





Grief Share

Grief recovery groups

Join us:

January 8, 2024 - April 1, 2024
Mondays from 1:00-2:30pm
OR 6:30 - 8:00pm
Roseau Covenant Church
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Register online: www.griefshare.org
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Wednesday worship and classes resume on January 10.



Let All Things Now Living

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Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise.

Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us onto the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us, his light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night.

Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

2. God rules all the forces, the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine;

The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise.

Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God, our rock and refuge,

C: we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another

We have wounded one another and sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

L: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of + Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

C:

Amen.

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

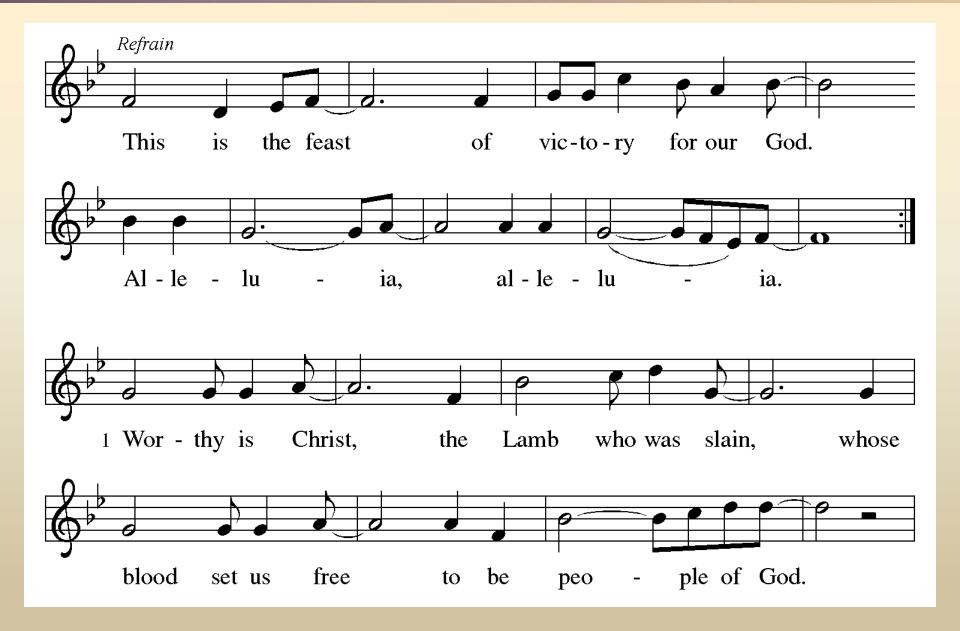
L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

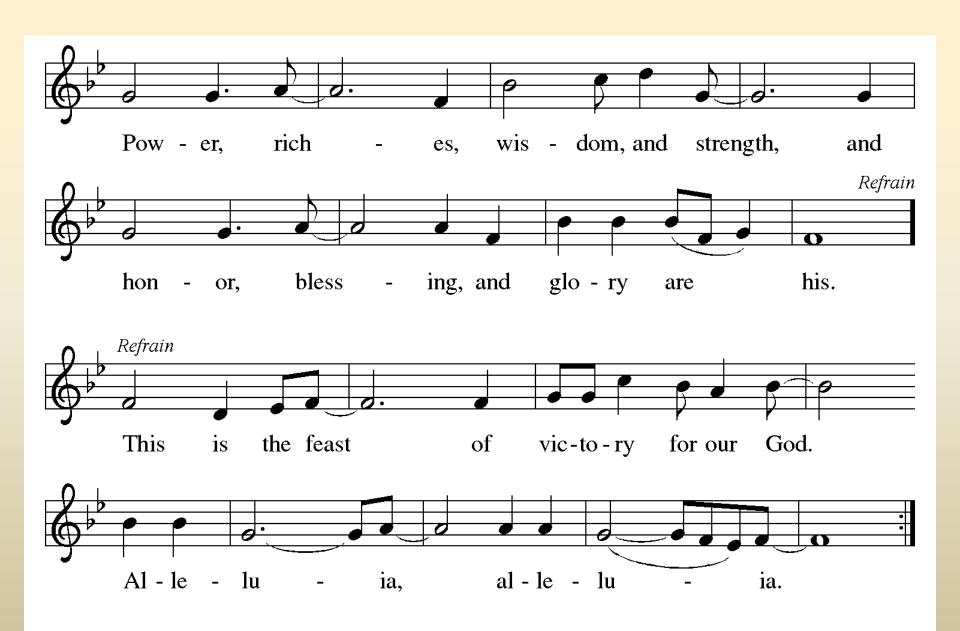
C: Lord, have mercy.

