

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song: Gather Us In G 913

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth

Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm 117: Go into all the world and proclaim the Good News! (x2)

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Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel Acclamation: Salisbury Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Homily

Universal Prayer / Creed / Renewal of Promises

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: To You Who Bow **G 625**

To you who bow
To you who bend
To you who do not cling to heaven
But unto us descend
You who summon us as servants,
And call your servants friends:
To you we lift our song,
Love ever new,
O God who bows, we sing our song to you.

To you who teach
To you who heal
To you, the leper's restoration,
The victim's last appeal,
You whose life is sown and gathered
And offered as a meal:
To you we lift our song,
Love ever new,
O God who bows, we sing our song to you.

To you who weep
To you who bleed
Who dreamed the boundaries of Orion
But will not break the reed
You who sow the end of empire
With tiny, peaceful seed:
To you we lift our song,
Love ever new,
O God who bows, we sing our song to you.

To you who starve,

To you who thirst,
To you condemned by malice,
Abandoned and accursed,
You who promised to the wretched
The last will be made first,
To you we lift our song,
Love ever new,
O God who bows, we sing our song to you.

To you, who rise,
To you, our peace,
To you who lead the way before us
Whose spirit binds and frees
At once the alpha and omega,
Whose love shall never cease.
To you we lift our song,
Love ever new,
O God who bows, we sing our song to you.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Creation **G 231, 234, 238** (Holy - We Proclaim - Amen)

COMMUNION RITE

Our Father

Lamb of God: Mass of Creation **G 240**

Communion Song: Blessed and Beloved **G 811**

Blessed and beloved, you, the poor and lowly,
you are blessed and holy in the sight of our God.
Blessed and beloved, you who mourn in sorrow.
You shall dance tomorrow in the joy of the Lord.

Rejoice and be glad for you are not forgotten.
Great will be the treasure that awaits you now in heaven.
Rejoice and be glad for you are not forgotten.
Blessed and beloved are you.

CONCLUDING RITE

Dismissal Chant: The Kingdom of God **G 810**

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.
God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

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