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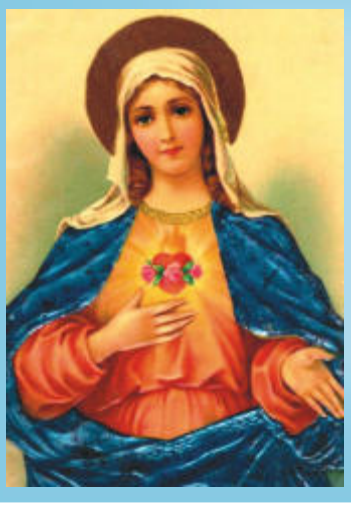

St. Basil the Great Church
Dushore, PA

St. Francis of Assisi Church
Mildred, PA

St. John Neumann Shrine
Sugar Ridge, PA

St. Francis of Assisi Chapel
Eagles Mere, PA

Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

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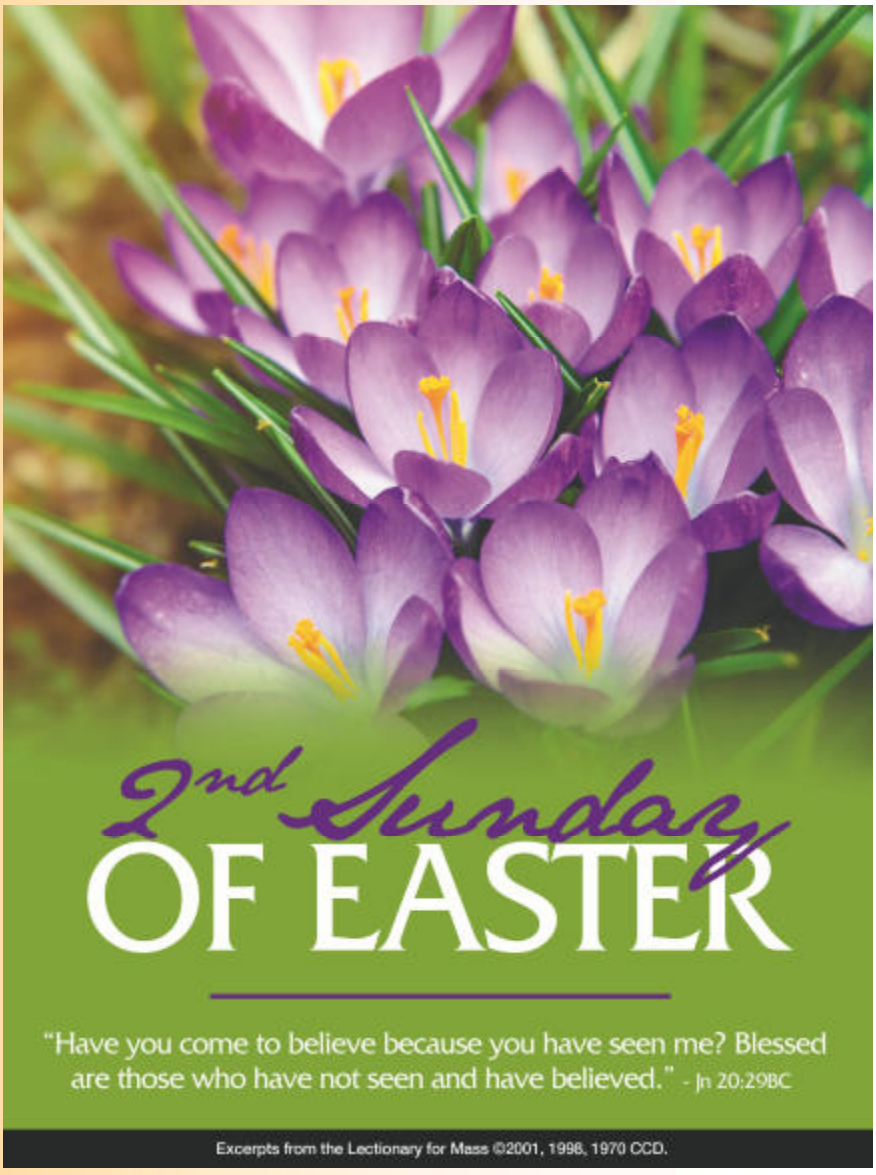
Reverend Thomas J. Major ~ Pastor

Office Hours
Monday—Friday: 9 AM-3 PM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:15 PM
or by appointment

St. Basil's Church will be open during daylight hours for people to pray individually.