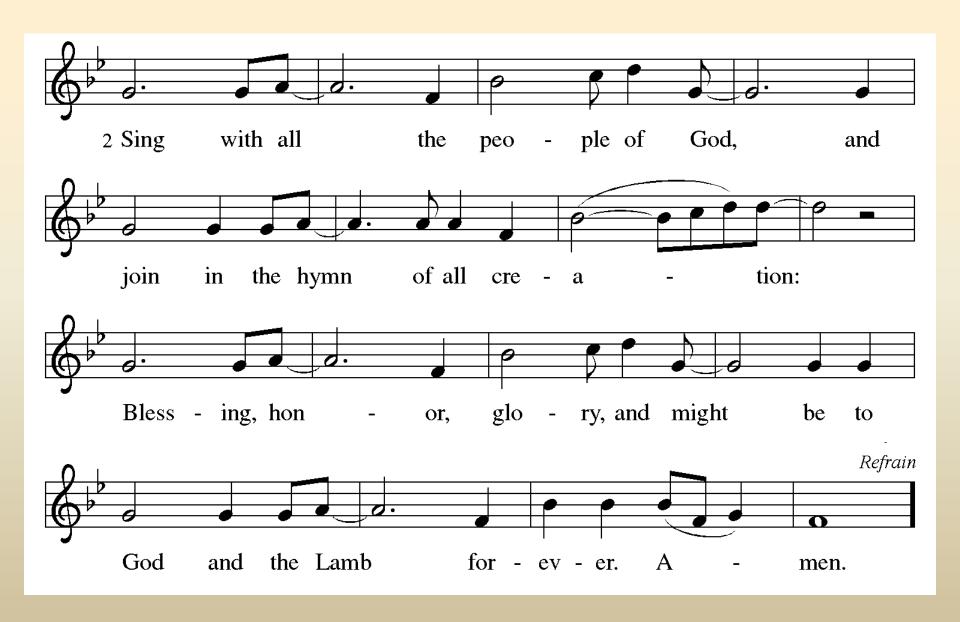
L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

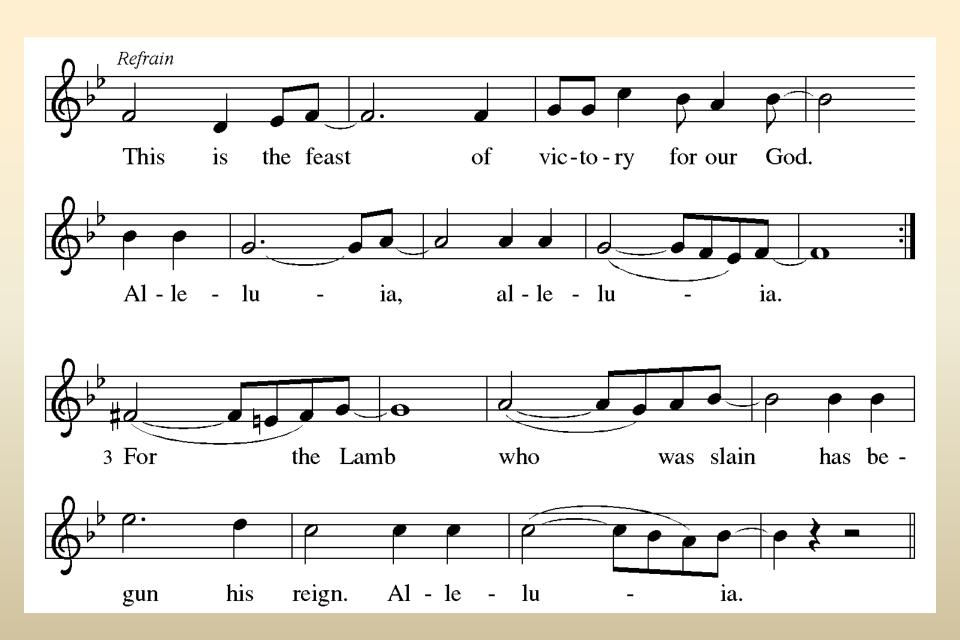
C: Amen.

