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Call to Worship [Psalm 98 – Make a Joyful Noise to Yahweh 🎵 | #Psalms #Faith #Praise](#)

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Gathered together as the Children of God, at this baptismal font we remember all that God has done for us:

When the flood waters subsided God said to Noah and his family:  
**Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures**

After God parted the waters of the Red Sea so Moses and his people might cross to safety God commanded them: **Remember the sabbath day by keeping it holy**

When God had provided water from a rock and manna from heaven, Moses said to his people: **Remember you were slaves in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you**

When the criminal on the cross said to Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom, Jesus, the Living Water, said: **Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.**

As people baptized into Christ's death and resurrection God has made a new covenant with us promising: **I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.**

Whenever water and the Holy Spirit is poured out in this font we remember. **We remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Thanks be to God!**

**Opening Hymn: Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken ACS 966**

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore. Jesus Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus feed again your people. Be our host, our life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus feed again your people. Be our host, our life, our Lord.

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.  
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus  
feed again your people. Be our host, our life, our Lord.

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share  
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and  
care.

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus  
feed again your people. Be our host, our life, our Lord.

## **Greeting**

### **Prayer of the Day**

God of the Everlasting Covenant, as we gather to worship we  
remember your great love for us. Make us ever mindful of your  
grace. Open us to your ways so that we might share with others the  
hope that comes from knowing Christ. In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.

## **Children's Message**

**Centering Song**      [Remembrance \(Acoustic\) - Hillsong Worship](#)

### **Welcome the Word**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song  
shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in  
three persons blessed Trinity!

## **Scripture Reading**

**Luke 22:14-23**

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.  
**Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God!**

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day: Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table ACS 977**

Look who gathers at Christ's table hear the stories that they bring some are weeping, some are laughing, some have songs they want to sing, others ask why they're invited burdened by the wrong they've done. Christ insists they all are welcome, there is room for everyone.

Clouds of light surround the table ancient followers appear. Saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt their doubt and fear. Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight. Paul relates his fruitful efforts to obliterate the light.

Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways but they share one thing in common they all end in thanks and praise. For

the host who has invited north and south and east and west to converge around this table where all life is fed and blest.

Bring your joy and bring your sadness and prepare to be surprised by the host whose hands are wounded who will open wide your eyes when he blesses bread and breaks it truth and manna from above, and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.

### **Apostles' Creed/Bible Presentation**

**Prayers of Intercession**                      God of grace, receive our prayer

**Peace**

### **Offering**

#### **Offertory Response**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

#### **Offering Prayer**

Generous God, as we place our offerings before you we remember your great faithfulness. Remind us that generosity is born out of trust. Use these gifts for the sake of a world who needs to know your love. Now make us ready to receive Christ at the table you have set before us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Words of Consecration**

At this holy table generations of God's beloved have tasted and seen the Lord's goodness. They have remembered all those who have lived and died in the faith sustained by this holy meal. We

remember the very first time it was shared. On the night Jesus was betrayed he gathered at a table with his disciples.

He took bread...

Remembering Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension we share this meal to sustain us in the life of faith until Jesus returns.

As we now prepare to receive this sacred bread and cup may the Holy Spirit be poured out, reminding us of God's grace and mercy as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us...

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Communion Hymn : What Feast of Love WOV 701**

What feast of love is offered here what banquet come from heaven

What food of everlasting life what gracious gift is given

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven

Oh, taste and see and sing. How sweet the manna given

What light of truth is offered here what covenant from heaven

What hope of everlasting life what wondrous word is given

This, this is Christ the king the sun come down from heaven

Oh, see and hear and sing the Word of God is given

What wine of love is offered here what holy drink from heaven

What stream of everlasting life what precious blood is given

This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven

Oh, taste and see and sing the Son of God is given

## **Communion Distribution**

## **Post Communion Blessing**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of mercy, in this holy meal we have tasted your goodness and been reminded of your grace. Satisfied and strengthened let us now live a life that remembers your everlasting love for us and the whole world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Announcements

### Blessing

**Sending Hymn : Great is Thy Faithfulness LBW 733**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

(refrain)

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (refrain)

**Dismissal** Remember we love because God first loved us. Now go in  
peace. **Thanks be to God!**