

PRELUDERANDOM RING

"We Gather Together," Kevin McChesney - Handbells
Handbells

OPENING PRAYER & INVOCATION

P We gather in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

CONFESSON & ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us confess our sins before God and one another
- C** Almighty God, with ever thankful hearts we are to live and receive from you. We confess, however, that our hearts are not always thankful. We are a sinful people. We have neglected your work of goodness in our lives. We have resisted your hand of blessing. Loving God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and lead us to everlasting life and ever thankful hearts.
- P** God gives good gifts to his people. He has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

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- 1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.
- 2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!
- 3 We all do extol thee, thou leader in battle,
And pray that thou still our Defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free! Amen.

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RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 100

- P** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!
C Come into his presence with singing!
P Know that the Lord, he is God!
C It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
P Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
C Give thanks to him; bless his name!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joel 2:21-27

²¹"Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! ²²Fear not, you beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and vine give their full yield. ²³"Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before. ²⁴"The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you. ²⁶"You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Timothy 2:1–6

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

John 6:25–35

THE GOSPEL READING

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

LSB 892



1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har - vest home,
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

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TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

"St. George's Windsor," Robert Lind

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1 Psalm 136

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

- P** The Lord be with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
P Glorious Father in heaven, we, Your children, who are filled with Your Spirit and guided by Your Word of truth, lift Your name on high and sing Your praises this day. You have redeemed us from hell, death, and the devil through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As Your forgiven children, we come to Your throne of grace to receive the gift You provide for us, the true body and blood of our Savior. Nurture our faith in Christ as we stand united as one holy people, lifting our voice and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

- C** Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

- P** With thanksgiving, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us,
C 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; and 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11

PEACE OF THE LORD - PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD - AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

- P** Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
C Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us and grant us Your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST

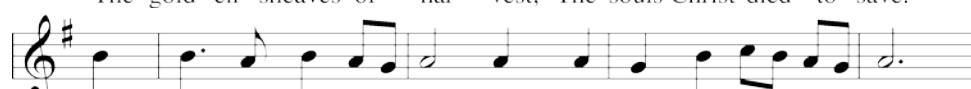
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1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring.
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.
The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.
The gold-en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with His full - ness, All things with large in - crease;
Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,



Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.
He crowns the year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.
And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

P May the Lord be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us. May God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C** Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"

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1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,

Who won - drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,

Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God," Michael Burkhardt - Organ

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