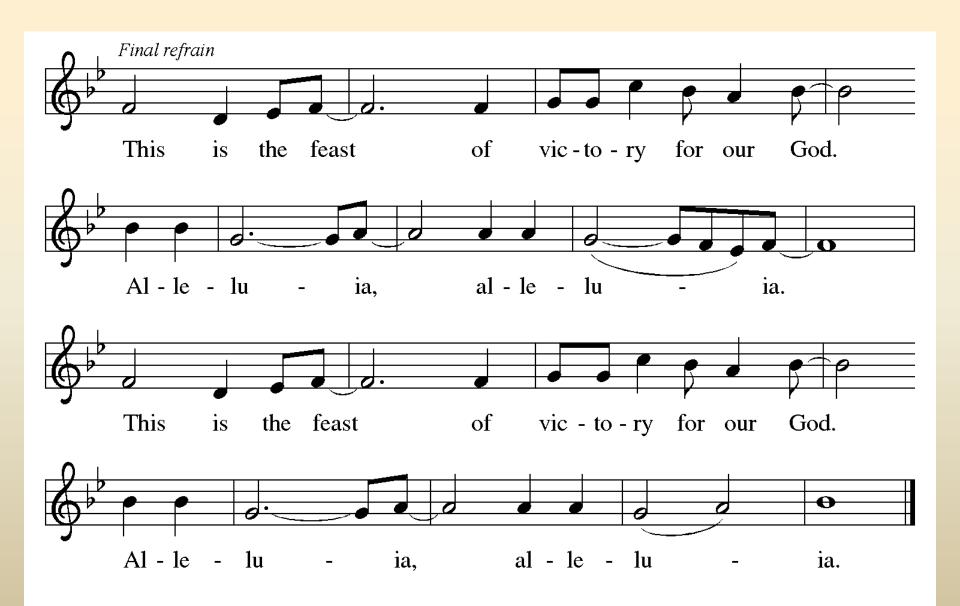
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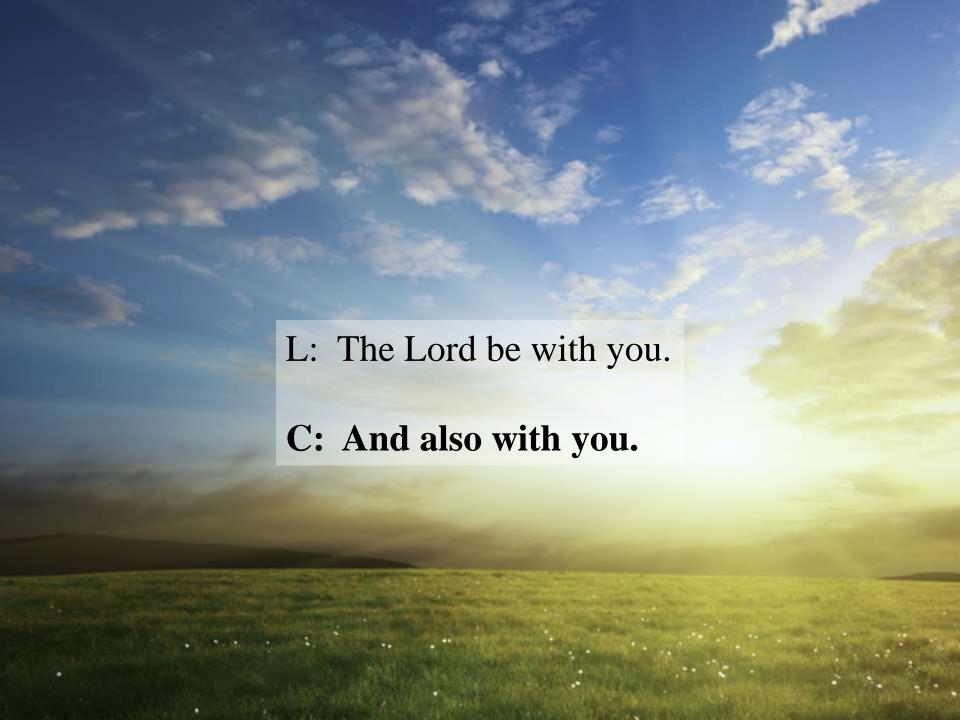












