

July 25, 2021.

Swagatam, Tansi, Welcome

Lighting of Candle

Acknowledgement of Land

Singing Lord you are good

Lord you are good and your mercy endureth forever (3x)

People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation

We worship you, Hallelujah, Hallelujah(2x)
We worship you for who you are(2x)

For you are good

Welcome Table

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table,
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days (2x)
All God's children gonna sit together
All God's children gonna sit together one of these days (2x)

There'll be food for everybody
There'll be food for everybody one of these days (2x)

We're gonna feast on milk and honey
We're gonna feast on milk and honey one of these days (2x)

Love will bind us all together
Love will bind us all together one of these days (2x)

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days (2x)

Call to Worship

God of Hope, rising each new day, you gather us together in worship:

be at the heart of our praising.

You gather us to hear your good news:

be at the heart of our listening.

You gather us to see the risen Christ:

Be at the heart of our seeing.

You gather us to send us out in faith:

be at the heart of our serving.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

Praise be to God!

Amen

Announcements

Opening Prayer

O God, in the midst of the journey,
We try to remember that sometimes the nature of hope is writ large:
Slaves are freed.
Women are persons.
Vaccines are discovered.
Berlin walls are torn down.
Apartheid ends.
Marriage laws become more inclusive.
Bullying is challenged.
And we give thanks.

O God, in the midst of the journey,
We try to remember that sometimes the nature of hope is small:
leaven and mustard seeds,
little pearls of kindness and great value,
hidden treasures of beauty,
significant seconds of prophetic courage,
poignant exchanges of grace,
mere, and yet, monumental moments of mystery.
And we give thanks.

O God, in the midst of the journey,
we try to remember that sometimes the nature of hope is persistence:
plodding on despite any evidence of success,
speaking truth to power in spite of indifference,
refusing to succumb to despair and disappointment,
disenfranchisement and discouragement.
And we give thanks.

O God, in the midst of the journey,
we try to remember that sometimes hope has a future component:
naming possibilities,
assessing opportunities,
dreaming large.
And we give thanks.

O God, in the midst of the journey,
we try to remember that sometimes the nature of hope is attitudinal, a present orientation of the heart.
saying yes to life
embracing the adventure
claiming that "the journey is home."
And we give thanks.

O God, in the midst of the journey,

help us to hold up a hope that is not
shallow, wishful thinking or unrealistic illusion,
that is not gloomy resignation or disengaged survival.

Help us to live into Easter.

Help us to embody resurrection.

Help us to be the hope we want to see in the world.

AMEN

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Singing God of peace and justice (Knox songbook – English and Arabic)

God of peace and justice, rain down upon us your peace
God of peace and justice, let every heart be filled with peace

Arabic

Ya rab-ba Ssa-la-mi, am-ter a-lay-na ssa-lam

Ya rab-ba ssa-la-mi, im nah bi-la da-na ssal-lam

Peace

Time With Children

Lord's Prayer

Music Ministry – *"I Want You to Know"* Craig Oliphant

Scripture Rusty Guiboche Khem Khadka

Singing All who hunger (VU 460)

1. All who hunger, gather gladly, holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that Good is good.

2. All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

3. All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Reflection

Offering/Offering Prayer

Singing God bless to us our bread (MV 193 – Spanish, English, French)

English

English God bless to us our bread,
and give bread to all those who are hungry,
and hunger for justice to those who are fed,

God bless to us our bread.

Spanish

Bendice, Señor, nuestro pan, y da pan a los que tienen hambre y hambre de justicia a los que tienen, bendice, Señor, nuestro pan.

French

Dieu, bé-nis no-tre pain; don-ne du pain à ceux qui ont faim, Don-ne faim de justice à ceux qui ont du pain, Dieu, bé-nis no-tre pain.

Community Prayers

Singing Jesus you have come to the lakeshore (VU 563)

1. Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones,
you only asked me to follow humbly. **R**

2. You know so well my possessions,
my boat carries no gold and no weapons,
you will find there my nets and labour. **R**

3. You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. **R**

4. You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. **R**

Refrain

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name,
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,
by your side I will seek other seas.**

Blessing

We are the people of God—we continue on the journey of faith that began long ago.

We are the body of Christ—may we act with compassion and understanding to bring hope to all we meet.

We share in the communion of saints—let us show our faith, compassion and love in all we do and say, think and feel.

And may the triune God—the Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer—be with all of us this day and always. AMEN

Sung Blessing Teach me to dance

Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart

*Teach me to move in the power of your Spirit
Teach me to walk in the light of your presence
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart
Teach me to love with your heart of compassion
Teach me to trust in the word of your promise
Teach me to hope in the day of your coming
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.*

You wrote the rhythm of life
Created heaven and earth
In You is joy without measure
So, like a child in your sight
I dance to see your delight
For I was made for your pleasure. Pleasure

Let all my movements express
A heart that loves to say 'yes'
A will that leaps to obey you
Let all my energy blaze
To see the joy in your face
Let my whole being praise you, praise you.