



Loving Witnessing Growing

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Trinity 6

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

Priest: We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise his presence with us.

Silence is kept

Leader: As God's people we have gathered:

**All: We come as we are,
we will leave changed by the love of God.**

SUNG WORSHIP: 10,000 REASONS

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.*

**The sun comes up,
it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass,
and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing
when the evening comes.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul

**You're rich in love,
and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great,
and Your heart is kind.**

**For all Your goodness,
I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find
*Bless the Lord, O my soul...***

**And on that day
when my strength is failing,
the end draws near,
and my time has come;
still my soul will sing
Your praise unending:
ten thousand years
and then forever more!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul...

**I'll worship Your holy name.
Yes, I'll worship Your holy name.**

LISTENING TO THE WORD

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

SERMON FOR CHILDREN

CONFESSION

Priest: Merciful God, you plant each of us like seeds in the same field
and together we are nourished and nurtured by the sun.
We sway in the wind and are refreshed by the rain.

We are blessed by the knowledge that you want us to grow towards what you call us to be.

When we deprive others of that same opportunity,

All: forgive us.

Priest: When we want to uproot those whom we believe do not belong in our part of the field,

All: forgive us.

Priest: When we label others as good or bad rather than accept them for who they are,

All: forgive us.

Priest: When we are reluctant to acknowledge that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat,

All: forgive us.

Priest: When we are afraid to look into the fields of our own lives to see what is growing there,

All: forgive us.

Priest: O God, you know us inside and out, through and through.

All: You search us out and lay your hand upon us.

Priest: You know what we are going to say even before we speak.

All: So we pray that you will help us to reach out to the uprooted and rejected,

Priest: the lonely and the outcast,

All: and to develop and grow the good in ourselves, in others and in the world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

ABSOLUTION

SUNG WORSHIP: HERE IS LOVE

**Here is love vast as the ocean,
loving kindness as the flood;
when the Prince of Life,
our Ransom,
shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He will never be forgotten
throughout Heav'n's eternal days.**

**On the mount of crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide,
through the floodgates
of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love like mighty rivers
poured incessant from above
and Heav'n's peace
and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.**

Let me all Thy love accepting,
love Thee ever all my days.
Let me seek Thy kingdom only
and my life be to Thy praise;
Thou alone shalt be my glory,
nothing in the world I see;
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me,
Thou Thyself hast set me free.

READING: ACTS 22:30-23:11

SERMON

SUNG WORSHIP: BE STILL MY SOUL

Be still my soul,
the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross
of grief or pain;
leave to your God
to order and provide;
in every change
He faithful will remain.
Be still my soul, your best,
your heavenly friend
through thorny ways
leads to a joyful end.

Be still my soul,
your God will undertake
to guide the future
as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence
let nothing shake,
all now mysterious
shall be bright at last.
Be still my soul,
the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them
while He dwelt below.

Be still my soul,
when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened
in the vale of tears.
Then shall you better
know His love, His heart,
who comes to soothe
your sorrow and your fears.
Be still my soul,
your Jesus can repay
from His own fullness
all He takes away.

Be still my soul,
the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be
forever with the Lord;
when disappointment,
grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot,
love's purest joys restored.
Be still my soul,
when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed
we shall meet at last.

INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...

NOTICES

SUNG WORSHIP: BE THOU MY VISION

**Be Thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart,
nought be all else to me,
save that Thou art.**

**Thou my best thought
in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my wisdom,
be Thou my true word,
I ever with Thee
and Thou with me Lord.
Thou my great Father
and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling,
and I with Thee one.**

**Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise,
Thou my inheritance
now and always.**

**Thou and thou only,
the first in my heart,
high King of heaven,
my treasure Thou art.**

**High King of heaven,
my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Son!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision,
O ruler of all!**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

A blessing is said, followed by

Leader: Go into the world in peace, be of good courage;
love without borders; share without fear; seek with passion
and pray without ceasing.

Go to love and serve the Lord;

All: **As family, we go to love, witness and grow
for God's glory in our world.**