



Love is...

patient ***kind***
not envious - not boastful
not arrogant - not rude
not insistant on its own way
not irritable - not resentful
not rejoicing in wrong
rejoicing in the truth
bearing, believing
enduring
hoping



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God uses our lips, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be, to declare God's glory. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

GATHERING

All invitations to stand are for those who are able.

PRELUDE . . . “Everlasting God”

Verse:

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
(Repeat)

Bridge:

Our God,
You reign forever
Our hope,
Our strong deliverer

Chorus:

You are the everlasting God,
The everlasting God,
You do not faint,
You won't grow weary
You are the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need,
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Repeat Verse

Repeat Bridge

Repeat Chorus

Repeat Bridge

Repeat Chorus

Repeat Chorus

WELCOME

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

Please Stand

INVOCATION

P: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

All: And also with you.



CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather as people of God in this place to celebrate life, to thank God for God's company in our daily life, and to pray for God's people.

All: We turn our minds and hearts to all the walls that separate people, break communion, and tear apart lives and communities.

L: Some walls are made of stone.

All: Some are constructed of laws, prejudice, economic injustice, or fear.

L: Let us open our minds and hearts to hear God's call to be peacemakers, advocates, and ministers of reconciliation.

All: Let us express our hope and faith in the God of justice who promises to overcome all the iniquity and injustice. Amen.

WELCOME STATEMENT

Reader: We extend a heartfelt embrace to all who are seeking God's love and grace.

All: We welcome all because God welcomes all,

Reader: regardless of race or culture, Deaf or hearing, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status.

All: We welcome all

Reader: without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, varying intellects and abilities, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances,

All: or anything that too often divides us.

Reader: We invite you, wherever you are in your faith journey,

All: to join us in caring, sharing, and serving God through our unity in Christ. Welcome.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

All: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

P: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

All: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

P: God created us in God's own image. God knows us deeply and intimately, more than we know ourselves.

All: God calls us each by name. And in baptism, God gives us the name Child of God.

P: Therefore, let us live as the named and loved Children of God that we are.

All: Amen.



SONG . . . “*I Can Only Imagine*”

I can only imagine
What it will be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine
What my eyes will see
When Your face is before me
I can only imagine

Chorus:

Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel
Will I dance for You Jesus
Or in awe of You be still
Will I stand in Your presence
Or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine
I can only imagine
I can only imagine
When that day comes
And I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You
I can only imagine
I can only imagine

Chorus

Repeat Chorus

I can only imagine
I can only imagine
I can only imagine
I can only imagine
I can only imagine
When all I can do
Is forever, forever worship you
I can only imagine

GREETING

P: Arise, shine, for Christ's light has come! The glory of the Creator has arisen upon us, and Christ's mercy has restored us with forgiveness and grace.

All: Arise, shine, for Christ's light is shining upon us now!

A LITANY FOR RIC SUNDAY

Reader: For the Church, in our call towards radical love, reconciliation, hospitality and unity:

All: Reconcile your people, O God.

Reader: For communities, cities and nations, where no one is excluded or discriminated against, and where love is our rule and justice is our practice:

All: Reconcile your people, O God.

Reader: For people in our lives and those unknown to us, who need healing, care and compassion, and those in the midst of conflict, violence or war:

All: Reconcile your people, O God.

Reader: For people working for justice, peace and reconciliation, that in humility they serve, in courage they speak out, and in faith they persist:

All: Reconcile your people, O God.

Reader: For those who have gone before us, especially the LGBT leaders who paved the way to reconciliation and inclusion in our communities, may we join them in their legacy

All: Reconcile your people, O God.

