



*Welcome to
Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, April 7, 2024
9:00 am*

Sedona, AZ
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Welcome and Announcements





LET'S
B.B.P.

BRING BACK POTLUCKS!

Congregation

POTLUCK BRUNCH

Sunday, April 21
after worship

Bring a dish
to share!

The oven
will be on by
8:30am for your
dish to be
warmed or
baked!



French toast bake, baked oatmeal, cheez whiz on cinnamon swirl bread, muffins, jello salad, bars, quick breads, hotdish, deviled eggs, fruit salad, cheesy potatoes, vegetable salad, caramel rolls, scalloped potatoes, cake, egg bake, whipped topping, salads, breakfast sausage, fruit

Wondering about becoming a member of Zion?

If you are wondering about becoming a member, or already are a member, pull up a chair. Let's talk together about the life of the congregation and the ministry moving forward.

Today after worship



Sharing the Peace

God is Here!

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1.

God is here!

**As we your people meet
to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**

**2. Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.**

**3. Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.**

**4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!**

Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin
to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

**C: We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son,
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the
church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

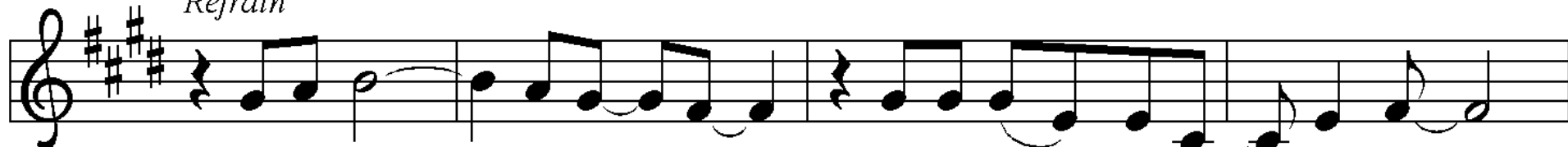
C: And also with you.

Kyrie

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All:

Refrain



Musical notation for the first line of the refrain. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some slurs. The lyrics are: Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Musical notation for the second line of the refrain. It continues the melody from the first line. The lyrics are: Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

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Cantor: For peace in the world,
for the health of the church,
for the unity of all;
for this holy house,
for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Refrain


Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.


Cantor: That we may live out
your impassioned response
to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out
truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Cantor: For peace in our hearts,
for peace in our homes,
for friends and family;
for life and for love,
for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

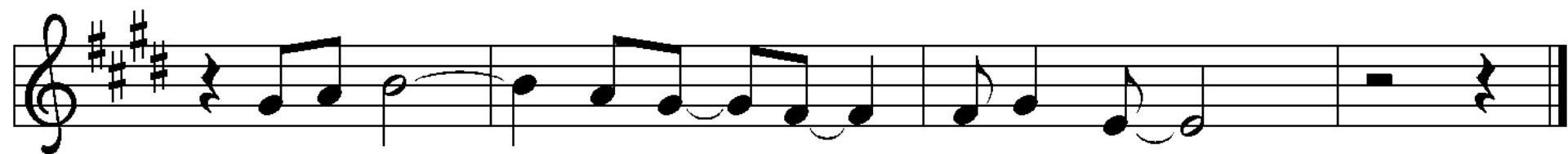
Cantor: For your Spirit to guide;
that you center our lives
in the water and the word;
that you nourish our souls
with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Hymn of Praise

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Refrain



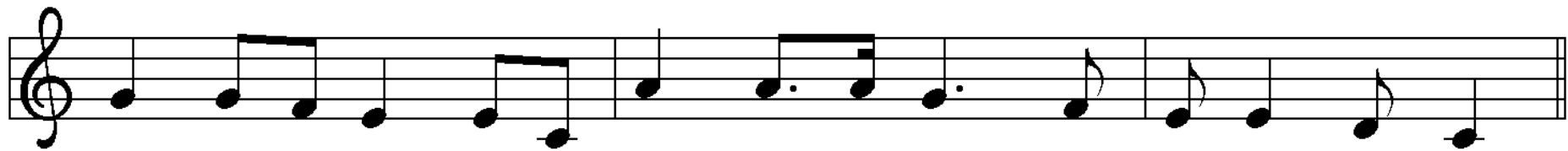
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through 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: Acts 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

L: ¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

C: ²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing
down upon the beard, upon the beard of
Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of
his robe.**

L: ³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down
upon the hills of Zion. For there the LORD
has commanded the blessing: life
forevermore.

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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**Alleluia! Lord and Savior:
open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us;
speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the
good news that you bring.**

L: The Holy Gospel
according to St. John
the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”

²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

“Walking in the Light”

Here I Am, Lord

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- "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2. "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?"**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**3. "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?"**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

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.

