

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE INVOCATION & THE CONFESSION

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Our God desired good for us, to lead us at last to our heavenly home.

C: Let us therefore lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

P: Let us confess our sins to almighty God, seeking his forgiveness for the sake of our holy mediator, Jesus Christ, God's Son.

(Silence for meditation and self – examination)

P: Almighty and most merciful God,

C: We are beset by sin and helpless to overcome it. Knowing the great mercy you exercised toward those who have gone before us, our ancestors in the faith, we confess our many sins to you. Forgive us, for we look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

P: For the joy that was set before him, Jesus Christ endured the cross, disregarding its shame. For his sake your sins are forgiven. Your faith has made you clean.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you

THE HYMN – “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we thank you for your Son
who chose the path of suffering
for the sake of the world.
Humble us by his example,
point us to the path of obedience,
and give us strength to follow his commands;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – “We Have Come Into This House”

THE SERMON: “Three Verbs: Gather, Grow, Give”

THE APOSTLES CREED (not spoken on Saturday evening)

LEADER: *We confess our faith in the words of the Apostolic Creed:*

CONG: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of
the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy, People: Hear our prayer.

THE OFFERTORY AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN – “We Gather Together”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

15. COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are, before your God.
Come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God
One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose You now.

Repeat

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88. WE HAVE COME INTO THIS HOUSE

1. We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him.
We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him.
We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.
2. So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him.
So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him.
So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.
3. Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Him.
Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Him.
Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

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The Church's One Foundation



The Church's . . one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 Though with a scorn - ful won - der This world sees her op - pressed,
 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war,



She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 By schisms . . rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;



From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.



5 Yet she on earth has union
 With God, the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won.

O blessed heav'nly chorus!
 Lord, save us by your grace,
 That we, like saints before us,
 May see you face to face.

Let Us Break Bread Together

E^b *C^m* *B^b7* *E^b* *A^b*

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;

E^b *C^m* *F7* *B^b*

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain
E^b *B^bm6* *C7* *Fm*

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing

B^b7 *E^b* *A^b* *B^b* *E^b*

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

B^b7 *E^b* *A^b* *B^b7* *E^b* *A^b*

3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

B^b7 *E^b7* *A^b* *B^b7* *E^b* *B^b7*

Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain
E^b *B^bm6* *C7* *Fm*

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing

B^b7 *E^b* *A^b* *B^b* *E^b*

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

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KREMSER

JULIA C. CORY, 1882-1963

Netherlands melody, before 1625
Arr. by Edward Kremser, 1838-1914

1. We praise Thee, O God, our Re-deem-er, Cre-a-tor- In grate-ful de-
2. We wor-ship Thee, God of our fa-thers, we bless Thee- Thru life's storm and
3. With voic-es u-nit-ed our prais-es we of-fer- To Thee, great Je-

vo-tion our trib-ute we bring; We lay it be-fore Thee, we kneel
tem-pest our Guide hast Thou been; When per-ils o'er-take us, es-cape
ho-vah, glad an-thems we raise; Thy strong arm will guide us, our God

and a-dore Thee, We bless Thy ho-ly Name, glad prais-es we sing.
Thou wilt make us, And with Thy help, O Lord, our bat-tles we win.
is be-side us- To Thee, our great Re-deem-er, for-ev-er be praise!

We Gather Together

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Netherlands folk song, before 1625
Trans. by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934To be sung to the above tune

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing,
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:
Sing praises to His name- He forgets not His own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
Thou, Lord, was at our side- all glory be Thine!
3. We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be;
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation:
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!