

Prelude

“Autumn Leaves in the Wind,” Various Artists.

Opening Hymn

1. Come, Host of heav'n's high dwell - ing place, come,
2. Sur - round these walls with faith and love that
3. In - spire in us, for Je - sus' sake, true
4. Here may the los - er find his worth, the
5. Build, from the hu - man fab - ric, signs of
6. So, to the One who holds the world in

be our hon - ored guest, and make this place your
through the nights and days when hu - man voic - es
kind - ness and real peace, and all the joys that
stran - ger find a friend; here may the hope - less
how safe God's king - dom thrives, and how the Ho - ly
and gra - cious hands, be glo - ry, hon - or,

wel - come home where lives are changed and blessed,
cease to speak the stones may ech - o praise.
know the depth in which all sor - rows cease.
find her faith and aim - less find their end.
Spir - it chang - es life by chang - ing lives.
love, and praise for which this comp' - ny stands.

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Tune: ST. COLUMBA; Irish melody

Gather

The Spirit of God is with us.

Let us praise God, ever present with us.

The Spirit of God goes before us.

Let us praise God, who guides and gathers us.

The Spirit of God stands behind us.

Let us praise God, in whom we place our faith.

Song of Praise Verses 1 and 4

Verses



1. Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Fa-ther of all wis-dom,
2. Pow-er he has wield-ed, hon-or is his gar-ment,
3. Cour-age in our dark-ness, com-fort in our sor-row,
4. Praise him with your sing-ing, praise him with the trum-pet,



1. come to him and bless his name. Mer-cy he has shown us,
2. ris-en from the snares of death. His word he has spo-ken,
3. Spir-it of our God most high; so-lace for the wear-y,
4. praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cym-bals,



1. his love is for-ev-er, faith-ful to the end of days.
2. one bread he has bro-ken, new life he now gives to all.
3. par-don for the sin-ner, splen-dor of the liv-ing God.
4. praise him with your danc-ing, praise God till the end of days.

Refrain



Come, then, all you na-tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, mel-o-dies



of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo-ry, praise him with



your mu-sic, wor-ship him and bless his name.

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Prayer of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Good and gracious God, you have hemmed us into a tapestry of saints and sinners, prophets and fools; from our disparate lives, you have called forth creation which challenges our conceptions of the promised land. Draw our hearts and minds to you this day to reflect on the story of our faith which has been written, and to envision the future you call us to embrace. Amen.

Scripture

We sit.

Spirit of truth, move now in ancient words and cluttered hearts
that we might hear your voice and live,
for we long to be glad servants in your household.

A reading from Isaiah.

After the Reading

The Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Prayers

We sit or kneel.

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Creator, saying Spirit of God who dwells in us,
this is our prayer.

The intercessor continues until calling us to pray together this closing:

**O Creator,
continue to send the Holy Spirit
to fill us with an ever-growing faith,
guiding us in our relationships with each other,
instilling in us your gift of love,
and inspiring us to new beginnings.
Fill us with your Spirit's power
that we will delight in doing good works
to the praise of your Name;
through Jesus Christ ensouled with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God through all eternity.
Amen.**

Affirmation

We stand.

We sing of God the Spirit,
who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,
animating all energy and matter
and moving in the human heart.

We sing of God the Spirit,
faithful and untamable,
who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.

The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy
not only in what is familiar,
but also in that which seems foreign.

We sing of the Spirit,
who speaks our prayers of deepest longing
and enfolds our concerns and confessions,
transforming us and the world.

We offer worship
as an outpouring of gratitude and awe
and a practice of opening ourselves
to God's still, small voice of comfort,
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.

Through word, music, art, and sacrament,
in community and in solitude,
God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.

Peace

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet each other.

Announcements

Offertory

God is ever faithful through the generations and has blessed us with much.
With grateful hearts, let us offer back to God what we have,
with love and thanksgiving.

Music

"Peace in the Valley," Barb Jungr.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them 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 our great delight to praise you, O God.

In the beginning of time, your wisdom danced through creation,
calling forth light and life.

Foolishly we turned from you and abandoned your ways of justice and mercy.

Yet you did not reject us, but continued to call us and claim us as your own.

