

GATHERED BY GOD IN WONDER

PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG

No. 372 "O For a World" v.5

O for a world preparing
for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN

No. 630 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

1 Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the
woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer;
Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

4 Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved God, who was known to our
parents and spiritual forebears, have
mercy on us. We do not always love as
you would have us love. We do not
always do as you would have us do.

In our stubbornness, we turn from you
when we should turn toward you.
Comfort us when we mourn the
passing of friends and family, and help
us to know that they are rejoicing in
your presence.

We praise you for the grace you shower on
us, constantly forgiving our errors,
especially the ones
that we don't share with any but you. Hear
now the silent fears and worries of our
hearts.

Time for Silent Confession
Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is
stronger than hate; light is stronger than
darkness; life is stronger than death.

No. 750 "Goodness is Stronger Than Evil"

Victory is ours, victory is ours through God who
loves us. Victory is ours, victory is ours
through God who loves us.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:1-18

REFLECTION

INVITATION TO OFFERING

HYMN OF PREPARATION

1 Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring. Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing. Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done. Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for everyone.

2 Clouds of light surround the table; Ancient followers appear. Saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt, and fear. Peter tells of his denying, Christ was ever in his sight; Paul relates his fruitless effort to obliterate the light.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Minister/Leader People S3

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Minister/Leader People

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Minister/Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

No.506 "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"

3 Their sad stories are repeated in the thousand different ways, but they share one thing in common: they are ended in thanks and praise, for the host who has invited north and south and east and west, to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.

4 Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised, by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes. When he blesses bread and breaks it—truth and manna from above!—and then passes wine that awakens in your heart the taste of love.

S4

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. S5
Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL HYMN

1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their
might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-
fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their
one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine! We
feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet all are
one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*CHARGE

*SUNG BENEDICTION

In each moment of courage,
steadfast even through trembling;
in the yearning for justice,
Jesus summons us all.
We will rise up and follow,
Christ before and beside us,
loving pattern to guide us,
as we answer the call.

No. 326 "For All The Saints"

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare
long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph
song, And hearts are brave, again, and arms
are strong. Alleluia, Alleluia!

5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's
farthest coast, Through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host, Singing to
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

No. 751 "From the Nets of Our Labors" v.5