

arr. Paul Tate

SERVICE OF LIGHT: PROCESSION

Leader:

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:

the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:

and the day is al - most over.

Leader:

Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:

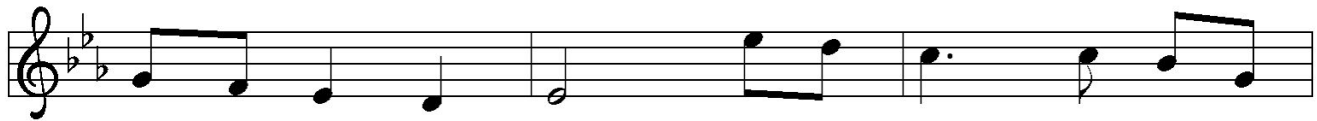
and shine within your peo - ple here. —



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
 2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
 3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
 dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
 night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
 hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
 each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
 won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
 a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
 chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
 of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

ONE: The Lord be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

MANY: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ONE: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being, and you set light in the sky to govern night and day. In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night you led your people into freedom. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ: may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

MANY: AMEN

PSALM 141

ONE: Let my prayer rise before you as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

MANY: (refrain)

All

Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

ONE: O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly, Hear my voice when I cry to you.

MANY: (refrain)

ONE: Set a watch before my mouth, O God, and guard the door of my lips, Let not my heart incline to any evil thing, let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

ONE: But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; In you I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.

MANY:

All

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

All

Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

DIALOGUE:

ONE: Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

MANY: but in these days God has spoken to us by the Son.

SCRIPTURE

John 6: 25-35

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸

Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²


Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

ONE: Holy wisdom, Holy word.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

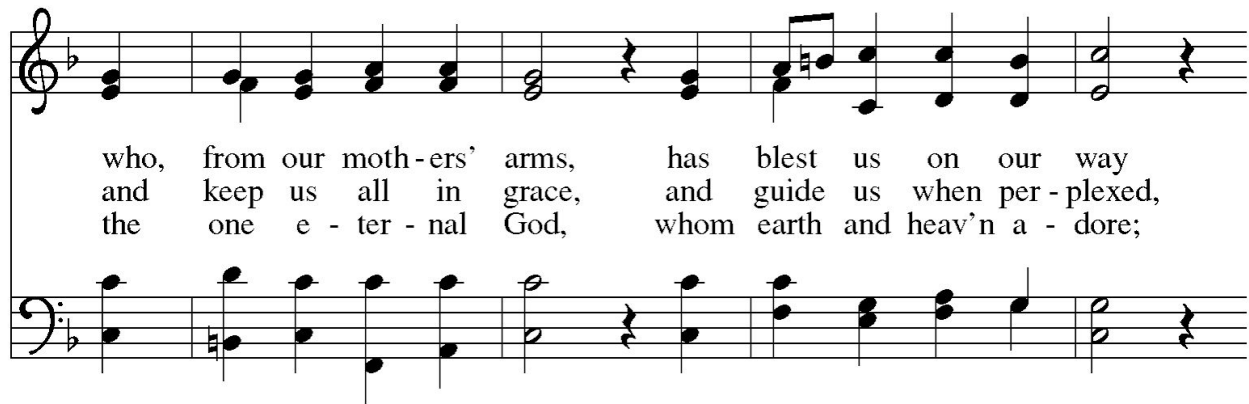
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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm, in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

MANY: Lord, have mercy.

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

MANY: Lord, have mercy.

ONE: For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

MANY: Lord, have mercy.

ONE: For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

MANY: Lord, have mercy.

ONE: For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

MANY: Lord, have mercy.

ONE: For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who wait for the Lord's abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

MANY: Lord, have mercy.

ONE: For all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, let us pray to the Lord.

MANY: Lord, have mercy.

ONE: O God,

MANY: you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

SHARING OF THE PEACE

ONE: The Peace of Christ be with you all.

MANY: And also with you.