April 11, 2021

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The parish has an account with Formed. Formed is a website that contains a variety of religious materials. It has books that can be downloaded, videos and documentaries, Bible studies, information on Sacraments, and much more. Parishioners can access this vast amount of information and entertainment by going to formed.org, select sign up, click sign up as a parishioner, type in Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (make sure it is the Dushore location) underneath Find your Parish, click Next, type in your name and email address. You should then have access to the Formed website!

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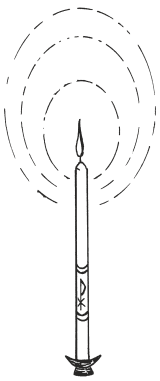


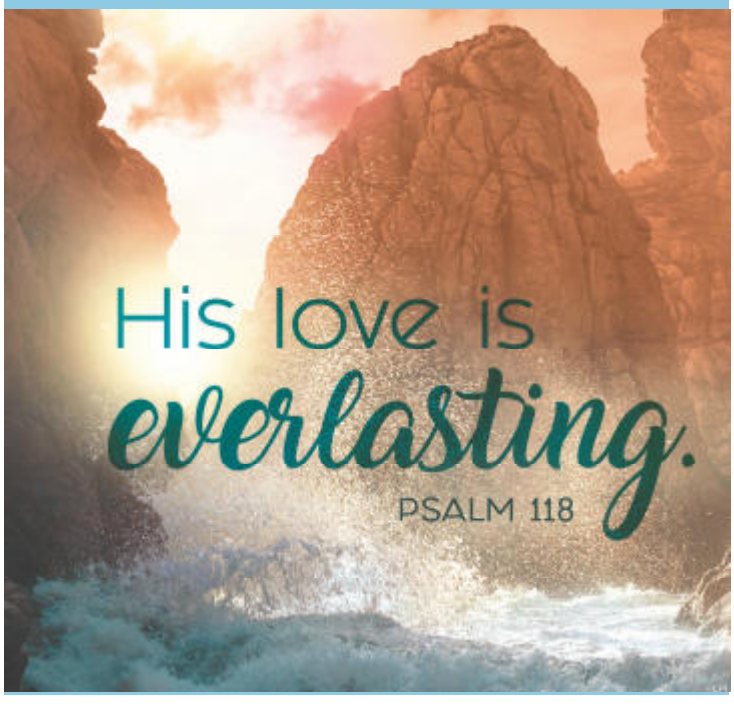
The sanctuary candle in St. Basil's Church is burning in memory of Veenie Swelcher, Kenny Swelcher, Emily Swelcher, Bruce Hagood, and Wayne Terry by Edmund & Linda Thall & Family..

Parish Mission Statement:

We, the Catholic faithful of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, in union with our Holy Father, the Pope, and our Bishop, are called through Baptism to share in the ministry which Jesus Christ has entrusted to the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. As priest and lay faithful in a rural area, we utilize our energy to serve the spiritual needs of the Kingdom of God to promote a culture of life, justice, and peace to this generation and the generations that follow us.

Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendor of the Father, you are the most valued Heavenly treasure.
New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body, created of the godly seed by the Spirit of God, you are the spiritual Mother of mankind.
Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now, your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory, to be elevate-d above all the hosts within the Kingdom of God.
O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth, I recognize the glory of your highest title, the Immaculate Heart of Mary!
Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, you who continually intercede on our behalf,
please present my need before your loving Son, Jesus.
(Mention your request)
O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you are now presenting my need before Jesus, for you have never turned away those in dire need.
Mother dearest, I await your favorable answer, submitting myself to the Divine will of the Lord, for all glories are His for ever and ever. Amen.



Reflection

The **First Reading** is from the Acts of the Apostles (4:32-35). The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

The **Responsorial Psalm** (118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24) The Lord's mercy endures forever.

The **Second Reading** is from the first Letter of St. John (5:1-6). Those who love God keep his commandments.

