

Gathered together to worship God

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am)

“Brethren, we have met to worship”

1. Brethren, we have met to worship
and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power
while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
of the holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.
2. Sisters, will you come and help us?
Moses' sisters aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners
who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior.
Tell them that he will be found.
Sister, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.

3. Is there here a trembling jailer,
seeking grace and filled with tears?
Is there here a weeping Mary
pouring forth a flood of tears?
Brethren, join your cries to help them,
sisters, let your prayers abound!
Pray, oh pray, that holy manna
will be scattered all around.
4. Let us love our God supremely,
let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners
till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven,
at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us
with sweet manna all around.

Hymnal #8
words attributed to George Atkins
tune “Holy Manna”

Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: God's glorious kingdom will never end. God's rule will endure for generations.

People: *Let us give thanks and praise to our King.*

Leader: God is faithful and loving to all that lives and breathes. All creation tells of God's care.

People: *From the smallest insect to the largest animal, we witness God's creative and sustaining love.*

Leader: God listens for those who call for help, for those who are open to divine direction.

People: *We call to God in truth, trusting in God's faithfulness in word and deed. With great joy, we gather in God's name to worship.*

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“O worship the King”

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend!

Hymnal #66
text by Robert H. Grant, 1833
music is from Sacred Melodies, 1815

Opening Prayer

Holy God, you are faithful to all your promises. You keep your word and do everything you say. Fill your people – those who bow down before you – with your loving presence. Come to us in our need, as we lay everything at your feet in prayer and gratitude. Open your hand of grace to our fainting souls, that we may once again rejoice in you. Amen.

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Psalm 145:10-18

- ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
- ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
- ¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
- ¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
- ¹⁶ You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ The LORD is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

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Sharing a joy, a concern,
a word of testimony or praise

“Spirit of the living God”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Hymnal #349
by Daniel Iverson, 1926
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Prayer

P - Eternal God, we pray that you would help us center ourselves as we pray. Take our minds from all that would distract us. Take from us our fears. Take from us our apprehension about our tomorrows. Take from us our resentments and our angers. Take from us all that is negative and destructive. Instead may we be bathed by your love which will not let us go.

J - We offer you our gratitude for your many mercies bestowed upon us so generously. You lend us life and you lend us each day, many of which we take for granted. Help us to affirm and use and appreciate each day as your gift to us. You provide so graciously for us. We thank you that we live in a land which has been so blessed with abundance. We have the opportunity for a quality of life and an abundance of goods which is unequalled in human history. Help us to count our blessings and always to give you thanks.

P - When Jesus bid his disciples to feed the people gathered around him he had compassion upon them. When he came to his friends in the storm he calmed their fears. We thank you that you care about food and fear, two of humankind's enduring concerns. Feed us and calm our fears as we journey from day to day. Give us trust that you walk with us.

J - Give us the will to share our gifts in order to impact our world and to make it a better place. Use this church and expand the ministry of each of us. When we would be tempted to falter give us courage and a greater vision. Give us the courage to be your faithful people.

P - We pray for:

(include requests from Joys and Concerns)

May all experience the tender mercy of your presence in their time of need.

J - We pray for our world and all its people and leaders. May each nation include in its self-interest the least of our sisters and brothers and may each aspire to peace and good will. May the world's leaders aspire to peace.

P - This we pray in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen

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Returning our Tithes and Offerings

In the fourth chapter of the second book of Kings, we find an Old Testament story somewhat similar to this morning's gospel lesson. In it, a little bit of food becomes enough to feed a multitude. Listen.

⁴² *A man from the town of Baal-Shalishah^a brought Elisha some freshly cut grain and twenty loaves of bread made from the first barley that was harvested. Elisha said, "Give it to the people so they can eat."*

⁴³ *"There's not enough here for a hundred people," his servant said.*

"Just give it to them," Elisha replied. "The LORD has promised there will be more than enough."

