



Preparation for Worship

Today is World Communion Sunday. The tradition of celebrating our unity in Christ and the wideness of God began in 1933 with Rev. Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr, who was a Presbyterian pastor and former moderator of the General Assembly in 1930. The World Communion observance was formally adopted by the US Presbyterian Church in 1936 and eventually became a part of the worship traditions of other denominations.

The music used in worship today is but a small sample of the many multicultural hymns included in Glory to God, which is the 2013 denominational hymnal of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA). When making hymn selections, the editors of the hymnal were intentional about inclusivity saying, "The framework of salvation history is widely inclusive. It has places for existing hymns and invites the writing of new words and music to supply major omissions. It makes room for the whole of the biblical witness, not only psalms and the Gospels that are already well reflected in hymn texts, but also the segments of the Scriptures that are not. It incorporates the events of the Christian year, the sacraments, and the mission of the church throughout the world as Christ's living body." (Appendix 1, Theological Vision Statement, Glory to God)

As we gather with Christians around the world to receive the sacrament of communion, may we celebrate the complete body of Christ as we continue to strive for unity.

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

GATHERING SONG HYMN 388

Come, All You People, Uyai Mose (Zimbabwe)

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari; Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari;
Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari; uyai mose zvino.

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 19

Leader: Incline your hearts to the wisdom of God; seek integrity and understanding.

People: The testimonies of God are wonderful; God's law gives light to all who hear it.

Leader: If you accept God's words and store up his commands within you, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,

People: If you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will find the knowledge of God, for the Lord gives wisdom and from God's mouth comes truth and understanding.

Leader: God holds victory in store for the upright

People: and is a shield to those whose walk is blameless.

HYMN 515

I Come with Joy, Dove of Peace (American Folk Melody)

1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven,
loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love
laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us
here, alive among us here.

2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all
are fed, the new community of love in Christ's
communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

5 Together met, together bound by all that God has
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love
that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud
division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious and loving God, we try to grow happily, patiently, and faithfully in the soil you have prepared for us. You feed us, shelter us, and provide for our daily needs. Yet, we often fail to offer you the fruit of our harvest. We act as though we were abandoned children, trying to make it on our own. We feel forsaken, attacked by wild boars, cut down by our enemies, and neglected in the wilderness of our lives. Yet, through it all, you remain faithful. Renew our lives once more, and we will call your name on high (continue with silent confession...). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Be assured that God's love is sufficient. In the warmth of the sun, the fertility of the soil, and the refreshment of life-giving water, we have been given all that we need.

People: **God hears our cries, and comes to save us. Through Christ we may lay aside our sins; through Christ, we know we are safe. Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those

tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

SERMON

The Vineyard and the Days of Awe

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Eternal God (*prayer continues...*) We pray the prayer taught to us by our Lord Jesus Christ,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

SONG OF COMMUNION HYMN 528

Come, Let Us Eat, A Va De (Liberia)

1. Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread;
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our
Lord's body let us take together; our Lord's body
let us take together.

2. Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured;
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured, let us drink together; Jesus'
blood poured, let us drink together.

3. In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest; in
Jesus' presence now we meet and rest. In the
presence of our Lord we gather; in the presence
of our Lord we gather.

3. Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty
word; rise, then to spread abroad God's mighty
word. Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom;
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

HYMN 669

1. Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of glad rejoicing.
Let's sing a hymn of love, at the new day's fresh
beginning. God made the sky above, the stars, the
sun, the oceans; and God saw it was good, for those
works were filled with beauty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!

Let's Sing Unto the Lord, Cantemos al Senor (Spanish)

2. Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of adoration,
which shows our love and faith and the hope of all
creation. Through all that has been made, the Lord is
praised for greatness, and so we sing to God, who
bestows such lovely blessings.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG HYMN 765

May the God of Hope, Canto de esperanza (Argentina)

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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