

Season of Wholeness

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Welcome & Gathering

Call to worship:

One: The Holy One is here amongst us;

ALL: Ground of our being

Guide of our hope

Spirit of our inspiration

One: Holy One we worship you

ALL: and raise our voices in praise....

Hymn: All praise for wisdom CH4 177

O God of blessing, all praise to you!

Your love surrounds us our whole life through.

You are the freedom of those oppressed;

You are the comfort of all distressed.

Come now, O holy and welcome guest:

Soli Deo Gloria X2

All praise for prophets, through grace inspired

To preach and witness with hearts on fire.

Your Spirit chooses the weak and small

To sing the new reign where mighty fall;

With them may we live your Gospel call:

Soli Deo Gloria X2

All praise for music, deep gift profound,

Through hands and voices in holy sound;

The psalms of David, and Mary's praise,

In wordless splendor and lyric phrase,

With all creation on song we raise:

Soli Deo Gloria X2

All praise for Jesus, best gift divine

Through word and witness, in bread and wine;

Incarnate love song of boundless grace,

Priest, teacher, prophet in time and space,

Your steadfast kindness with human face:

Soli Deo Gloria X2



Getting Grounded
by
Jan Richardson

A billion voices in one great song,
Now soft and gentle, now deep and strong,
In every culture and style and key,
From hill and valley, with sky and sea,
With Christ we praise you eternally:
Soli Deo Gloria X2

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Prayer

Introduce Focusing Movement:

ALL: Source, *(hands at stomach)*

Guide *(hands at heart)*

and Inspiration *(hands at head)*

Holy God three in One, we worship you. *(hands open)*

We unite our prayers together in the Jesus' Prayer or Lord's Prayer using the form or words which are most worshipful for us...

Source of Life,

Father and Mother of us all:

Creation honours you!

May your Realm of Justice & Joy

Sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen

Time for all ages: Fairtrade Fortnight

Hymn: Over my head CH4 575

Over my head, I hear music in the air;

over my head, I hear music in the air;

over my head, I hear music in the air;

there must be a God somewhere.

Cantor: Oh, when the world is silent,

All: I hear music in the air;

Cantor: oh, when the world is silent,
All: I hear music in the air;
Cantor: oh, when the world is silent,
All: I hear music in the air;
there must be a God somewhere.

And when I'm feeling lonely,
and when I'm feeling lonely,
and when I'm feeling lonely,
there must be a God somewhere.

Now when I think on Jesus,
now when I think on Jesus,
now when I think on Jesus,
there must be a God somewhere.

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Readings read by Dariusz Wedge

Lamentations 3:19-26

3 The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!
20 My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.
21 But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
22 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."
25 The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
26 It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

2 Timothy 1:1-14

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
3 I am grateful to God--whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did--when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.
4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. 6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, 7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Jesus Christ before the ages began, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 12 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.

13 Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

14 Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reflection by Dr Sian Joyner

Meditation: Taize chant

I am sure I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Yes, I shall see the goodness of our God,
Hold firm, trust in the Lord.

Offering & Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessing flow
Praise God all creature here below
Praise God above, You heavenly host
Praise Maker Christ and Holy Ghost

Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Communion

Gathering:

Hymn: Come to the table of grace

Come to the table of grace
Come to the table of grace
This God's table it's not yours or mine
Come to table of grace.

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Thanksgiving, Intercession & Consecration:

One: We unite in prayer with followers of Jesus since the earliest times as we say:

God be with you

ALL: And with your spirit

One: Lift up your hearts
ALL: We lift them to God
One: Let us give thanks to God
ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise

One: Holy Loving God,
For the universe you have crafted in all its variety and mystery
ALL: We praise and thank you
One: For the gift of Christ Jesus; vulnerable healer & guide
ALL: We praise and thank you
One: For your Salvation; love crucified and resurrected.
ALL: We praise and thank you
One: With people everywhere, past present and yet to come
ALL: We praise and thank you.

One: We offer you our thanks as we sing together...

Hymn: God bless to us our bread CH4 763

God bless to us our bread,
And give bread to all those who are hungry
and hunger for justice to all who are fed.
God bless to us our bread.

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Song: This is the body of Christ CH4 799

Broken that we might be whole.
This cup as promised by God,
True to God's Word,
Cradles our Lord
Food the good of us all.

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Peace

Closing Response

One: Together we are nourished by Jesus' life.
ALL: We go to share his life and love.

Notices

Hymn: For your generous providing CH4 655

For your generous providing which sustains us all our days,

for your Spirit here residing, we proclaim our heartfelt praise.
Through the depths of joy and sorrow, though the road be smooth or rough,
fearless we can face tomorrow, for your grace will be enough.

Hush our world's seductive voices tempting us to stand alone.
Save us then from siren noises calling us to trust our own.
For those snared by earthly treasure, lured by false security,
Jesus true and only measure, spring the trap to set us free.

Round your table, through your giving, show us how to live and pray
till your kingdom's way of living is the bread we share each day:
bread for us and for our neighbour, bread for body, mind, and soul,
bread of heav'n and human labour – broken bread that makes us whole.

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Blessing & Sung Amen

