

Notes on the Choir Anthem

Marty Haugen (b. 1950) is an American composer of church music and composer-in-residence at Mayflower Community Congregational Church in Minneapolis. Raised in the Lutheran Church, Haugen began writing music in 1973, in response to the poor quality of music he was required to lead in a Roman Catholic church where he was employed. Haugen's music is trans-denominational and combines a folk-like musical content with words from historic liturgies of the Church and from the Scriptures. This morning's anthem is one of the based entirely on Scripture: The text is from Romans 8, with the refrain presenting the memorable climactic words of the chapter in verses 37-38. The congregation is invited to stand at the cue and join the choir in singing the final refrain (printed on reverse).

Refrain:

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor trial in the present, nor any trial to come,
neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation,
can ever separate us from the love of God poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

1. Dwell in the One who raised Christ from the dead;
Though your body, shall die, in Christ, you shall rise
through the Spirit who brings you to life.

Refrain

2. All who are led by the Spirit shall live
as children of God, and heirs with Christ Jesus,
God's adopted and chosen and loved.

Refrain

3. All of the suffering, we now must endure
is nothing to the glory so soon to be revealed
when creation itself is set free.

Refrain

4. All of creation awaits the new birth,
the fullness of redemption, through labor pains of love,
and so we wait in patience and hope.

Refrain

5. All things work for good for the ones who love God,
and if God is for us, then, who can be against us?
God's justified cannot be condemned.

Refrain

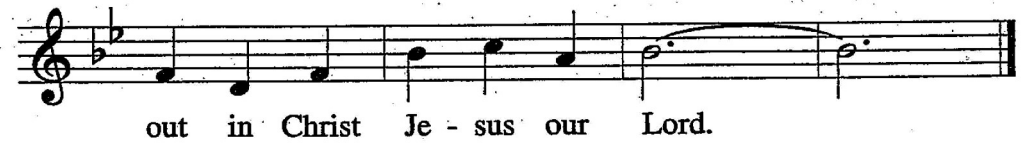
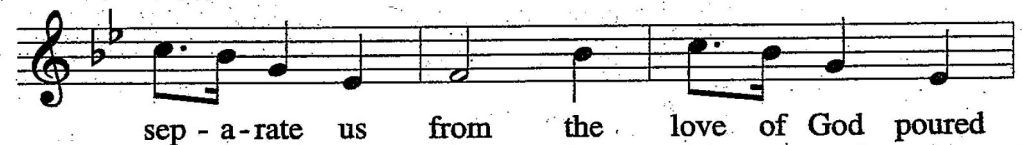
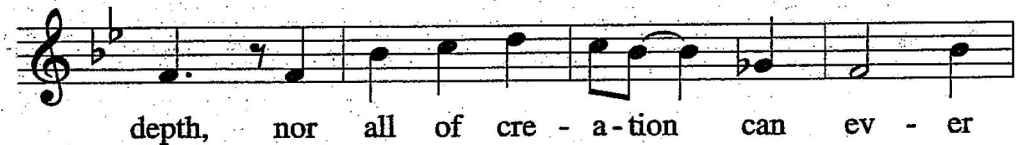
6. Who can separate us from the love of Christ?
Can hardship or distress, persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril or sword?

All Sing Refrain

NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE

Romans 8:38, adapt. MH

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