

Gathering Song: The God of All Grace

Refrain: The God of all grace has blessed us this day,

All of creation join us in praise; lifting our voices, lifting our hearts

To the glory of God forever!

1. God of power and might, come into our presence this day. Strengthen us now with a spirit of faith: we gather in you name!

2. God of mercy and truth, bring us from night into day.

Nourish our lives with a spirit of hope and shield us from all fear!

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Readings found at G 1178 Responsorial Psalm:

"Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth."

Preparation of the Gifts: There Is a Longing

Refrain: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,

For you to reveal yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love

We only find in you, our God.

1. For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer. In sorrow, in grief: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

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Communion Song: Draw Near

Refrain: Draw near, draw near! Take the Body of your Lord.
Draw near, draw near! Drink the Blood for you outpoured.

1. Draw near and take the body of your Lord,

And drink with faith the Blood for you outpoured.

Saved by Christ's Body and his holy Blood

With souls refreshed we give our thanks to God. (refrain)

2. Christ, our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,

Has by his cross and blood the vic'try won.

He spent his life for greatest and for least.

Praise Christ, the Pascal Victim, Christ the Priest. (refrain)

3. Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere,

And claim the promise of salvation here.

Christ rules our hearts, and all his saints defends;

He gives believers life that never ends. (refrain)

4. With heavn'ly bread Christ makes the hungry whole;

His living water fills the thirsting soul.

Alpha, Omega, unto whom shall bow.

All nations of the earth be with us now.

Text: Sancte, venite, Christi corpus sumite, 7^{th} cent.; tr. By John M. Neale, 1818-1866 alt. Tune: Steven Janco, b. 1961

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Closing Song: Go Make A Difference

Refrain:

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world. Go make a difference.

We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.

1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see

The love of God in you and me.

We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen.

Go make a difference in the world. (refrain)

2. We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need,

The face of God for all to see.

We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace.

Go make a difference in the world. (refrain)

Text: Matthew 5:13-16, Steve Angrisano, b. 1945, and Tom Tomaszak, b. 1950
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