Prayer of the Day

L: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

- L: ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C: ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- L: ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- C: ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

- L: ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- C: 6the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- L: ⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- C: 8The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

- L: ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

 And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
- C: ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.
- L: ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

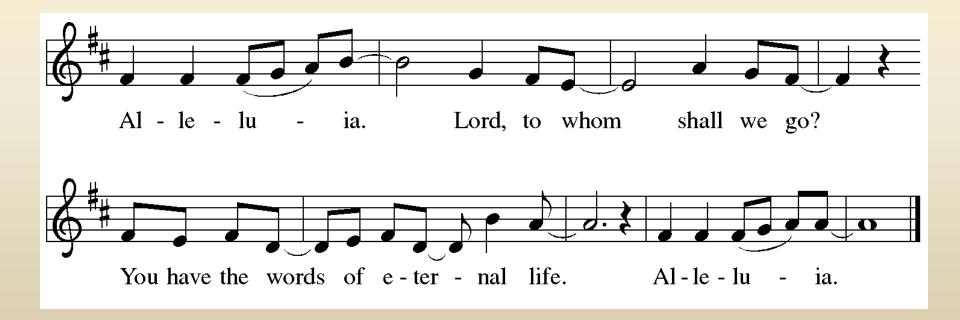
¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism."

⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

"The Epiphany!"

On Jordan's Banks, the Baptist's Cry

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On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within, and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

3. We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.

4. Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more; oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.

All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living 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 the life everlasting.

Amen.



Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

L: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

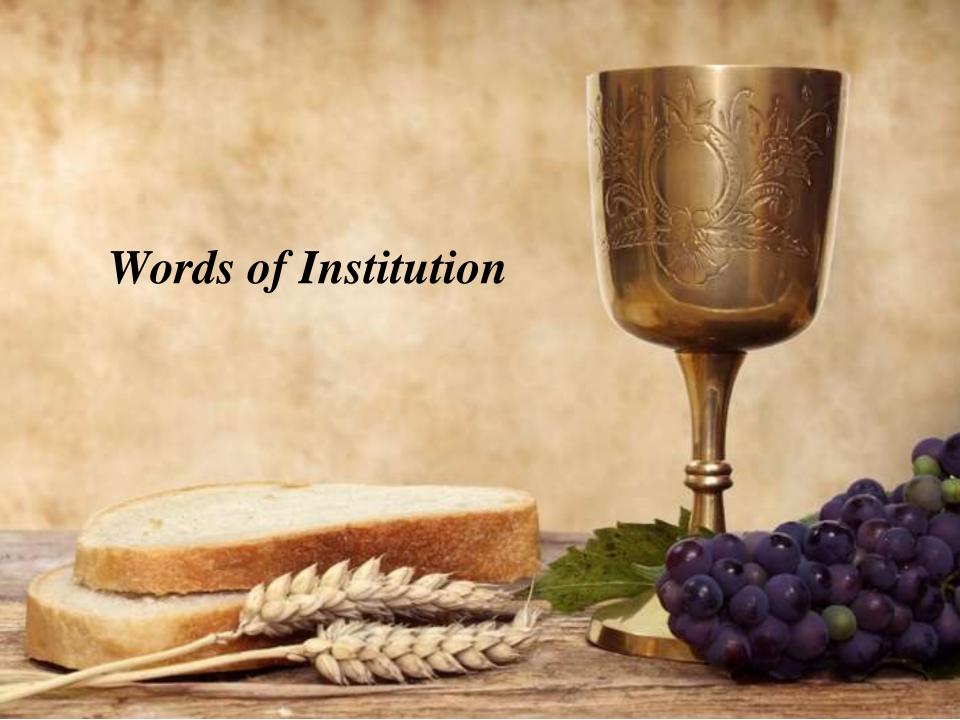
Response after each petition:

