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**A worship service prepared by Mount Royal Mennonite Church in Saskatoon, Sask., for May 10, 2020,
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Worship leader: Val Regier
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 P.A.: Aaron Bueckert
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Prelude Santo, santo, santo HWB#400
 Call to worship Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –
God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.
 Let us worship God today, for God is good –
God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.
 Let us worship God today –
Because we are God’s people.
 Let us worship God.*

Gathering prayer
 Gathering song I sing the mighty power of God HWB#46
 Scripture Psalm 103:1-5,19-22

Offertory prayer
 Story for all ages
 We sing Blest are they StJ#94
 Scripture Genesis 18:10-15
 Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon The spiritual discipline of pronouncing blessings
 Hymn of response New earth, heavens new HWB#299
 Peace Lamp

Pastoral prayer
 Sending song Go now in peace HWB#429
 Sending words God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.
Let us bless others with compassion, kindness and presence.
 God forgives us, encourages us, and loves us.
Let us bless others with forgiveness, encouragement and love.

Postlude
 Go now to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!
 Por la manana (At break of day) HWB#647

*Call to worship by Beth Merrill Need on Hold Fast to What Is Good, <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com>

I sing the power of God HWB#46

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,

That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food.

God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how they wonders are displayed, where're I turn my eye,

If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes thy glories known,

And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne.

While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
there's not a place where we can flee but God is present there.

Text: Isaac Watts, Divine Songs for Children, 1715, alt.

Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl, 1784, harmonized by William H Monk, Hymns Ancient and Modern, Appendix 1868.

New earth, heavens new HWB#299

1. New earth, heavens new, Spirit of God moving;
new seed, creatures new, Spirit of life moving;
new man, woman new, image of God moving.

Refrain

Sing a new song to the One who has said,
"Behold, I make all things new."

2. New love, mercies new, Spirit of God moving;
new strength, hopelessness new, Spirit of life moving;
new hearts, spirits new, image of God moving.

3. New minds, wisdom new, Spirit of God moving;
new law, covenant new, Spirit of life moving;
new name, nature new, image of God moving.

4. New earth, heavens new, Spirit of God moving;

new birth, creatures new, Spirit of life moving;
new men, women new, image of God moving.

Text: Harris J. Loewen, 1982, Assembly Songs, 1983

Music: Harris J. Loewen, 1982, Assembly Songs, 1983

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Go now in peace HWB#429

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
ev'rywhere, ev'rywhere you may go

Text: Natalie Sleeth, Sunday Songbook

Music: Natalie Sleeth, Sunday Songbook

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BLEST ARE THEY

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David Haas

VERSES 1-3



1. Blest are they, the poor in spir - it, theirs is the
 2. Blest are they, the low - ly ones, they shall in -
 3. Blest are they, who show mer - cy, mer - cy



1. king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 2. her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 3. shall be theirs. Blest are they, the



1. full of sor - row, they shall be con - soled.
 2. hun - ger and thirst, they shall have their fill
 3. pure of heart, they shall see God!

REFRAIN Sing twice after Vs. 5



Re - jice and be glad! Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you! Re -



joice and be glad! Yours is the king - dom of God!

VERSES 4&5



4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
 5. Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -



4. chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 5. cause of me. Re - jice and be glad,



4. suf - fer in faith, the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 5. yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.