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## **WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

### **GREETING – Psalm 118: 24**

One: This is the day that the lord has made!

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### **GATHERING MUSIC      THIS IS THE DAY #84**

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God is present with us in the noise of our daily lives

**ALL: God is present with us in the still and quiet times.**

One: The people of God who have traveled this path before us have experienced trials and troubles.

**ALL: Let their faithfulness inspire us to serve God in our generation.**

One: In the company of all the saints let us seek God.

**ALL: Help us in this hour to hear God's voice giving us direction, and peace, and hope**

Come, we who love God's name, and let our joys be known;  
Together God's great love proclaim, together God's great love proclaim,  
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.  
(Refrain:) We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching onward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
But we our thanks and praise will bring, but we our thanks and praise will  
bring  
for love so deep and broad, for love so deep and broad.  
(Refrain:) We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching onward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

God's grace on earth is found, the seeds of glory sown;  
Celestial fruits on earthly ground, celestial fruits on earthly ground  
from faith and hope have grown, from faith and hope have grown.  
(Refrain:) We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching onward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;  
We're traveling through Emmanuel's ground, we're traveling through  
Emmanuel's ground to greater worlds on high, to greater worlds on high.  
(Refrain:) We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching onward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

### REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

One: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah to Paul and Phoebe:

**All: Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.**

One: We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

**ALL: Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

One: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

**ALL: Family of our faith, we remember you.**

One: We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon:

**ALL: Those close in our heart, we remember you.**

***At this time, you are invited to come forward to light a candle  
in memory of departed loved ones***

One: We lift up to You, O God, the names of individual saints from this community of faith who have died in the past year, knowing that they are with Your heart forever. As we read these names, we will pause after every name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life.

Robert B. Brown

Thomas L. Duke

Virginia King

*After each name we will ring the chime and pause  
to remember and give thanks for these saints of God,*

One: Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.

**ALL: Almighty God, your people of all the ages live and praise you without ceasing. In our communion with you, we have communion with generations past and generations yet unborn. Before your throne we are one with a great multitude which no one could number, and in praising you we join with those from every nation. Grant to your church on earth that as we celebrate the triumph of your saints in glory we may profit by their example and enter with them into the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S STILL SPEAKING VOICE**

### **SCRIPTURE First Kings 19:1-18 New Revised Standard Version**

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mount that has not kissed him."

One: God is still speaking

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

We Are Not Alone

Reverend Patty Dodds

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PRAYERS

### THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

One: We are called to love God with our whole heart and mind and strength.

**ALL: Called to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

One: We bring before God our gifts, our talents, our praise and prayers as a sign of that love. Let us pray for God's blessings on all our offerings.

**ALL: Loving God, accept all that we joyfully offer you this day. May we grow in faith and love that our whole lives might be a witness to your goodness. Amen**

## WE GATHER AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

### Invitation to the Meal

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is truly right to give you thanks, God, creator of all we know, all that is seen and unseen...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with that great multitude no one can count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages all the ordinary saints who have finished their race and sing forever to the glory of your name:

**ALL: "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"**

One: Spirit, move in us, that we might know we too are counted among the saints God's beloved children, vessels of God's grace We pray that we might be thankful and transformed, so our lives may proclaim the Great is the mystery of our faith:

**ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

One: Gracious God,...

we lift our prayer to you, using the words recited by all generations, saying:

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 sins,

as we forgive those who sin 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.

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR COMMUNION**

**ALL: Jesus Christ, our friend and savior, we give thanks as we remember you here, as we remember all your saints. Help us to remember you not just in this sanctuary but in our homes and schools our cars and offices. May this holy meal remind us that every part of our life is shot through with your grace and that we are never alone but surrounded by a cloud of witnesses united by your love. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**For All the Saints #299**

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,  
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**You were their rock, their refuge, and their might:  
You, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;  
'mid gloom and doubt, you were the one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold,  
Live as saints who nobly fought of old,  
And share with them a glorious crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Ringed by a cloud of witnesses divine,  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

## **WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

### **\*COMMISSION**

One: Individually, the way forward may be overwhelming.

**ALL: As a community of faith, we are nourished for the long journey**

One: When the voice asks: "What are we doing here?"

**ALL: We respond: "Listening for the still small voice of God".**

One: Soon we will leave this building, but we are always the church, the body of Christ.

**ALL: We are the hands and feet of Jesus, carrying God's love and grace to the world.**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*SUNG BENEDICTION**