The **Gospel Reading** is from the Gospel of John (20:19-31). What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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Readings

Monday
Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday ~ St. Martin I, Pope, Martyr
Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday
Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday
Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday
Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday
Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

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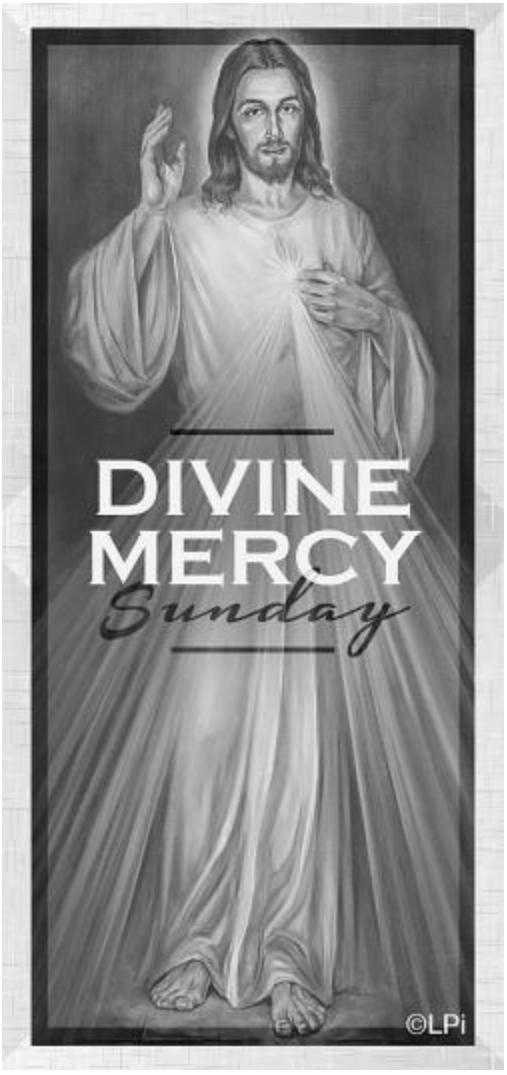

Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday, April 10
4:00 PM **Dushore** *Florence Dempsey by the Borsas*

Sunday, April 11
7:30 AM **Mildred** *Mass for the People*
9:30 AM **Dushore** *Thomas McDaniel by Adelene*

Monday, April 12
9:00 AM **Dushore** *Frank Mucha by Frances Rosenberry & Jerry & Diane Murray*

Tuesday, April 13
9:00 AM **Dushore** *Eunice Richart by Joseph P. Harney*

Wednesday, April 14
9:00 AM **Dushore** *Jack & Stella McDonald by McDonald Family*

Thursday, April 15
9:00 AM **Dushore** *Mary Theresa Gleockler by Bob & Mary Getz*

Friday, April 16
9:00 AM **Dushore** *Marie Bonanni by Joseph & Diane McDonough*

Saturday, April 17
4:00 PM **Dushore** *Kurt Richard Rexer by Milo & Jeanne Clinton*

Sunday, April 18
7:30 AM **Mildred** *Mass for the People*
9:30 AM **Dushore** *Bud & Shirley Ambs by Pat & Karen Cullen*

Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

March 27 & 28, 2021
$6,759.40

Easter 2021
$4,735.00

April 3 & 4, 2021
$5,781.00

Please mail your offering to the parish office if possible.
Thank you!

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Storm Damage Fund Total
$177,638.41

Fiscal Year (July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021)

Total Offertory
$228,334.97

Total Expenses
$277,827.29

Storm Damage
$45,648.00

Arrears (Debt)
$18,350.00

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Question & Answer

Can Divorced Catholics Take Communion?

Question: Can a divorced Catholic receive holy Communion?

Answer:
Unfortunately, too many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment).

Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist. Beyond this, however, Pope Francis has reminded us that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have "endured separation, divorce, or abandonment … divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life." (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 242) Moreover, he continues, "The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty." (*AL*, no 242)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is "not a prize for the perfect," but "a powerful medicine and nourishment" (*Evangelii Gaudium,* no. 47). Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist.

