

THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

1. The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we
 2. We go to com - fort those who mourn and
 3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to
 4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the

go in Je - sus' name to
 set the bur - dened free; where
 scat - ter joy like seed and,
 gos - pel to pro - claim. God's

bring glad tid - ings to the poor, God's
 hope is dim, to share a dream and
 all our days, to cher - ish life, to
 Spir - it has em - pow - ered us; we

fa - vor to pro - claim.
 help the blind to see.
 do the lov - ing deed.
 go in Je - sus' name.

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Music: LAND OF REST - USA folk melody

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader

The Lord be with you.

All

And al - so with you.

Leader

Lift up your hearts.

All

We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We offer our entire being to the God of Creation,
 who made the sun and the moon
 to govern by day and by night
 and hung the stars in the sky.

We offer our entire being to the great God
 who hollowed out the valleys,
 and bulged up the mountains,
 who spat out the seven seas,
 and populated the world with glorious creatures.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
 who created us and fashioned us from the dust
 and breathed into us the breath of life.

And so with all the glorious creation,
 we join in singing the song of praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow'r and
 might. Heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - - - - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Blest is the one who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the
 high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Please be seated.

Blessed be the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
 who came to us in spite of our destructive ways.
 He healed the sick,
 raised the dead,
 and cast out demons.
 In the brief time that he was with us,
 Jesus sided with the oppressed,
 had compassion for those who suffer,
 and gave dignity to women and children.
 He taught us in word and deed
 about a God we had been unable to understand.

COME, BRING YOUR BURDENS TO GOD

Come, bring your bur-dens to God, come, bring your
 bur-dens to God; come, bring your bur-dens to God for
 Je - sus will nev - er say no.

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CHRIST, WE ARE BLEST



1. Christ, we are blest as we gath - er to dine,
2. You laid your life down like sow - ing a seed;
3. Christ, you are ris - en, but not far a - bove:
4. Je - sus, you feed us, then bid us to leave,



strength - ened for love by the bread and the wine.
once dead and bur - ied, from death you are freed,
you live a - mong us in each act of love,
shar - ing with oth - ers the love we re - ceive.



This is your bod - y, now en - ter - ing ours,
ris - ing like wheat in the warmth of the sun!
in ev - 'ry deed of com - pas - sion you rise,
We are your bod - y, sent by your com - mand,



strong with your lov - ing, mir - ac - u - lous powers.
Christ, you are ris - en! New life has be - gun!
liv - ing in flesh we can see with our eyes.
mak - ing love real as the bread in our hands.

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Music: SLANE - Traditional Irish melody

In spite of his glory-revealing presence among us,
we turned him into a man of sorrows,
acquainted with grief.

Jesus was persecuted by certain religious leaders
and betrayed by one of his own.

He was lied about,
tortured,
and hung on a cross to die.

Yet, even on the day of his crucifixion,
Jesus continued to teach those who would listen.

When evil people came with his betrayer,

Jesus did not respond with violence,
choosing instead to remind us that
those who live by the sword will die by the sword.

When he was falsely accused and condemned to death,

Jesus refused to do harm.

And while hanging on the cross, he prayed:

“Father forgive them,
for they know not what they do.”

But we give you thanks that nothing ever was, or ever will be,
able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Early on the morning of the third day

Jesus laughed at death,

shed his grave clothes,

and walked among us alive!

Forty days later, he ascended into heaven,

where he is seated at the right hand

of the God of our ancestors.

Our eyes are turned toward the skies looking for the day
when Jesus shall return to a kingdom without end,
where the lion will lie down peaceably with the lamb,
where sickness and disease are not known
where the wicked will cease from troubling
and we will study war no more!

On the night that Jesus was betrayed,

he shared a meal with his disciples.

He took bread from the table,

gave thanks to God,

and gave it to his disciples saying:

“Take, eat;

this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the meal was over he took the cup,
gave thanks and gave it to his disciples saying:
“Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

Today, Jesus,
we remember the bread and the cup.
Today,
we remember your life and your death.
We remember your resurrection;
we remember eternal life.
As we receive these gifts in praise and thanksgiving,
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a -
gain. Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Holy God,
pour out your Spirit
upon these gifts of bread and wine;
make them be for us
the body and blood of Christ.

Wonder-working God,
pour out your Spirit upon us;
as we offer ourselves
to be God's presence in the world
until Jesus returns in glory.

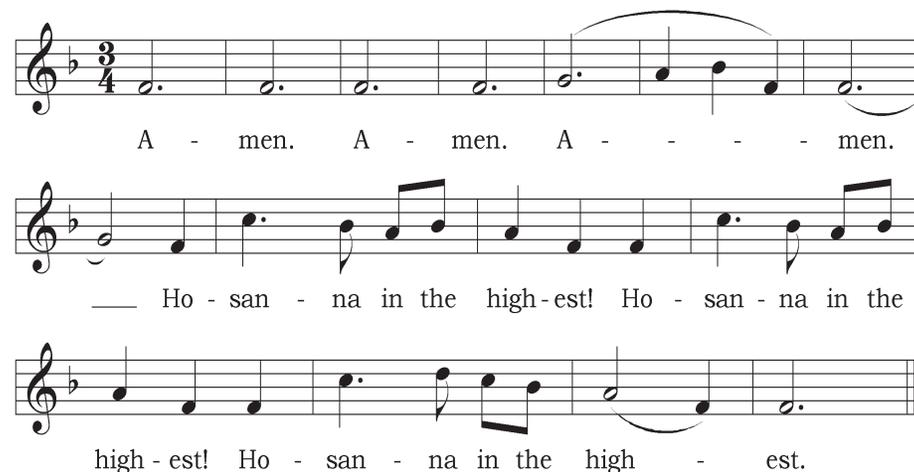
Almighty God,
we your people cry out to you
on behalf of our community:
Have mercy upon all
who suffer from the evils of poverty.
Have mercy, Lord!

Have mercy upon all
who have lost their way.
Have mercy, Lord!

Have mercy upon all
who have been hurt or offended by the church.
Have mercy, Lord!

Have mercy upon all
who feel forgotten and neglected.
Have mercy, Lord!

Have mercy upon us Triune God,
and make us worthy to be called your people
who pray the prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples:
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.**



A - men. A - men. A - - - - men.
— Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est.