign tongues they could not un - der - stand,  
 min - ion took God's cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 rams; the hills like lambs skipped to and fro.  
 rams and lambs, why leap on ev - ery side?  
 wa - ter pool, the stone a foun - tain clear.

The events described in Psalm 114 form the essential elements of Israel's story: exodus, provision in the wilderness, entry into the promised land. These events were all the result of God's sovereignty, which not only amazes human beings but also evokes awe from creation.

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