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Appeal Update:

Our Parish Goal: $38,000
Total Raised: $24,006
Percentage of Goal Pledged
63.17% (122 out of 417 families pledged)

The Day of Resurrection

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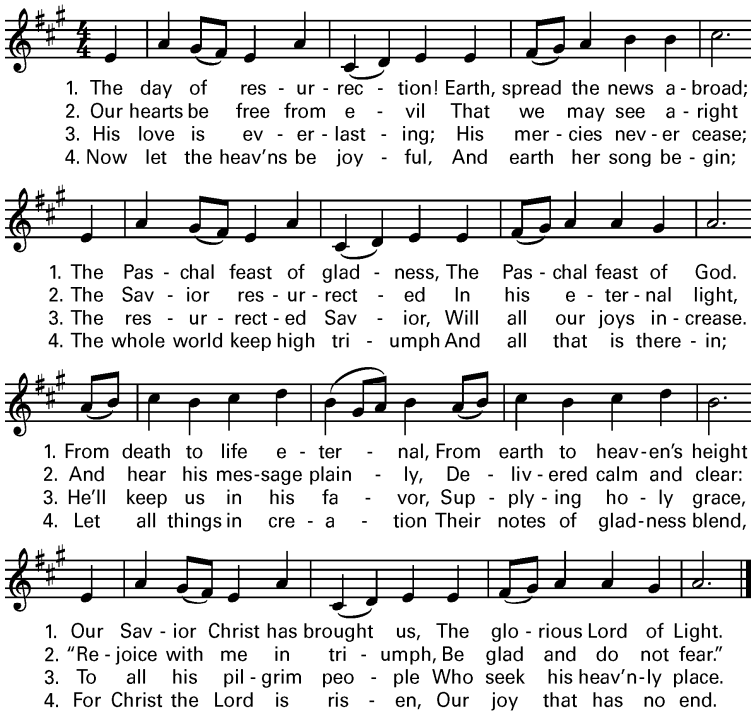

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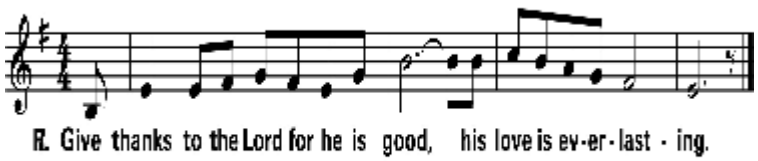
Psalm 118: Second Sunday of Easter, All Years



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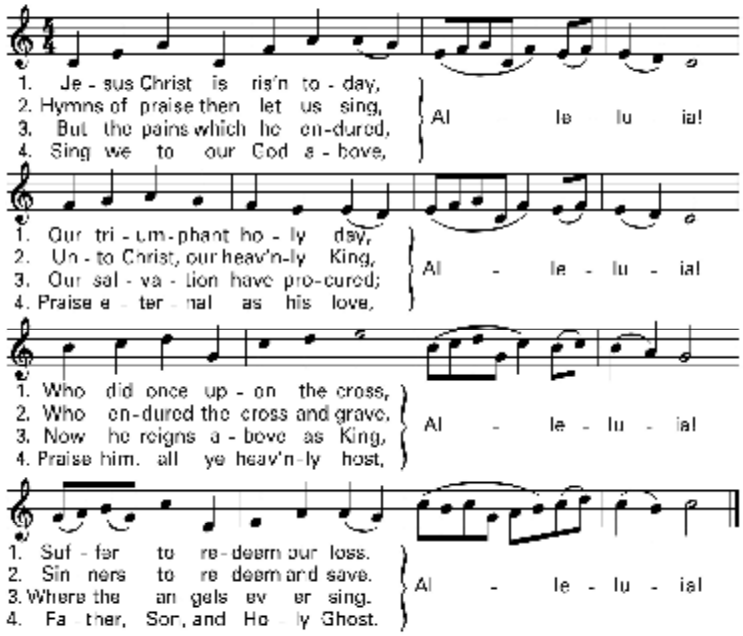
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN