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In Our Day of Thanksgiving

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. AMEN

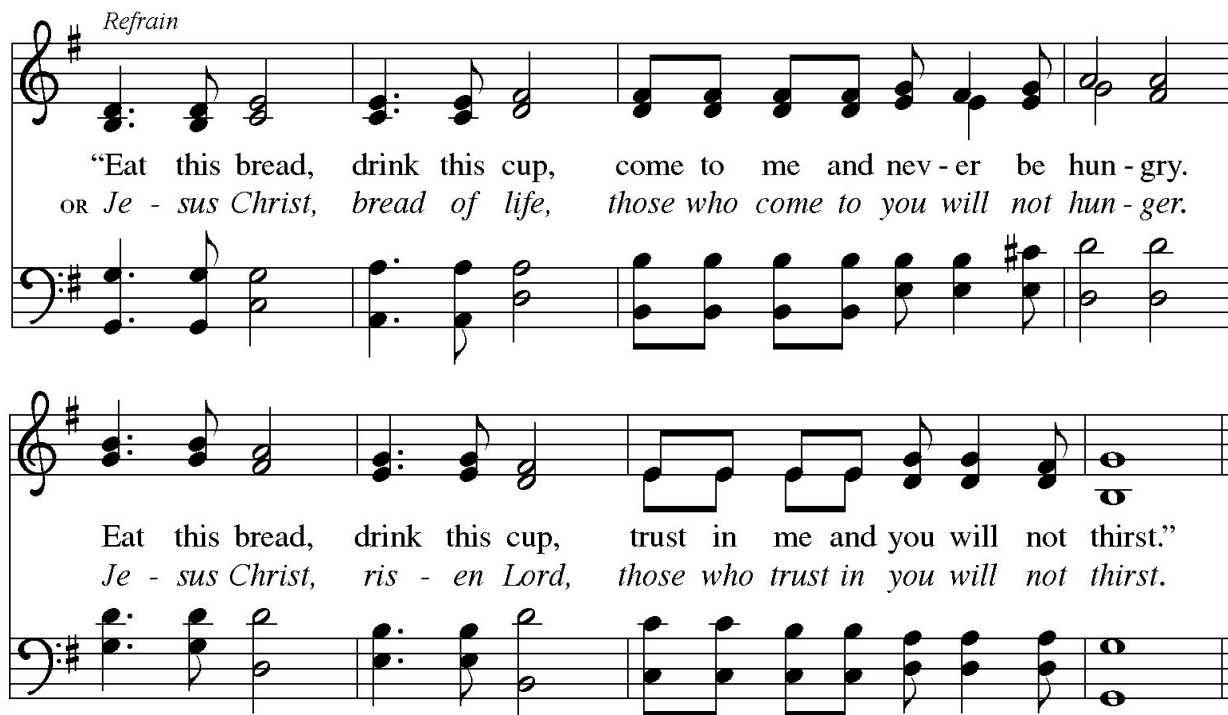
WELCOME TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Eat This Bread

ELW 472,
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Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
or Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

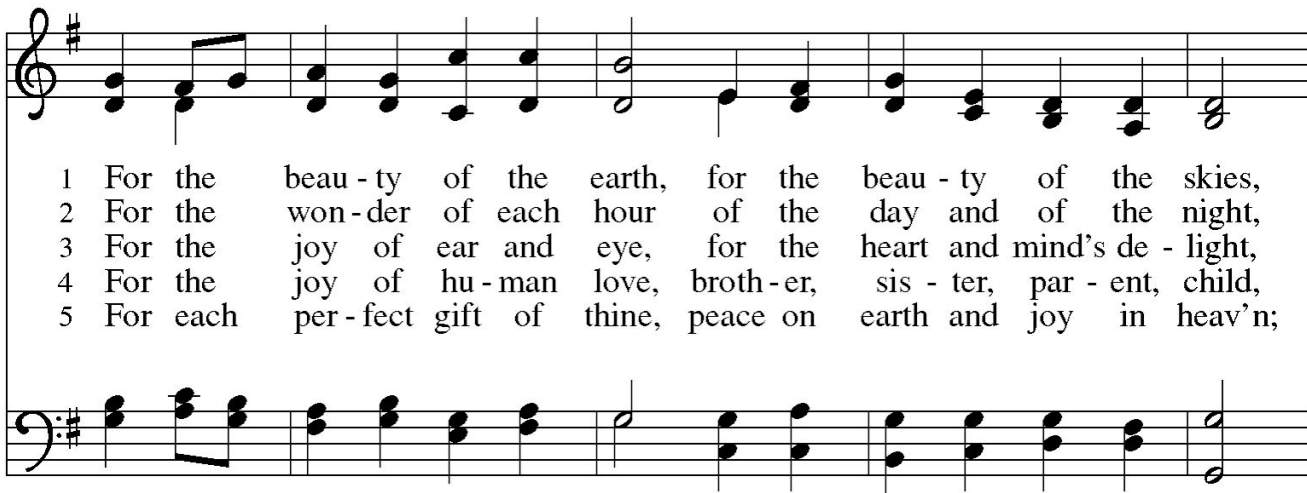
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