L: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

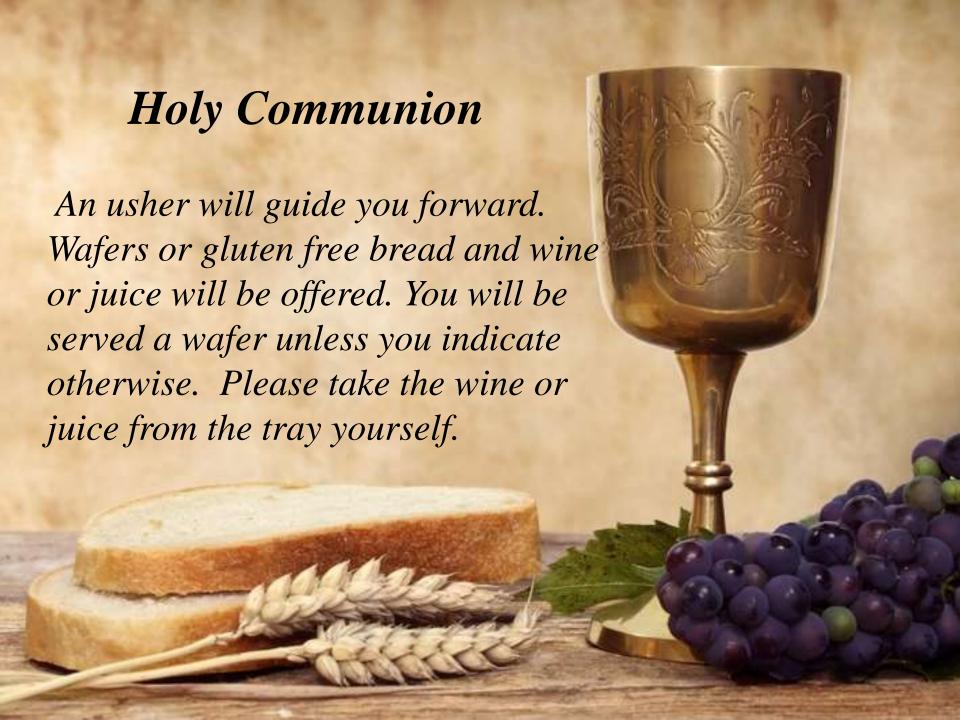
L: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.





Beautiful Savior

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1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.



Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.



3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.





4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!



Here is Bread

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1. Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine,
Christ is with us here.

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

2. Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace,
feast on Jesus here.

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

3. Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes
Jesus crucified.

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.



Prayer after Communion

L: Giver of every gift,
Christ's body is our food,
and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

L: God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
H bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