We were slaves in Egypt, and you freed us.

We were hungry and thirsty in the wilderness,
and you nourished us with manna and water from the rock.

We had no home, and you led us into the land of your promise.

We worshiped idols of our own making,
and you called to us through the prophets to turn back to you.

At last you emptied yourself of power and came to us as the child of Mary,
holy God in frail and human flesh.

Therefore we praise you, joining with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, O god of power and might and blessed is Jesus Christ,
the one who comes in your name.

In his life, he called unlikely people to follow him:
fisherfolk, tax collectors, children, sinners, deniers, betrayers.

On the cross he gave himself up to the powers of this world,
showing in his body your great foolishness, O God, for loving
such a wayward world. Yet by this very cross, O Wisdom from on high,
you have undone and remade the wisdom of this world,
drawing light from darkness, power from humiliation, life from death itself.

We thank you that on the night before he died Jesus took bread,
gave thanks, and broke it, and shared it with his friends,
saying, take, eat—my body broken for you.

We thank you for the way he took the cup, the new covenant sealed in his blood,
shed for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you eat and drink, he said,
Do it in remembrance of me.

Come then, life-giving Spirit, brood over these bodily things
and make us into one body with Christ, that we, who are baptized into his death,
may walk in newness of life; that what is sown to dishonor may be raised in glory
and what is sown in weakness may be raised in power.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
We proclaim together the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Holy One, our only Home,
hallowed be your name.
May your day dawn,
your will be done,
here as in heaven.
Feed us today,
and forgive us as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test,
but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power,
and the mercy are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Leader breaks the bread. Silence is kept.
The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Spirit of God, unite us in this meal.

Invitation

Jesus calls all people to sit at the table with him: the sick and the uncertain,
the weak and the poor, the Pharisees and tax collectors.
From north and south and east and west he calls us to come and sit at this table.
**To this table, to this banquet of wisdom,
he calls us again.**

Communion

Please come to the table, whether you are single, married or divorced, drinking, using or sober, abled, disabled, or ill, gay, straight, or discovering, wealthy, getting by or in debt. Christ meets us all.

We approach the altar beginning with those sitting in the last rows; they shall be first. Approach the rail from the left aisle and take a cup; used cups go on the tray on the right. You may receive only bread or only wine. Our Eucharistic bread is handmade and robust. If you prefer a wafer, please tell your server.

Receiving the bread and wine is a central act of worship in the Episcopal Church.

Music

“Gymnopedie No.1,” Erik Satie.

“Who Knows Where the Time Goes,” Judy Collins.

Thanksgiving

We stand.

O Christ who emptied himself for us,
give us today the gifts of humility
so that we would realize true thankfulness.

**We remember and thank you for life
and for breath,
for shelter,
for bread and wine and every meal,
and for a span of days in which to live
and choose
what we will make of our time.**

**Now, Holy Spirit,
who for love of your children
offers both conviction and comfort,
give us encouragement and tender correction
to each as needed, unto the end,
that our life and breath and span of days
will not be squandered,
but be well-spent in your loving service.
Amen.**

Closing Hymn Verses 1, 2 and 3



1. Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, When shall I
2. O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and
3. Your gar - dens and your gal - lant walks Con - tin - ual -
4. There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit And ev - er -
5. Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that

1. come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
2. pleas - ant soil! In you no sor - row
3. ly are green; There grow such sweet and
4. more do spring; There ev - er - more the
5. I may see Your end - less joy, and

1. have an end? Your joys when shall I see?
2. may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
3. pleas - ant flow'rs As no - where else are seen.
4. an - gels sit And ev - er - more do sing!
5. of the same Par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: CM; Joseph Bromehead, 1747–1826, alt. Music: traditional American melody.

Sending

God hears our needs
and answers the cries of our hearts today and always;
pray for those who have no words,
and walk in the way of the Lord:
with thanksgiving, with gladness, with insight.
Go now, in the light of the Eternal One,
a sure and certain strength throughout all the ages.
We go to serve the world in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen. Alleluia!

Postlude

“Down by the Riverside,” Playing for Change, featuring Keb' Mo', Preservation Hall Jazz Band & Grandpa Elliott.

Prayer Texts

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