⁴⁴ *So the servant served the bread and grain to the people. They ate and still had some left over, just as the LORD had promised.*

2 Kings 4:42-44 from the Contemporary English Version®
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^a pronounced: BAY-uhl-shuh-LAI-shuh
biblespeak.org/baal-shalishah-pronunciation/

As cheerful givers, let's offer what we have, for "*The LORD has promised there will be more than enough.*" Ushers, please guide us.

Offertory

Response

1. Lord, thou dost love the cheerful giver,
 who with open heart and hand
 blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving
 with a spirit large and free,
that our life and all our living
 we may consecrate to thee.

Hymnal #387, vs. 1
words by Robert Murray, 1898
to an American folk hymn

Prayer

Lord, you have promised that there will be more than enough. We wonder sometimes if that is true, when we read of hungry children elsewhere, or see the stack of bills on our own desk. Grow your faithfulness into us, that we may live freely this life you have given us, and respond to the need around us cheerfully, knowing that you make our offerings enough, and then some. Amen.

John 6:1-21

J - ¹ Jesus crossed Lake Galilee, which was also known as Lake Tiberias. ² A large crowd had seen him work miracles to heal the sick, and those people went with him. ³⁻⁴ It was almost time for the Jewish festival of Passover, and Jesus went up on a mountain with his disciples and sat down.

P - ⁵ When Jesus saw the large crowd coming toward him, he asked Philip, “Where will we get enough food to feed all these people?” ⁶ He said this to test Philip, since he already knew what he was going to do.

J - ⁷ Philip answered, “Don’t you know that it would take almost a year’s wages just to buy only a little bread for each of these people?”

P - ⁸ Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the disciples. He spoke up and said, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five small loaves of barley bread and two fish. But what good is that with all these people?”

J - ¹⁰ The ground was covered with grass, and Jesus told his disciples to have everyone sit down. About five thousand men were in the crowd. ¹¹ Jesus took the bread in his hands and gave thanks to God. Then he passed the bread to the people, and he did the same with the fish, until everyone had plenty to eat.

P - ¹² The people ate all they wanted, and Jesus told his disciples to gather up the leftovers, so that nothing would be wasted. ¹³ The disciples gathered them up and filled twelve large baskets with what was left over from the five barley loaves.

J - ¹⁴ After the people had seen Jesus work this miracle, they began saying, “This must be the Prophet who is to come into the world!” ¹⁵ Jesus realized that they would try to force him to be their king. So he went up on a mountain, where he could be alone.

P - ¹⁶ That evening, Jesus' disciples went down to the lake. ¹⁷ They got into a boat and started across for Capernaum. Later that evening Jesus had still not come to them, ¹⁸ and a strong wind was making the water rough.

J - ¹⁹ When the disciples had rowed for three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the water. He kept coming closer to the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said, “I am Jesus! Don’t be afraid!” ²¹ The disciples wanted to take him into the boat, but suddenly the boat reached the shore where they were headed.

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“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for thee, O living Word.
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me,
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace, my All-in-all.

Hymnal #360
words by Mary A. Lathbury, 1877
music by William F. Sherwin, 1877

Message

“But what good is that?”

“Lord, thou dost love”

2. We are thine, thy mercy sought us,
found us, in death's dreadful way,
to the fold in safety brought us,
nevermore from thee to stray.
Thine own life thou freely gavest
as an offering on the cross
for each sinner whom thou savest
from eternal shame and loss.
3. Blessed by thee with gifts and graces,
may we heed thy church's call,
gladly in all times and places
give to thee who givest all.
Thou hast bought us, and no longer
can we claim to be our own.
Ever free and ever stronger,
we shall serve thee, Lord, alone.
4. Savior, thou hast freely given
all the blessings we enjoy
earthly store and bread of heaven,
love and peace without alloy.
Humbly now we bow before thee,
and our all to thee resign,
for the kingdom, power, and glory
are, O Lord, forever thine.

Hymnal #387, vs. 2-4
words by Robert Murray, 1898
to an American folk hymn

Benediction

¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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Postlude