

Order for the Public Worship of God
March 7, 2021
3rd Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Wayfaring Stranger”

Joel Raney

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Come, Share the Lord”

Bryan Jeffery Leech

*We gather here in Jesus’ name; his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.*

*We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.
Though unseen, he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN #463

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

(stanzas 1,2,4,5)

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Jesus, cleanser and refresher of our hearts, in this Lenten journey, look deep within our lives, and clear away all that holds us back. May our minds, spirits and bodies be a temple that is open to your presence and may our words and our actions be transparent to your love and truth. In a moment of silence before you, we name those things which need your cleansing and healing, so that we may be your disciples. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED (*Together*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

INSTRUMENTAL DUET

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

arr. Mark Hayes

(HOLY MANNA)

*All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

--text by Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1990 © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.
See the full hymn in *Glory to God* #509

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:13-22 (NRSV)

LENTEN SERIES

From Dust to Promise: Refreshing Our Hearts
Sermon #3 “One Table Still Standing”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #507

“Come to the Table of Grace”

TABLE OF GRACE

(stanzas 1,3,5)

**Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.**

**Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.**

**Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.**

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND
THE SHARING OF THE CUP

(Please plan to celebrate communion during this livestream service by preparing a small portion of juice—or something to drink—and bread for your use at home.)

COMMUNION SONG

“When at This Table”

Jane Marshall

*When at this table I receive a blessing, the broken bread, the wine of life for me,
then let me share the peace with you, my neighbor, and let the Spirit set our spirits free.*

*What faith I have, I bring to join this table, what hope I hold, in Christ is taught and true;
with brothers, sisters, I will share the blessing, the feast where God is making all things new.*

--Shirley Erena Murray, ©2004 Hope Publishing Co.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #516

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

KINGDOM

(stanzas 1,3,4)

**For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**With the saints who now adore you seated at the heavenly board,
may the church still waiting for you to keep love’s tie unbroken, Lord.**

**In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Manna Toccata”

Franklin W. Ashdown

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)
 F C Dm F7/C B \flat

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)
 C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

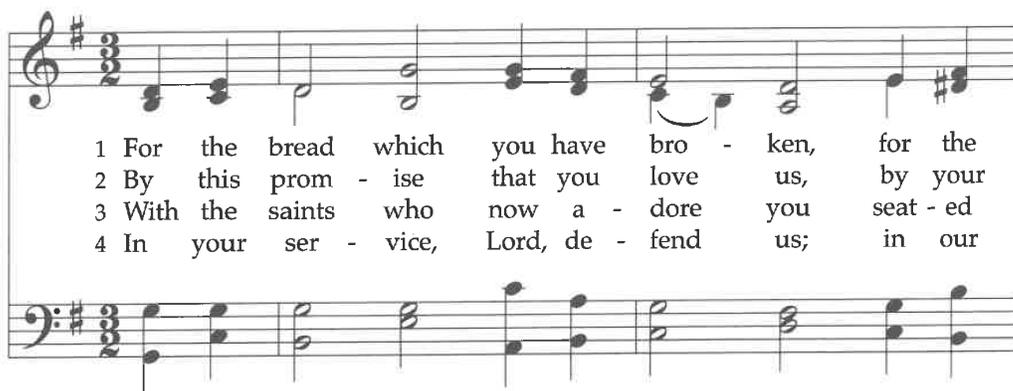
(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 F/A B \flat F/C C7 F B \flat F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

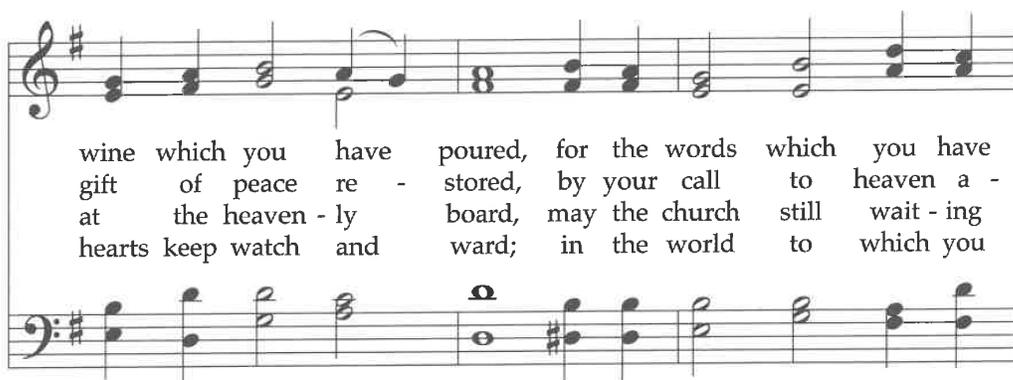
- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

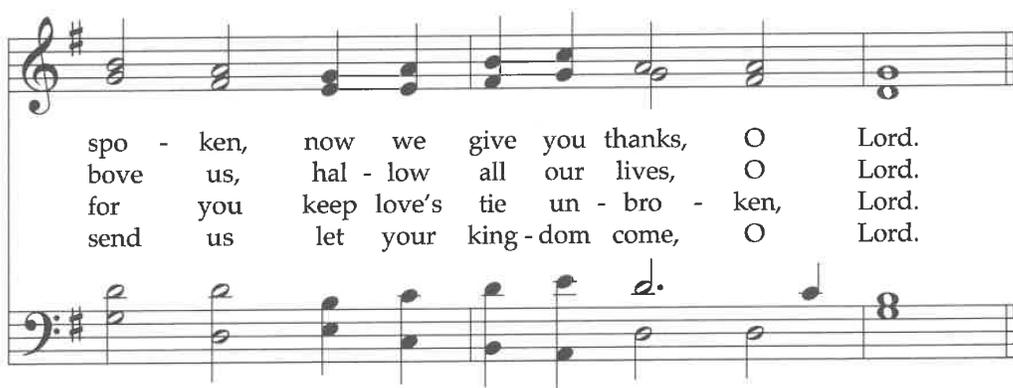
516 For the Bread Which You Have Broken



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your
 3 With the saints who now a - dore you seat - ed
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our



wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
 at the heaven - ly board, may the church still wait - ing
 hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you



spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

The author of this text, the editor of several Presbyterian hymnals, was the foremost American hymnologist of the early 20th century. Although some of his language in this text echoes early hymns of the church, he is writing here not as a scholar but as a person of deep faith.