Offering



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: Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

L: Response after each petition:

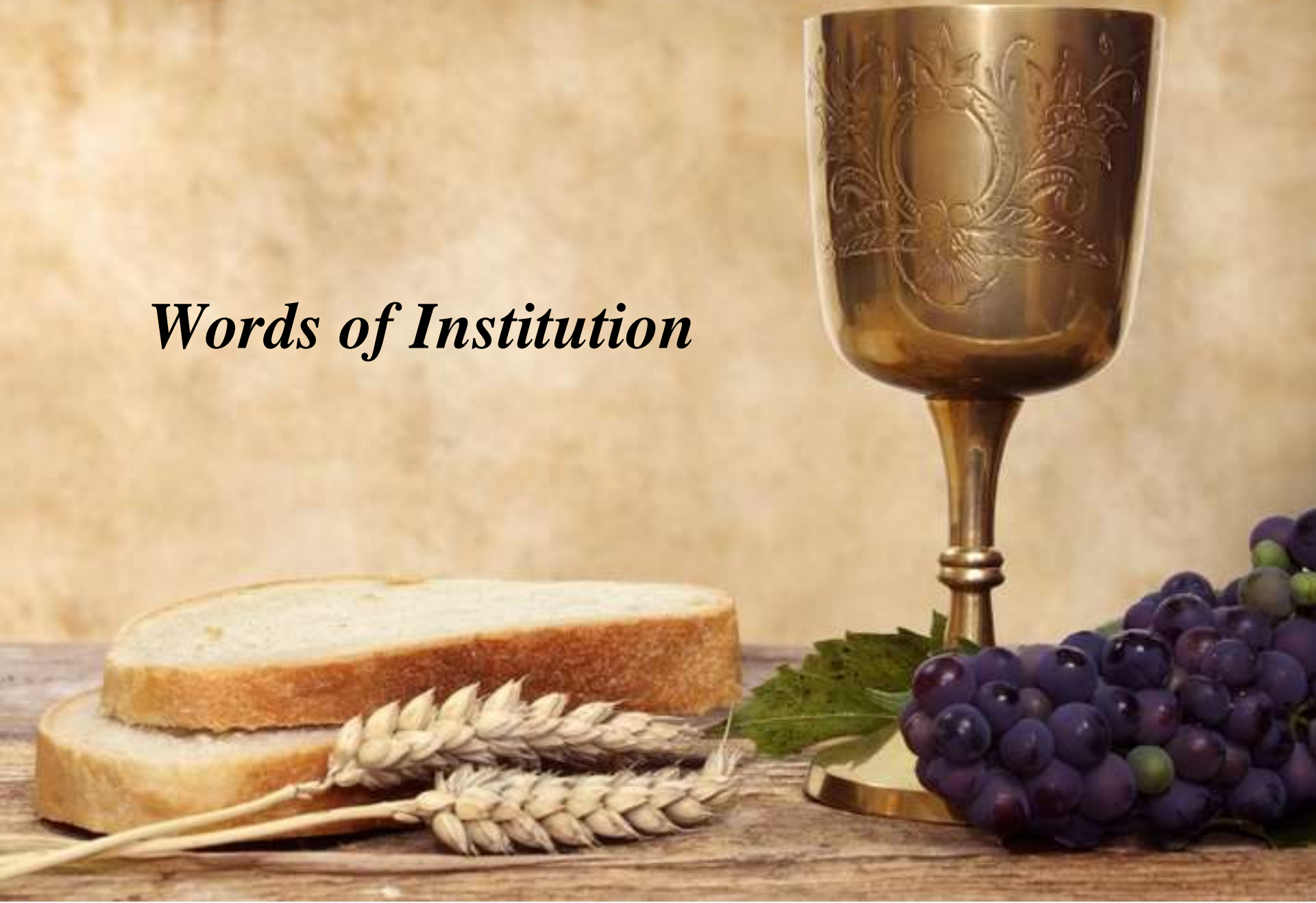
L: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

Words of Institution



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.**

Holy Communion

An usher will guide you forward. Wafers or gluten free bread and wine or juice will be offered. You will be served a wafer unless you indicate otherwise. Please take the wine or juice from the tray yourself.



