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“The Kingdom of Heaven will be like ...”

FEED, DRINK, WELCOME, CLOTHE, CARE FOR, VISIT

Gathering Music

Welcome & Greeting

Let us come into God’s presence with singing

Let all the earth make a joyful noise and worship the Lord with gladness.

We enter this place with thanksgiving because we know that the Lord to whom we belong is our Shepherd and our King.

We rejoice over the steadfast love and faithfulness of God enduring forever - to all generations.

Come, let us worship God with praise and joy,

And with thanksgiving in our hearts.

We worship you, O God, with joyful noise - with words of praise and adoration spoken and sung in the name of Jesus who brought your love song to us in person.

In harmony with you, he puts new words in our mouths and new intentions in our hearts, especially a new understanding of power.

Power shaped by love and righteousness, justice and mercy. We now know that power is not to be used to exploit or dominate, but to serve others as willingly as Jesus did.

His life and death demonstrated how the love of power could be transformed by the power of love.

We gather here today to celebrate your rule of love in our hearts as we experience it in Jesus and through the enabling gift of your Spirit.

This we pray in the name of Jesus, our Servant King. Amen

Songs of Praise

All Are Welcome

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*Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

*Refrain All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: Refrain*

*Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: Refrain*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: Refrain*

*Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: Refrain*

As We Gather

Make Faye and Tom Coomes

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*As we gather, may Your Spirit work within us.
As we gather, may we glorify Your name.
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,
We'll be blessed because we came.*

Repeat

We'll be blessed because we came.

Confessing Our Sin

MEN: *The prophet voice resonating across the centuries concerns a crisis in leadership. Shepherds are failing to care for their flocks; leaders are exploiting the weak and driving people away and not looking after them.*

WOMEN: *But God, that was then, you can't possibly mean that we do that now.*

MEN: *Surely we're not driving people away.*

WOMEN: *We have to admit that there are times when we do act like the so-called leaders of society, concentrating on the 'bottom line' and our survival, building up our own resources, exercising inappropriate power.*

MEN: *Perhaps we are guilty of paying attention to the wrong things - when we put our own comfort first; when the church becomes the center of our world and we fail to see beyond its walls .*

WOMEN: *Forgive us O God, if our eyes have been so fixed on priorities of our own making, that we have failed to look for Jesus in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned.*

MEN: *Forgive us all the times we fail to touch people's lives with acts of loving and caring, justice and mercy.*

WOMEN: *Remind us that we are empowered and enabled by your Spirit to witness to the values of your kingdom in and through all we do and say.*

ALL: *And Jesus said "Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of these brothers or sisters, you did it to me." Amen*

Experiencing God's Grace - The Good News

Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were going astray like sheep, but now have been returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ we are sought, we are found, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Peace

Thought for the Day

Drama

"And the Winner is ..."

Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46

Children's Time

Message

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Song

We Are Called

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*Come, live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.*

*Refrain: We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God.*

*Come, open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so all hatred and blindness will be no more. Refrain*

*Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. Refrain*

Prayers of the Heart & The Lord's Prayer

We will sing this refrain once and then after each petition.

Lord, Listen to Your Children

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**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

Statement of Faith

We believe in God, the Creator of all things, the source of all goodness and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God yet true man. He was crucified, died and was buried for our sin that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven, and will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the power of God at work inside of us. We believe in the church of God, the people of faith throughout the world.

We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.

Sharing of Gifts

"We Are An Offering" & "Give Thanks" – Sung by the music team while the offering is gathered.

Holy Communion – Words of Distribution and Invitation

All who have gathered in Jesus' name and believe in his "real presence" in the bread and wine are invited to commune.
We will commune by intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine) and use a "walk-thru" style for Communion – please come down the center aisle, receive the sacrament, and return to your seat by going to the left (north) side aisle.

Communion Songs

This Kingdom

Geoff Bullock

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*Jesus, God's righteousness revealed
The Son of Man, the Son of God, His kingdom comes
Jesus, redemption's sacrifice
Now glorified, now justified, His kingdom comes*

*Chorus: And this kingdom will know no end
And its glory shall know no bounds
For the majesty and power
Of this kingdom's King has come
And this kingdom's reign and this kingdom's rule
And this kingdom's power and authority
Jesus God's righteousness revealed*

*Jesus, the expression of God's love
The grace of God, the Word of God revealed to us
Jesus God's holiness displayed
Now glorified, now justified, His kingdom comes*

*Chorus: And this kingdom will know no end
And its glory shall know no bounds
For the majesty and power
Of this kingdom's King has come
And this kingdom's reign and this kingdom's rule
And this kingdom's power and authority
Jesus God's righteousness revealed
Repeat chorus*

Above All

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*Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began.*

*Above all kingdoms above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what you're worth*

*Chorus: Crucified, laid behind the stone
You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me above all*

Repeat chorus

Living Hope

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*How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

*Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Chorus

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope
Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

*Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory...*

Chorus

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope
Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope...
Jesus Christ, my living hope
You are my living hope*

He Is Exalted

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*He is exalted the King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name
He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted the King is exalted on high
(Repeat)*

Blessing

Sending Music

Hear Our Praises

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*May our homes be filled with dancing
May our streets be filled with joy
May injustice bow to Jesus
As the people turn to pray*

*Chorus: From the mountains to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You
From the heavens to the nations
Hear our singing fill the air*

*May a light shine in the darkness
As we walk before the cross
May Your glory fill the whole earth
As the water o'er the seas*

Sing Chorus Twice

Dismissal

*Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thank be to God*

**“JUST AS YOU DID IT TO THE LEAST OF THESE,
YOU DID IT TO ME (JESUS)!”**