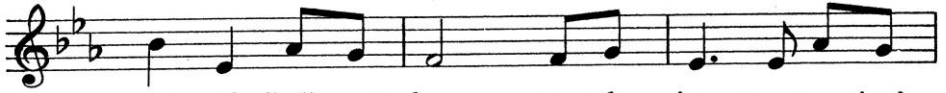
Reader: We shall all be reconciled in Christ

All: United and one in our life together, praise to God who has loved and created us, praise to God who has lived with us and accepted us, praise to God who dwells with us and sends us into the world. Amen.

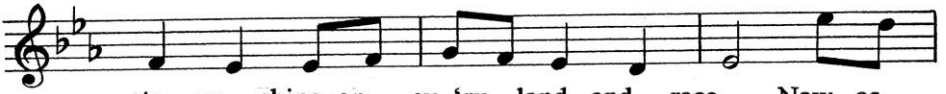
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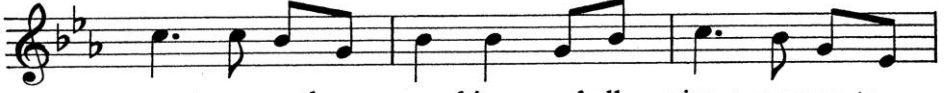
All: 1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the



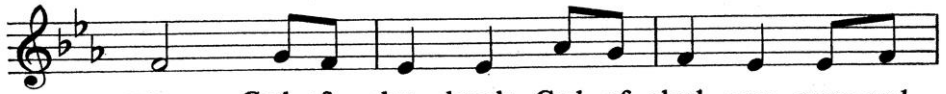
glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and



sto - ry shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that



we to - ge - ther wor - ship, we shall raise our songs to
fills the day with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us



light our hearts a - new. _____
free and make us whole. _____

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Naming God, you sent your Beloved Child to us to dissolve the binaries between clean and unclean, holy and unholy, human and divine, saved and unsaved, and even death and life.

All: Grant that we, following in your Child's footsteps, may see our whole lives as Scripture, so the coming of your Kin-dom may be witnessed in the way we love one another beyond binaries. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Companion and Protector. Amen.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Holy God, you speak to us in Scripture and in prayers, in sunrises and sunsets, in friends and in strangers, in dreams and in songs.

All: You are speaking all the time, and how often do we miss it?

Reader: Still our minds so that we can listen with a depth that we have not heard before.

All: Still our hearts so that we can receive with open arms what it is you are offering us today.

Reader: We know you are speaking,

All: so we are listening.

Reader: Today's reading is from First Corinthians, chapter thirteen, beginning with the first verse.

READING . . . 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we

prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: Word of God, word of light

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE

All:

My — soul pro - claims your

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in

you, You have looked with love on your

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.

Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your jus - tice strong your love,
 As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,
 kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: The holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter four, beginning with the twenty-first verse.

All: Glory to you, O God.

GOSPEL . . . Luke 4:21-30

Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out

of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P: The gospel of our Creator.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

MESSAGE . . . *Pastor Tim*

AN AFFIRMATION FOR ALL

P: With the whole church,

All: we affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.

P: With people everywhere,

All: we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

P: With all creation,

All: we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: Come into Christ's light with your gifts.

All: They need not be gold or precious oil. Gifts of love and compassion are the greatest treasures of all.



Love. Grow. Serve.

OFFERING SONG . . . “We Fall Down”

We fall down, we lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus,
The greatness of His mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus.
And we cry holy, holy, holy
And we cry holy, holy, holy
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb
(Repeat)

Please Stand

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Generous God, you shower us with blessings and call us to share.

All: Thank you for this opportunity to shine your light into the world through our work of justice and compassion. We pray and live in the name of your true light, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made. Guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Cultivate ministries and communities of compassion that bear witness to your enduring presence among us. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Teach us to live in humility on the earth. Curb arrogance that leads to destruction of natural resources and disregard for future generations. Inspire the work of scientists who urge us to live in harmony with your creation. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things.
Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, or
brokenhearted. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in
body or spirit. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Your grace falls upon young and old alike. Bless the
gifts of children in this congregation and in this
community. Give us humble hearts to follow their
leadership. Inspire us with their laughter, their insight,
and their curiosity. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O
God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in
confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Our hearts are all we have.

