

# may a song remain

*the fifteenth annual*  
Festival by the Sea  
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Charleston, South Carolina

## Gathering

### *Festival of Praise*

Molly Ijames

*O come and sing unto the Lord, shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.  
Come before his presence with blessing in your heart; O come and sing unto the Lord.  
In his hand are the deep places of the earth, the heights of the hills and the sea,  
He is our God and we are his people, O come before him in song.*

- from Psalm 95

### Call to Worship

Paul Sims

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to God**

### Hymn

*When the Morning Stars Together*

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### Prayer of the Day

Mark Kemp

God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand,  
God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land:  
You are womb of all creation; **we are formless; shape us now.**  
God the dresser of the vineyard, God the planter of the wheat,  
God the reaper of the harvest, God the source of all we eat:  
You are host at every table; **we are hungry; feed us now.**  
God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth,  
God the table-turning prophet, God the resurrected truth:  
You are present every moment; **we are searching; meet us now.**

- John Thornburg

### *Great Creator*

Karen Marroli

*Great Creator, ever speaking, teach us you are weaving, still,  
Painting heaven in its newness, sculpting earth with finest skill.  
What has come before will vanish as the night fades into morn,  
Bringing daylight into darkness: heaven and earth will be reborn.  
Great Creator, ever listening to our prayers and to our plight,  
Write in us your new creation, when our weeping turns to sight.  
Let us see the daylight dawning, when the wolf lies with the lamb,  
When all people join their voices, singing of the Great I AM.*

*Jerusalem, our happy home, when shall we come to thee?  
When shall our sorrows have an end? When shall your joys we see?  
Great Creator, ever moving over wind and over wave,  
Let our restless hearts find comfort in the call to love and save.  
Great Creator, as we wait here for the glorious rebirth,  
Use our hearts and hands in service; sculpt your kingdom here on earth.*  
- from Isaiah 65

## The Word

### The First Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-24

Burt Pardue

This is the word of God  
**Thanks be to God**

### *And Can It Be?*

Dan Forrest

*And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me who caused his pain? For me who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?  
He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;  
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.  
No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in him is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine.  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne. And claim the crown through Christ my own.  
Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me!*  
- Charles Wesley

### The Second Lesson

Acts 16:16-34

Larry Schultz

This is the word of God  
**Thanks be to God**

### *I Sing Because I'm Happy*

Kenneth Paden  
adapted by Rollo Dilworth

*I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free.  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*  
- Civilla Martin

### The Third Lesson

Matthew 6:25-34

Shelden Timmerman

The Gospel of Christ  
**Thanks be to God**

The image shows a musical score for the song 'His Eye Is on the Sparrow'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system of lyrics is: 'I sing be-cause i'm hap-py, — I sing be-cause i'm free, for his'. The second system of lyrics is: 'eye is on the spar-row, — and I know he watch-es me. —'. The music is in a simple, folk-like style with a 4/4 time signature.

*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; .... 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; .... REFRAIN*

- Civilla Martin

## Responding

### *O Love*

Elaine Hagenberg

*O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;*

*I give Thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;*

*I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.*

- George Matheson

### Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Paul Sims

Psalms and symphonies exalt you, drum and trumpet, string and reed,...

... harmony of earth and heaven, song of God that cannot cease!

**For the music of creation, for the song your Spirit sings,**

**for your sound's divine expression, burst of joy in living things:**

**God, our God, the world's composer, hear us, echoes of your voice;**

**Music is your art, your glory, let the human heart rejoice! Amen.**

- Shirley Erena Murray

Hymn

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

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## Sending

Commission

Mark Kemp and Paul Sims

*May a Song Remain*

Larry E. Schultz

written in celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Youth Choir *Festival by the Sea*,  
and the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Adult Choir *Festival by the Sea*.

*Music speaks; we've heard it here. We have found its voice within us.*

*Music thrives; we've sensed it here. We have felt its power among us.*

*Music surges through our being like the waves upon the sea,*

*Strengthens us along life's journey through the world's community.*

*Music moves us to respond, lifting grateful hearts, rejoicing!*

*Music calls us into prayer, deepest dreams and questions voicing.*

*To the Source of all our music we have offered music's praise.*

*Now we sing this hopeful blessing as we go our separate ways.*

*When words alone fall silent, when all words fail*

*Music speaks, music thrives,*

*Music sings, moves and calls,*

*Music strengthens as it surges in our lives!*

*May a song remain within you, ever-singing in your heart.*

*May a song remain among us, whether near or far apart.*

*And through our song may others hear the harmony of peace.*

*May a song of love remain in all; and may it never cease!*

Benediction

Mark Kemp and Paul Sims

May a song remain within you, among you, and through you.

And may God – Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer –

go with you this day and every day. **Amen.**

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