

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION LITURGY & RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

*HYMN OF INVITATION

TRUST AND OBEY

#467, v. 1 & 2

WORDS BY JOHN H. SAMMIS

MUSIC BY DANIEL B. TOWNER

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1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.

[Refrain]

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

#89, v. 3, & 4

WORDS BY HENRY VAN DYKE

MUSIC BY LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

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3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou are Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

POSTLUDE

HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME

MICHAEL W. SMITH



“The Empty Seat”

Matthew 26: 17-30

October 3, 2021

World Communion Sunday

Worship Online & in the Sanctuary

10:00 AM



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

LET US OFT SPEAK KIND WORDS

EBENEZER BEESLEY & LAUREL HUNT PEDERSEN

WELCOME HOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

THE RISEN CHRIST

KEITH GETTY & PHIL MADEIRA

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Almighty God: from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table.

Congregation: We come to feast together.

Have mercy on your church, troubled and divided.

Renew us and make us one. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

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1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

#365

WORDS BY JULIA H. JOHNSTON

MUSIC BY DANIEL B. TOWNER

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1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!
2. Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss; grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the refuge, the mighty cross. [Refrain]

3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide. What can avail to wash it away? Look! There is flowing a crimson tide, brighter than snow you may be today. [Refrain]

4. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe! You that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive? [Refrain]

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

#94

WORDS BY THOMAS KEN

MUSIC FROM GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE

ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN OF FAITH

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

#618

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

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1. Let us break bread together on our knees, let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees, let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
3. Let us praise God together on our knees, let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
4. Let us praise God together on our knees, let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 26:17-30

SERMON

"THE EMPTY SEAT"

ANTHEM

JESUS PAID IT ALL

ELVINA M. HALL & JOHN T. GRAPE

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF INVITATION & PARDON

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and seek to grow into his likeness. Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give your word and we shall be healed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!