All: We lift our hearts up to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

*P: Spirit of Life and God of Many Names, we give you
thanks and praise that you have poured out your grace
upon us, now in this moment.*

**All: It is through grace that you have called us all, in our
many differences and vocations, to be together in
this moment and offer our common prayer to you.**

P: You love us so much that, even when we are dead in our sin and incapable of wholly loving, you send Jesus our Brother and Teacher to dwell amongst us. We praise you, because you have promised that whenever a few of us are gathered together in the name of liberation and love, that the Spirit of Jesus is already there in the midst of us.

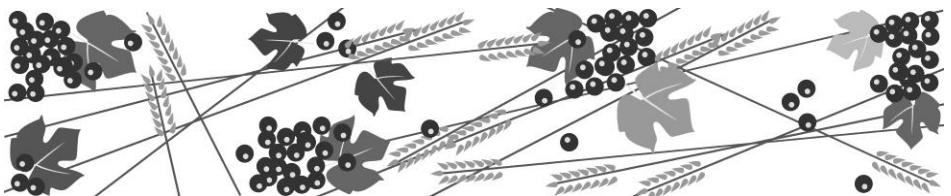
Now bread and wine are before us, the memory of our meals, our working, our talking, the story which shapes us, the grieving and the pain; the seeking and the loving. And we give thanks for all that holds us together in our humanity; that binds us to all who live and have lived, who have cried and are crying, who hunger and are thirsty, who pine for justice, and who hold out for the time that is coming.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Teach us in the here and now to see the world as it really is, and offer prophetic witness for what the world can be through the Scripture of our real, living bodies.

All: Throughout our lives, teach us to live that abundant life that you promise. Amen.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation which is most familiar to each of us.

All: 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.

FRACTION RITE

P: We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

All: For this meal we give thanks!

Be Seated

Holy Communion is open to all.

Pre-packaged elements are available at the entrance table.

COMMUNION SONG . . . “*Ubi Caritas*”

Ubi Caritas, et amor
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est
(Repeat)

COMMUNION SONG . . . “*Awesome God*”

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom pow'r and love
Our God is an awesome God
(Repeat)

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

All: Make them be for us the life and love of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world, redeemed and renewed by Christ's love and God's grace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: You, God, are opening our eyes.

All: You, God, are stirring a new day.

L: By the breathing of your spirit, you made us and remake us with patience and compassion.

All: We know your strong unseen hand, and we know that it means struggle, new vision and ultimate peace. Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

SENDING

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

P: In work and worship

All: God is with us.

P: Gathered and scattered

All: God is with us.

P: Now and always

All: God is with us.

P: God is with you - of whom shall you be afraid? May you go out into the world filled with Spirit of the God who made you, loves you, and empowers you to live the radical Gospel of Christ!

All: Amen.

SONG . . . “Get Down”

Verse 1:

Lavishly our lives are wasted
Humbleness is left untasted
You can't live your life to please yourself
That's a tip from my mistake
Exactly what it doesn't take
To win you've gotta come in last place,
To live your life you've got to lose it
And all the losers get a crown

Chorus 1:

I get down He lifts me up
I get down He lifts me up
I get down He lifts me up
I get down

Verse 2:

All I need's another day
Where I can't seem to get away
From the many things that drag me down
I'm sure you've had a day like me
When nothin' seems to set you free
From the burdens you can't carry all alone yeah

In your weakness He is stronger
In your darkness He shines through
When you're cryin' He's your comfort
When you're all alone He's carryin' you

Chorus 2:

I get down He lifts me up
I get down He lifts me up
I get down He lifts me up
I get down
I get down He lifts me up
I get down He lifts me up
I get down He lifts me up

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Be the light of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



1 Corinthians 13:8,NRSV