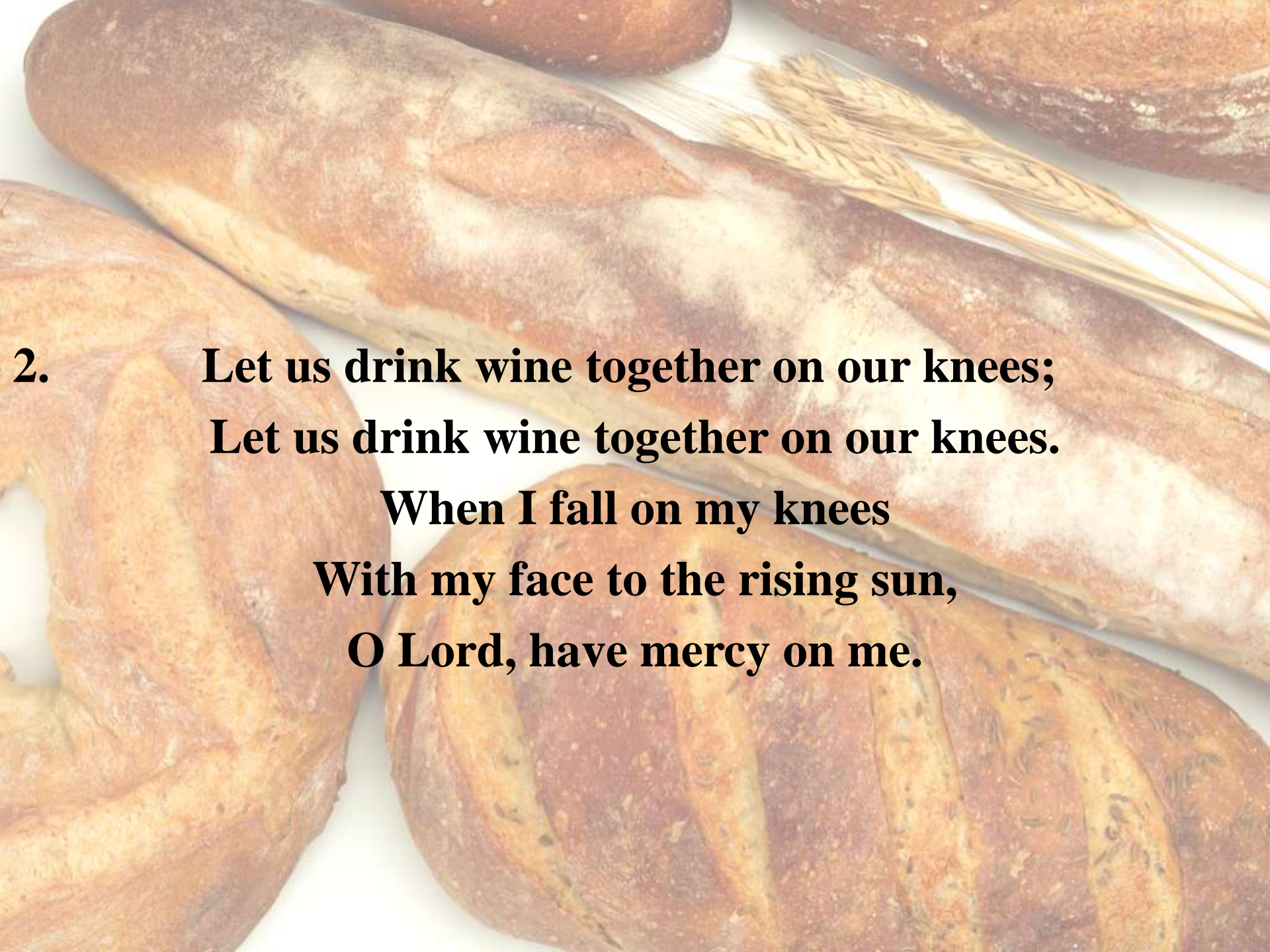


Let Us Break Bread Together


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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.**

What Feast of Love

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- 1. What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!**



2.

**What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!**

A photograph of a golden chalice filled with a dark liquid, resting on a white, draped cloth. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey. The text is overlaid on the image.

3.

**What wine of love is offered here,
what holy drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!**



Lift High the Cross

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**Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred name.**

- 1. Come, Christians, follow
where our captain trod,
our king victorious,
Christ, the Son of God.**

**Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred name.**

**2. All newborn servants
of the Crucified
bear on their brows
the seal of him who died.**

**Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred name.**

**3. O Lord, once lifted
on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised,
draw us all to thee.**

**Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred name.**

**4. So shall our song
of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified
for victory!**

**Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred name.**

Communion Blessing



Prayer after Communion

L: Shepherding God,
 you have prepared a table before us
 and nourished us with your love.
 Send us forth from this banquet
 to proclaim your goodness
 and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
 our redeemer and friend.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: The God of resurrection power,
The Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

C: **Amen.**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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- 1. God be with you till we meet again;
by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**



**Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**



**2. God be with you till we meet again;
holy wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.**



**Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**



**3. God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again**



**Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**

Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Go in peace.
Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God.



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!

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