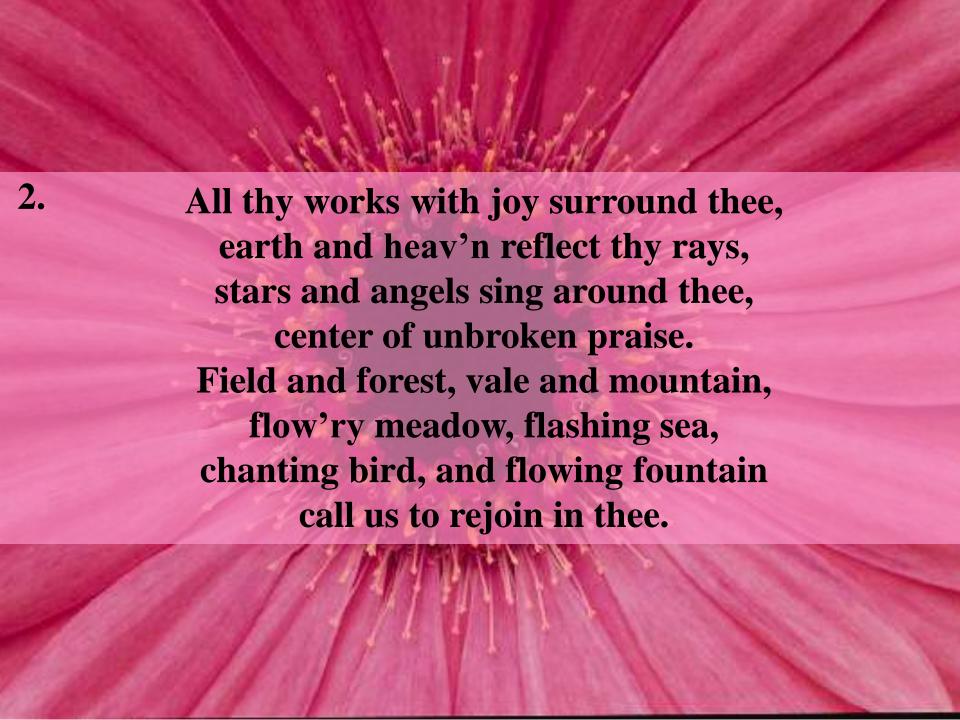
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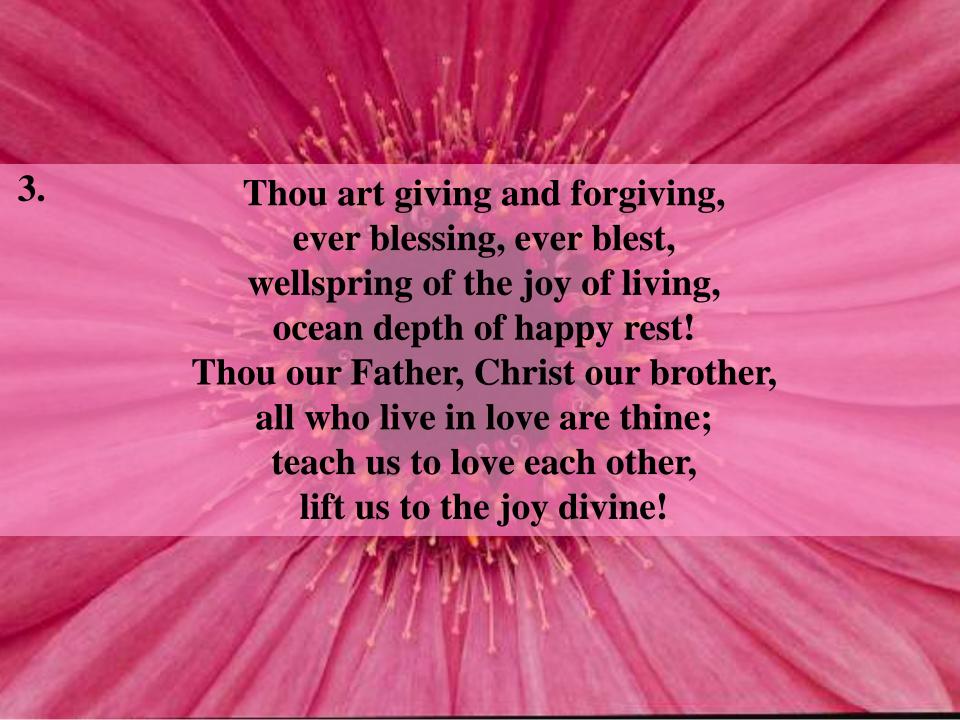
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Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, Praising thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of the day.





Dismissal

L: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

