

Opening Hymn: (H) 371 - Thou, whose almighty word

- 1 Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight; hear us, we humbly pray, and, where the Gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!
- 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind, let there be light!
- 3 Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight! Move on the waters' face, bearing the gifts of grace,
and, in earth's darkest place, let there be light!
- 4 Holy and blessèd Three, glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might; boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride,
through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Sequence Hymn: (H) 440 - Blessèd Jesus, at thy word

- 1 Blessèd Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;
by thy teachings pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till thy Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded;
thou alone to God canst win us; thou must work all good within us.
- 3 Gracious Lord, thyself impart! Light of Light, from God proceeding,
open thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry thy Church upraises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

Offertory Hymn: (H) 489 - The great Creator of the worlds

- 1 The great Creator of the worlds, the sovereign God of heaven,
his holy and immortal truth to all on earth hath given.
- 2 He sent no angel of his host to bear this mighty word,
but him through whom the worlds were made, the everlasting Lord.
- 3 He sent him not in wrath and power, but grace and peace to bring;
in kindness, as a king might send his son, himself a king.
- 4 He sent him down as sending God; in flesh to us he came;
as one with us he dwelt with us, and bore a human name.
- 5 He came as Savior to his own, the way of love he trod;
he came to win us by good will, for force is not of God.
- 6 Not to oppress, but summon all their truest life to find,
in love God sent his Son to save, not to condemn mankind.

Communion Hymn: (H) 304 - I come with joy to meet my Lord

- 1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.
- 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known: we see, and praise him here.
- 5 Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Communion Hymn: (LEVS) 201- I've got peace like a river

- 1 I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
- 2 I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
- 3 I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
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I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

Closing Hymn: (LEVS) 136 - I have decided to follow Jesus

- 1 I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
no turning back, no turning back.
- 2 Though no one join me, still I will follow;
Though no one join me, still I will follow;
Though no one join me, still I will follow;
no turning back, no turning back.
- 3 The world behind me, the cross before me;
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me;
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