

2018 LWML Sunday

Dedication of Gifts from the Heart (Ingathering Litany)



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L: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

C: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre! (Psalm 149:1–3).

L: The LORD sets prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless (Psalm 146:7b–9a).

C: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! (Psalm 146:1).

L: Today we come before the Lord with these Gifts from the Heart. We bring them as our sacrifice of praise for all that the Lord has done for us.

C: We praise Your holy name, O Lord, for the life You have given to us.

L: We give these Gifts from the Heart as a response to all that the Lord has done for us in His life, death and resurrection. In Him, we are given a new life as Paul states in 2 Corinthians 5:17–18, *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

C: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! (Psalm 100:1–2).

L: Rejoicing in the Lord, we have brought these Gifts from the Heart for service to the Lord. We pray that He will use them for the good of all who will receive these gifts.

(At this time, an LWML representative or another member of the congregation may read the list of the items that have been brought for the Gifts from the Heart ingathering.)

L: Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your Son Jesus Christ, You have saved us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Not all people know the depth of Your love and the power of the Gospel in their lives. Use these gifts that we bring today to open the door for the sharing of the message of life and hope with those who receive them. May the ones that share these gifts also share the good news of salvation found in Jesus' death and resurrection. We pray that we, one day, will stand before Your throne together with all who receive the message of salvation and are brought to faith in Your Son. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ALL: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! (Psalm 146:1).