

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

VOTUM

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made the heavens and the earth.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

‘God Is Great’

(Marty Sampson)

Verse 1

All creation cries to You
Worshipping in spirit and in truth
Glory to the Faithful One
Jesus Christ, God’s Son

Verse 2

All creation gives You praise
You alone are truly great
You alone are God who reigns
For eternity

Chorus

God is great, and His praise fills the earth, fills the heavens
And Your name will be praised through all the world
God is great, sing His praise all the earth, all the heavens
‘Cause we’re living for the glory of Your name
The glory of Your name

Verse 3

All to You, O God, we bring
Jesus, teach us how to live
Let Your fire burn in us
That all may hear, and all may see **Chorus**

Bridge

“Holy is the Lord”
The whole earth sings, the whole earth sings
(REPEAT) **Chorus**

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is not difficult to be God’s beloved child.

We are called to obey God’s commandments and live in God’s love!

The ways which God ordains are ways of peace and hope.

The love of God shall conquer the world.

Rejoice, O people of God, for God is near!

Praise God for God’s power and might, God’s love and peace.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Patient God, through ages and generations You remind us that all creation is Yours. Year after decade after century, You remind us that Your blessings are poured out on all creatures. Grant us the humility and the grace to listen. Grant us the humility and grace to hand over to You our desire to take over Your job. Grant us the grace and humility to turn away from judgment toward love. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN #26

'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God'

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

Verse 3

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

Verse 4

That Word above all earthly powers
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:1-8

15 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Lord, we thank you for creating the whole world and calling it good. We thank you for making us in your image to live with each other in love. You have told us Your purpose in the commandments to Moses, and called for justice through the words of the prophets. Through long generations You have been faithful to Your children. Your ways are just and they are true. With people of faith from all times and places, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy.

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

We thank you for Jesus who came and lived with us, being a friend to all those who are lost and broken. We thank you that he is not dead but is risen to rule the world and is still a friend of sinners today. We trust in him to overcome every power to hurt or divide us.

Great God we thank you for this bread and ask that in its breaking we might be joined together as the people You have called us to be. We offer this prayer in the name of the One who taught us to pray together by saying, ***Our Father, who art in heaven...***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN

'I Need You More'

(Bethel music)

Chorus

I need You more, more than yesterday

I need You more, more than words can say

I need You more than ever before

I need You Lord

I need You Lord

Verse

More than the air I breathe

More than the song I sing

More than the next heartbeat

More than anything

And Lord as time goes by

I'll be by Your side

'Cause I never want to go back

To my old life ***Chorus***

Bridge

We give You the highest praise

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(REPEAT) ***Chorus***

BENEDICTION

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