COMMUNION BLESSING

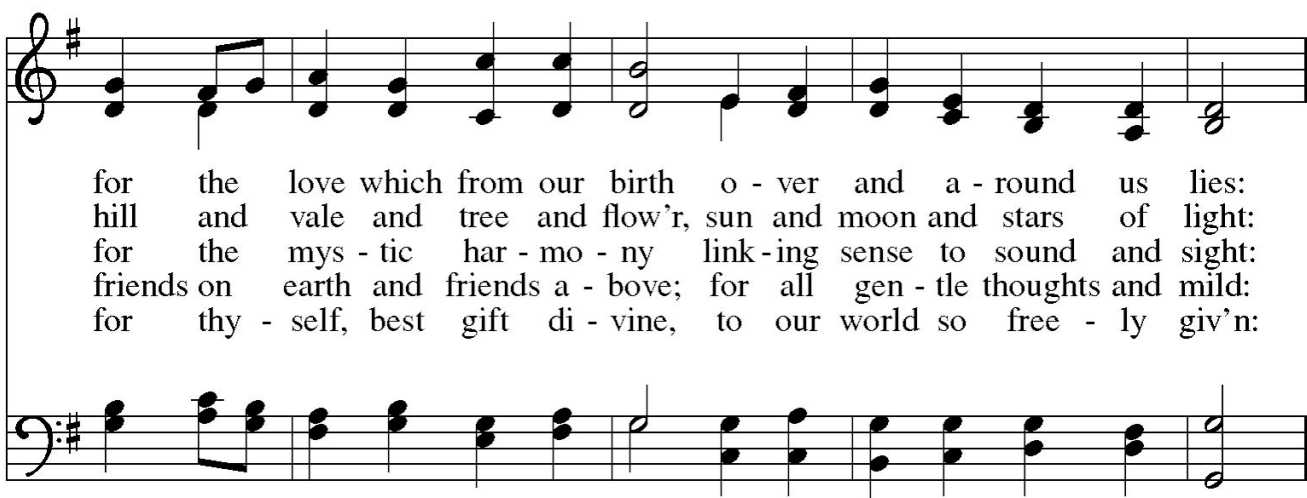
ONE: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

MANY: AMEN

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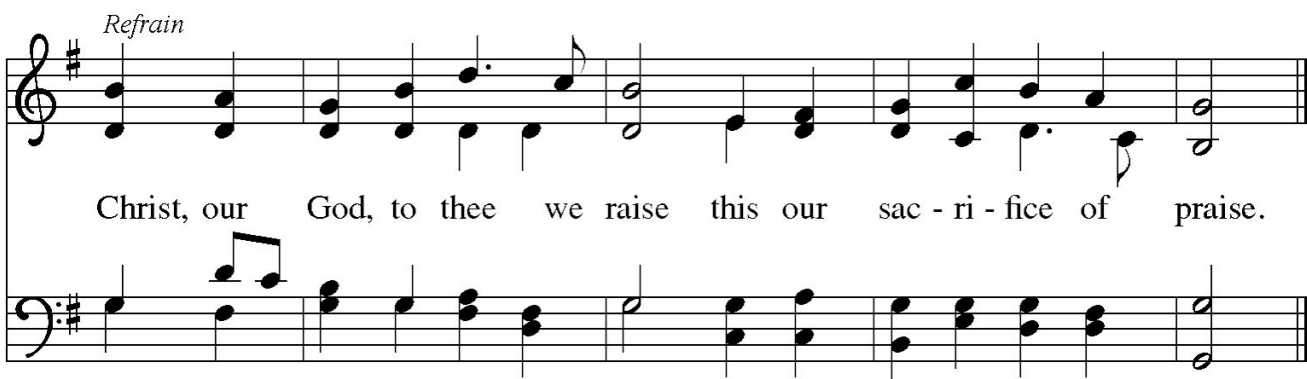


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

DISMISSAL

ONE: Go with thankful hearts, serve the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

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