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# *Come and Worship the Lord*

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Today's Lay Reader: Judy Pine

## **Welcome**

## **Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11am on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People:** **We come, ready to learn more about who Jesus is!**

**Leader:** The Bible tells us a lot about who Jesus is. But it also tells us a lot about who Jesus is not.

**People:** **Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is NOT an Earthly king. The difference is very important.**

**Prelude**

Meditation on "Bread of Life"

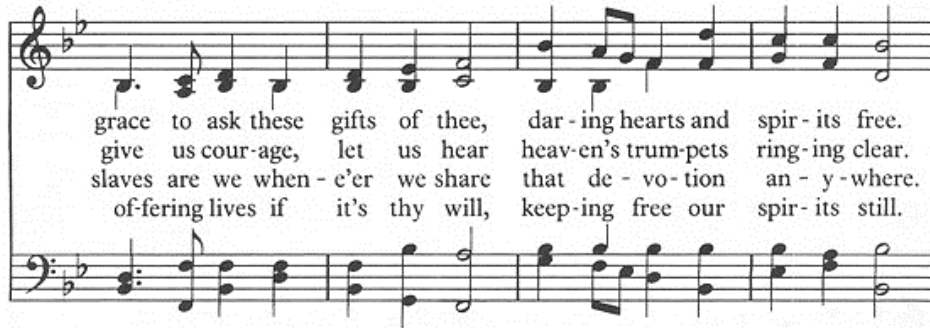
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Hymn

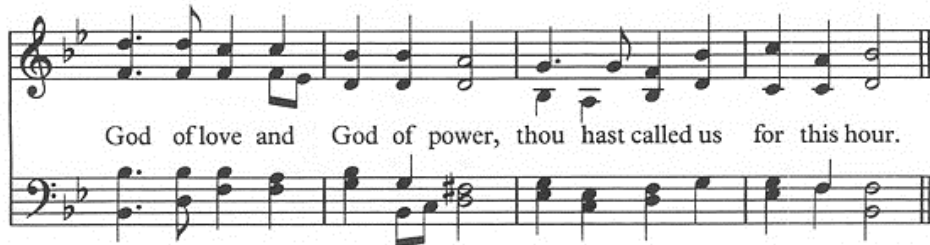
God of Love and God of Power



1. God of love and God of power, grant us in this burn-ing hour  
 2. We are not the first to be ban-ished by our fears from thee;  
 3. All our lives be-long to thee, thou our fi-nal loy-al-ty;  
 4. God of love and God of power, make us wor-thy of this hour;



grace to ask these gifts of thee, dar-ing hearts and spir-its free.  
 give us cour-age, let us hear heav-en's trum-pets ring-ing clear.  
 slaves are we when-e'er we share that de-vo-tion an-y-where.  
 of-fering lives if it's thy will, keep-ing free our spir-its still.



God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

Opening Prayer

**Lord, thank you for waking us up this morning! Thank you for calling us to the sanctuary and to our screens to connect with you and your people. We thank you for the things that lift us up, and we give to you the things that weigh us down. Thank you for giving us each day our daily bread. Almighty God, equip us, strengthen us and then send us! Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

In the Name of the Lord

*(sing twice)*

There is strength in the name of the Lord. There is power in the name of the Lord.  
 There is hope in the name of the Lord. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

### Scripture Lesson

John 6:1-15

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

**Solo**

In Remembrance of Me  
*Jim Goodrich*

Buryl Red

**Message**

*Jesus Feeds 5,000 Families*

### Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

**Offertory**

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

arr. Todd Kendall

**Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## A Service of Word and Table

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### Hymn

### I Am Thine, O Lord

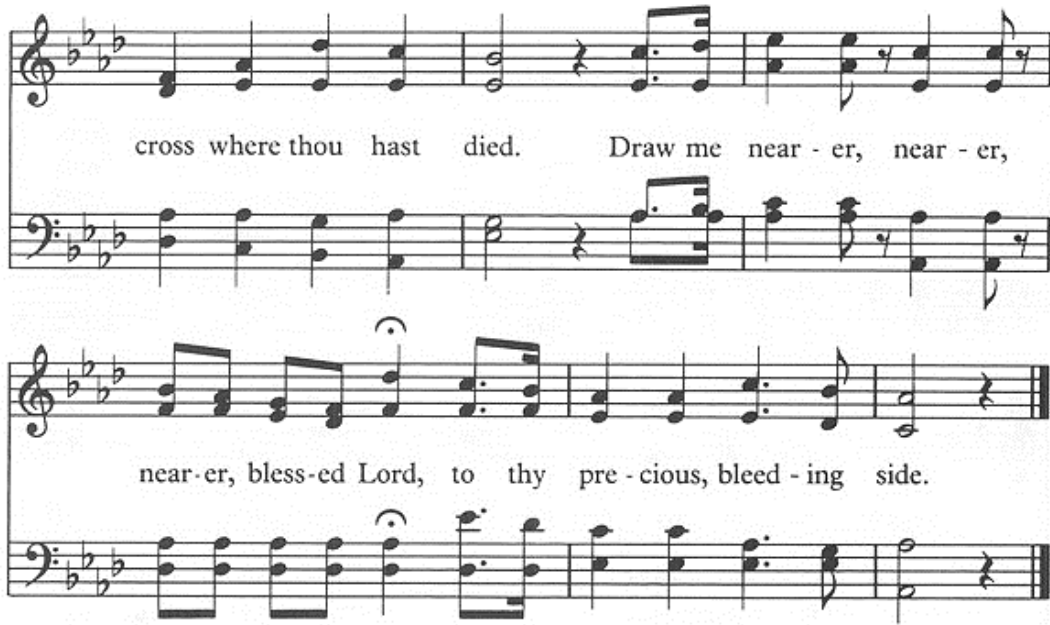
1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it  
 2. Con - se - crate me now to thy ser - vice, Lord, by the  
 3. O the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour that be -  
 4. There are depths of love that I can - not know till I

told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the  
 power of grace di - vine; let my soul look up with a  
 fore thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with  
 cross the nar - row sea; there are heights of joy that I

arms of faith and be clos - er drawn to thee.  
 stead - fast hope, and my will be lost in thine.  
 thee, my God, I com - mune as friend with friend!  
 may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.

*Refrain*

Draw me near - er, near - er, bless - ed Lord, to the  
 near - er, near - er,



cross where thou hast died. Draw me near - er, near - er,  
near - er, bless - ed Lord, to thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Postlude in G**

**Gustav Merkel**

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## A Service of Word and Table

### Invitation

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### Confession and Pardon

**People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are all forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! All: Thanks be to God!**

### The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's mighty acts of salvation, and concludes: And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

*The people sing their response:*

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of  
power and might. Heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo - - - - -  
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -  
est! Blest is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the high - est!

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*The pastor continues the Thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes: And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and*

living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*The people sing their response:*

## Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,  
Christ will come a - gain. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the high - est!

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*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding: All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.*

**ALL: Amen!**

**Breaking the Bread**

**Giving the Cup**