

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

‘Here I Am To Worship’

(Tim Hughes)

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor *Chorus*

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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CALL TO WORSHIP

From God came the sustenance for people who wandered in wilderness places.

That was the bread from heaven!

From God comes Jesus Christ, the eternal bread that sustains our lives.

Christ is the bread of life!

Let us praise God for such wondrous gifts of life.

Let us sing and raise our voices in gratitude for all that God does for us.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

In the daily grind of life, we are so often taught to climb the ladder of success by stepping on each other, focusing only on our own wants and needs. Even as children on a carousel, we were taught to try to grab the golden ring, and it would fulfill our dreams of glory and wealth. How we have been corrupted to think in these terms. This sort of mentality has

gotten us into lots of trouble. We chase after all those false idols that cannot ever sustain us and bring us peace. Forgive our sinfulness, Lord. Forgive us when we believe that if we only could win the prize, everything would be OK and we would be happy. It is your son, Jesus Christ, who leads us in the ways of happiness and peace, sustaining us with his life-giving bread. Nurture us again, Lord, with this bread of life, that we may truly focus on the ministries and mission You have set before us. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
SUMMARY OF THE LAW
CHILDREN'S TIME

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6:24-35

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

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

³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

RECOGNITION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Generous, merciful God, You invite us to the heavenly feast, promising to fill us with every good thing. Bless these ordinary gifts of bread and fruit of the vine, that we may be kneaded and pressed into one holy, living body, in the name of Christ, who lived and died and rose again. Accept these gifts, in every form that they come, in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

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 ever 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 AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

'In Christ Alone'

(Keith Getty)

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day

Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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