

# Welcome to Worship

*Sharing life in Christ with each other and our neighbors*

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## Prelude

### **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** (#579)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above,  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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## Welcome & Announcements

### Focus

The people have come to Jesus looking for another miracle, and for more free food. Instead, Jesus says they need to be seeking the "true bread from heaven" in order to obtain eternal life. Jesus has already clarified that this does not mean good works but refers to belief in the One sent by God.

### Confession

(Reading Together)

God, we confess that our hunger to be nourished is misdirected. There are times we truly need to taste and see that the Lord is good, because we are stumbling and falling, because the world is full of so many not good things. Have mercy on us.

### Assurance of Pardon

Our living Heavenly Father sends to us his only Son, to give his very life for the life of the world, for you and for me. It is for Christ's sake that our sins are forgiven.

## We Greet Each Other

**Scripture Reading:** John 6:35-59

### **Sing of the Lord's Goodness**

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,  
Come to him and bless his name.  
Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever,  
Faithful to the end of days.  
Come, then, all you nations,  
Sing of your Lord's goodness,  
Melodies of praise and thanks to God.  
Ring out the Lord's glory,  
Praise him with your music,  
Worship him and bless his name.

Power he has wielded, honor is his garment,  
Risen from the snares of death.  
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,  
New life he now gives to all.  
Come, then, all you nations,  
Sing of your Lord's goodness,  
Melodies of praise and thanks to God.  
Ring out the Lord's glory,  
Praise him with your music,  
Worship him and bless his name.

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,  
Spirit of our God most high;  
Solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,  
Splendor of the living God.  
Come, then, all you nations,  
Sing of your Lord's goodness,  
Melodies of praise and thanks to God.  
Ring out the Lord's glory,  
Praise him with your music,  
Worship him and bless his name.

Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet,  
Praise God with the lute and harp;  
Praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing,  
Praise God till the end of days.  
Come, then, all you nations,  
Sing of your Lord's goodness,  
Melodies of praise and thanks to God.  
Ring out the Lord's glory,  
Praise him with your music,  
Worship him and bless his name

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### **Let Us Break Bread Together** (#837)

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the Lord of life,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the Lord of life,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the Lord of life,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

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### **Presenting Our Gifts to God/Congregational Prayer**

**Message:** "The True Bread for That Which is Truly Life"  
David Rowe

### **Eat This Bread #818**

Eat this bread, drink this cup; come to Christ and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

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### **The Lord's Supper**

#### **Litany:**

Pastor: In the Lord's Supper, Christ offers his own crucified body and shed blood to his people, assuring them a share in his death and resurrection. By the Holy Spirit, he feeds us with his resurrection life and binds us to each other as we share one loaf and cup.

**People: We receive this food gladly, believing, as we eat, that Jesus is our life-giving food and drink and that he will come again to call us to the wedding feast of the Lamb.**

### **The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come 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.

### **Parting Blessing**

**Spirit of the Living God** (#749)

Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,  
move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind,  
make us one in love;  
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God,  
fill our lives with love.

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**Postlude With Opportunity for Intercessory Prayer**