

THE



Table

Summer 2023



Let Us Give Thanks!

An all-age liturgy for summertime
on the theme of giving thanks

INVOCATION
Sing responsively

In the name of the Father
In the name of the Father
In the name of the Son
In the name of the Son
In the name of the Spirit
In the name of the Spirit
All Three in One
All Three in One
Welcome to worship!

OPENING RESPONSES

Give thanks to God because God is good!

God's love lasts forever!

We thank God for flowers, friends, and forgiveness

Give thanks to God because God is good!

We thank God for cool water on hot summer days.

Give thanks to God because God is good!

**We thank God for playtime and rest, for food and homes,
for providing all the we need for life**

Give thanks to God because God is good!

**We thank God for the day and the night, gardens and fields,
rivers and forests, for all that God has made**

OPENING HYMN

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

When the world around us whines, complains, and criticizes, God reminds us to rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks no matter what happens.

When the voice in our head tells us we need to be perfect, God reminds us creation is made good and very good—not perfect.

Let us pray to God and give thanks for the love and forgiveness God gives to us even before we need it.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the universe,

We are made in your image with a spark of creativity.

**We praise you for beauty in artwork,
harmony and dissonance in music,
the beauty of poetry, and the straight lines of corn fields**

**Give us the ability to appreciate
and give thanks for all you have made.**

Forgive us when we fail to see you in every face we meet.

**Forgive us when we fail to appreciate
the beauty and quiriness you have built into creation.**

**Forgive us when we use our
creativity for destruction and not life.**

**Help us to live in awe and thanksgiving of all you have
made,
seen and unseen.**

**Give us the patience and courage to nourish creativity, care
for relationships, and give and receive forgiveness.t**

**In Your name we pray,
Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Good News is this:

**If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has
passed away and God makes all things new. Today and always, in
Jesus Christ, † God grants you the entire forgiveness of all your sin.
By the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to give and receive this
forgiveness from God and one another.**

Amen—thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

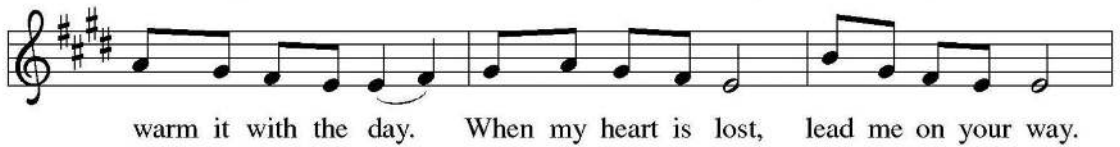
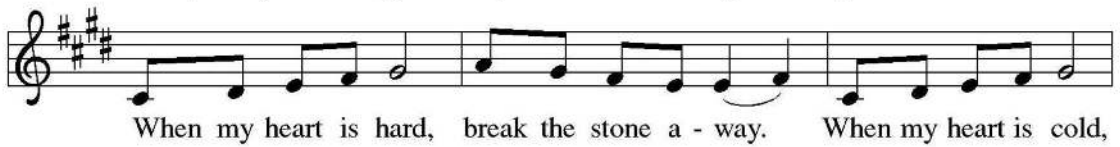
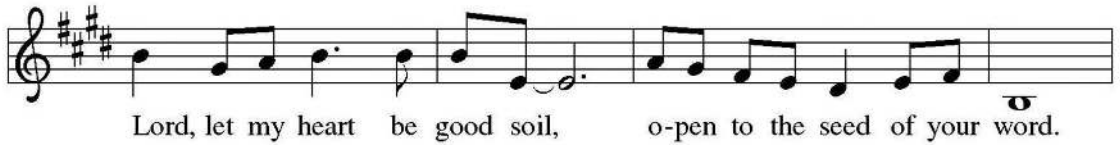
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WORD

A reading from....

This is the Word of the Lord...Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation
Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



The Holy Gospel According to....
*...The Gospel of the Lord...**Glory to you, O Christ***

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY
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MAASAI CREED

We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. God created humans and wanted us to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in the

darkness, and now we know this High God in the light. God promised in the book of God's word, the Bible, that God would save the world and all nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good the promise by sending God's son, Jesus Christ, a human in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He was buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from that grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

OFFERING RECEIVED MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

We offer with joy what you have first given us, our selves, our time, and our possessions—signs of your gracious love. Receive them as an offering of thanksgiving for all that you have given us for life.

Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy ... the unending hymn of joy and love:

You Are Holy

1*



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Lord's Table has been prepared for you. Taste and see that the
Lord is good!
LAMB OF GOD



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied, We laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION

(Music provided by musicians or congregational hymns on the
screen)

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Let us pray.

We give you thanks:

For this meal and your promises of love and forgiveness.

For this moment and your people,

We give ourselves to you.

Take us out to live as changed people

Because you have blessed us with the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.

Amen

BENEDICTION

As you go on your way, may Christ go with you.

May he go before you to show you the way.

May he go behind you to encourage you.

Beside you to befriend,

above you to watch over,

within you to give you peace.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

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SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always

And also with you

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, sharing signs of peace

Okay, we will!