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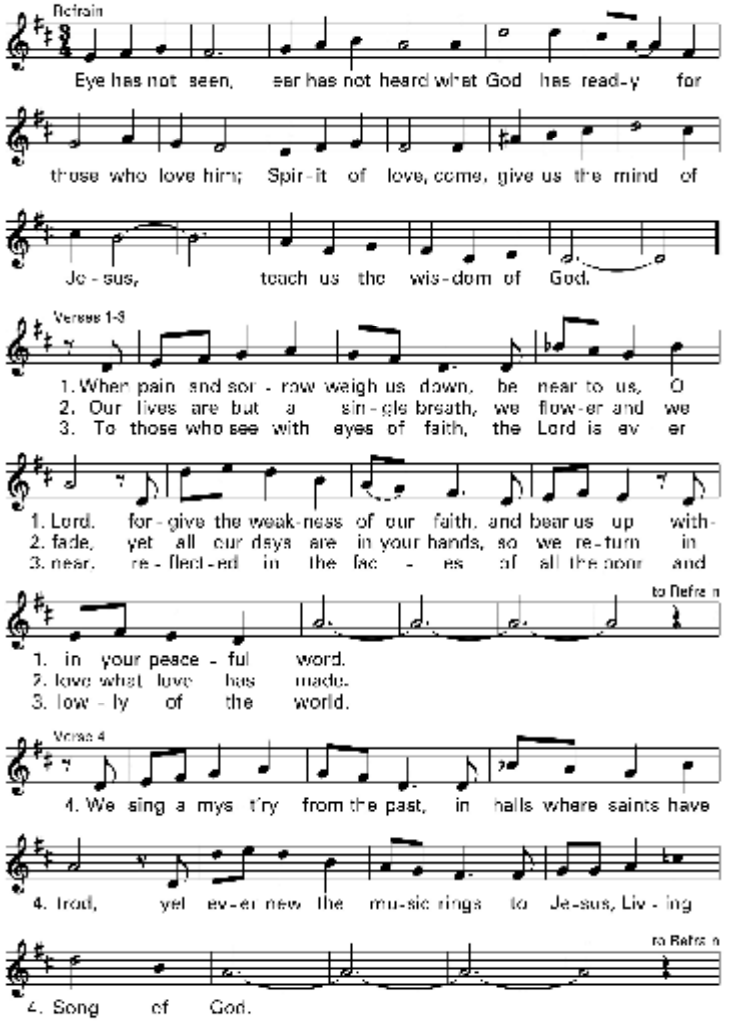
Eye Has Not Seen

Marty Haugen



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Ye Sons and Daughters

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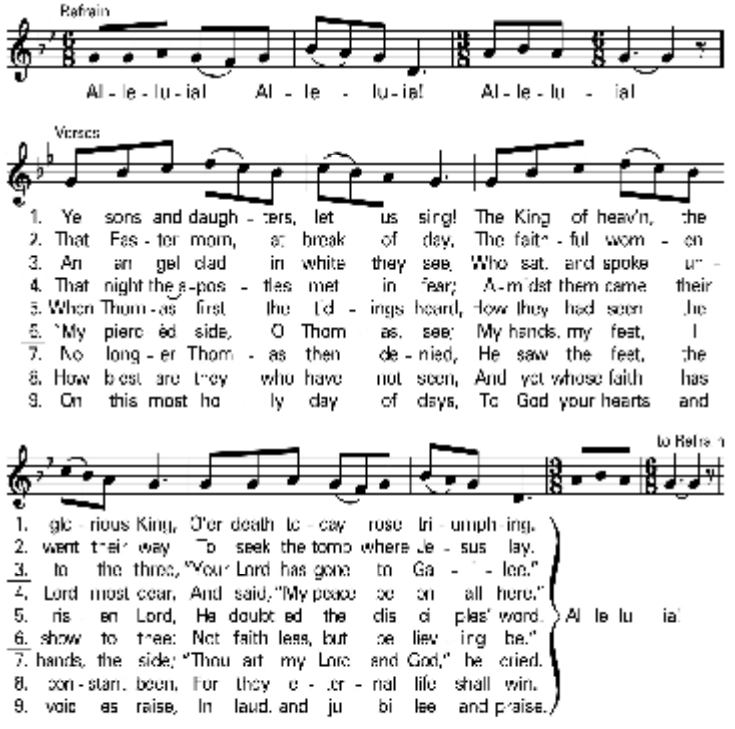

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The Nicene Creed

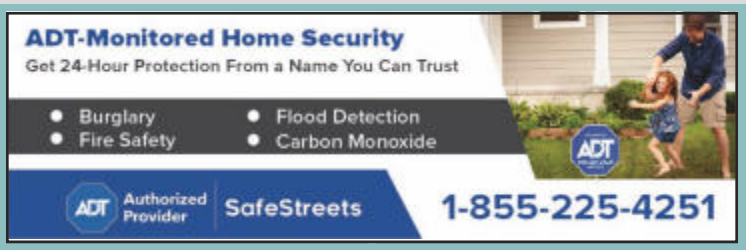
I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man", all bow.)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in the glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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GOD
Jeremiah 1:5

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