



Saints Alive! Living Generously

—1 Corinthians 16:1-4 (NRSV)

GATHERING SONG

Light Dawns on a Weary World

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Verse 1/3:

Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain:

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall
break forth with singing! We shall go out
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Verse 2/3:

Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes.

Refrain:

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall
break forth with singing! We shall go out
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Verse 3/3:

Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes.

Refrain:

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall
break forth with singing! We shall go out
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: God our Lavish Giver calls us to confess in the poverty of our sins so that we might know the richness and blessing of God's grace.

--Silence for Reflection--

P: Creator God,

C: forgive our moments of ingratitude, the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world, the endless cycle of nature, of life and death and rebirth. Forgive us for taking without giving, reaping without sowing. Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise, our hands to share. Transform our hearts that we may give thanks for what we have, be accepting of what we don't, and be willing to share gratefully with our neighbors, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Hear the promise of the Gospel: **"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them." (Matthew 6:25).** If the Father feeds and clothes us, will he not also forgive our sins when we ask? In the name of Jesus Christ our sins have been forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

A: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven: (Eph 1)

C: who knew you and chose you before the world began; (I Pet 1, Eph 1)

A: who loves you so much that he calls you his own children; (I Jn 3)

C: who has brought you from darkness into light and filled you with his glorious power; (Col 1)

A: who has prepared an inheritance for you that will never spoil or fade; (I Pet 1)

C: who encourages and strengthens you in every good deed and word; (2 Thess 2)

A: who comforts you in your troubles so that you can comfort others. (2 Cor 1)

C: This is our God, the ultimate source of all things, and the One for whom we live. (I Cor. 8)

ALL: Let's worship God together!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Generous, Giving God:

C: You call us to be disciples of your Son Jesus and good stewards of all your many gifts. Open our minds and hearts to a greater awareness and deeper appreciation of all your countless blessings. Transform us through the power of your Spirit to live a faithful life marked by service to our neighbor and generous sharing. Indeed may we bring to you the first fruits and return ten-fold the gifts entrusted to us, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:11-18

¹¹ Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous[b] snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶ and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

Deuteronomio 8:11-18

¹¹ Pero ten cuidado de no olvidar al SEÑOR tu Dios. No dejes de cumplir sus mandamientos, normas y preceptos que yo te mando hoy. ¹² Y cuando hayas comido y te hayas saciado, cuando hayas edificado casas cómodas y las habites, ¹³ cuando se hayan multiplicado tus ganados y tus rebaños, y hayan aumentado tu plata y tu oro y sean abundantes tus riquezas, ¹⁴ no te vuelvas orgulloso ni olvides al SEÑOR tu Dios, quien te sacó de Egipto, la tierra donde viviste como esclavo. ¹⁵ El SEÑOR te guió a

través del vasto y horrible desierto, esa tierra reseca y sedienta, llena de serpientes venenosas y escorpiones; te dio el agua que hizo brotar de la más dura roca; ¹⁶ en el desierto te alimentó con maná, comida que jamás conocieron tus antepasados. Así te humilló y te puso a prueba, para que a fin de cuentas te fuera bien. ¹⁷ No se te ocurra pensar: “Esta riqueza es fruto de mi poder y de la fuerza de mis manos”. ¹⁸ Recuerda al SEÑOR tu Dios, porque es él quien te da el poder para producir esa riqueza; así ha confirmado hoy el pacto que bajo juramento hizo con tus antepasados..

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22

¹⁴ And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵ See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil.

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1 Tesalonicenses 5:14-22

¹⁴ Hermanos, también les rogamos que amonesten a los holgazanes, estimulen a los desanimados, ayuden a los débiles y sean pacientes con todos. ¹⁵ Asegúrense de que nadie pague mal por mal; más bien, esfuércense siempre por hacer el bien, no solo entre ustedes, sino a todos. ¹⁶ Estén siempre alegres, ¹⁷ oren sin cesar, ¹⁸ den gracias a Dios en toda situación, porque esta es su voluntad para ustedes en Cristo Jesús. ¹⁹ No apaguen el Espíritu, ²⁰ no desprecien las profecías, ²¹ sométanlo todo a prueba, aférrense a lo bueno, ²² eviten toda clase de mal.

SERMON

It's All Good

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SPECIAL MUSIC

I've Got Peace Like a River Other Songbook #108

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

CREDO APOSTOLICO

Creo en Dios Padre Todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra; y en Jesucristo, su único Hijo, Señor nuestro; que fue concebido del Espíritu Santo, nació de la virgen María, padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilatos; fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado; descendió a los infiernos; al tercer día resucitó de entre los muertos; subió al cielo, y está sentado a la diestra de Dios Padre Todopoderoso; y desde allí vendrá al fin del mundo a juzgar a los vivos y a los muertos. Creo en el Espíritu Santo, la Santa Iglesia Católica, la comunión de los santos, el perdón de los pecados, la resurrección de la carne y la vida perdurable. Amén

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A:

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

CELEBRATION HOLY COMMUNION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P: We sing a song of thanksgiving today, dear God:

C: We pause in the midst of all that is unholy, unthinkable, and undeniable, to look within, and offer our gratitude. We rejoice that we have voice and head and heart so that we can love one another, love you, and love all of your people. We celebrate the abundance in our lives, and that we can share it with the others. In jubilation and grace, we offer ourselves and all that we are and have to you, in return for all that you have us, undeserving as we are, of your abundant love and grace. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

COMMITMENT TIME

COMMITMENT PRAYER

P: God of harvest, gardener supreme,

C: you place us at the center, feed us, equip us and, having provided for us, look to a different harvest—a fruitfulness of lives in service to you and others. God of harvest, feed us, prune us, harvest us, that our lives might bring glory to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest, Amen.

BLESSING

P: Now may the God, Father, Son and+ Holy Spirit, who has done abundantly more for you than you could ever ask or merit, bless, preserve and keep you now and always!

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Shout to the Lord

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Verse:

**My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength'
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You.**

Refrain:

**Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King**

**Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hand
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have
In You**

Verso:

**Mi Christo, mi Rey
Nadie es como tÙ
Toda mi vida
Quiero exaltar
Las maravillas de tu amor
Consuelo, Refugio
Torre de fuerza y poder
Todo mi ser
Lo que yo soy
Nunca cese de adorar**

Estribillo:

**Canta al Señor, toda la creación
Honra y poder, majestad sea al Rey
Montes caerán y el mar rugirá
Al sonar de tu nombre
Canto con gazo al mirar tu poder
Por siempre yo te amare y dire
Incomparables promesas me das Señor**

Verse:

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DISMISSAL

P: The worship has ended, the service begins. Go and bear fruit for Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

