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Here we post current prayer concerns of those with health needs and those in need of comfort, the full scriptural text for today's service, a link to give online, and important announcements about the life of our church.

## GATHERING

"PARTITA ON 'COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING'" (CORL)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM ISAIAH 60:1

- › Arise, shine, for your light has come,
- » **And the glory of the LORD rises upon you.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM 1 TIMOTHY 3:16

- › Christ manifested in the flesh,  
Christ revealed in the Spirit.
- » **Praise the Lord, all you nations.**
- › Christ contemplated by the angels,  
Christ worshiped by the Magi.
- » **Praise the Lord, all you nations.**
- › Christ professed in the world,  
Christ exalted in glory.
- » **Praise the Lord, all you nations.**

"JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE"

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the gloom of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
Stars and angels sing around thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ, our brother,  
All who live in love are thine;  
*Teach us how to love each other,*  
*Teach us how to love each other,*  
*Lift us to the joy divine.*

"FAMOUS ONE" LITANY

- » **You are the Lord, the famous One, famous One;  
Great is your name in all the earth.  
The heavens declare you're glorious, glorious;  
Great is your fame beyond all the earth.**

From Isaiah 54:10

- › "Though the mountains be shaken  
and the hills be removed,  
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken  
nor my covenant of peace be removed,'  
says the LORD, who has compassion on you."

» **(Sing refrain)**

From Psalm 145:9-13

- › "The LORD is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made.  
All your works praise you, LORD;  
your faithful people extol you.  
They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might,  
so that all people may know of your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures through all generations.  
The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises  
and faithful in all he does."

» **(Sing refrain)**

From Romans 8:35-39

- › "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

'For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

» **(Sing refrain twice)**

## CONFESSING

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

» **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

*The Lord is steadfast, merciful, and slow to anger. He extends his mercy to us and receives us as we are. Let's bring our confessions to the Lord silently.*

### WORDS OF COMFORT

- › Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
- » **Only Christ.**
- › And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; the new life has begun! Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
- » **Thanks be to God!**

### JOINING OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS

### GREETING OF PEACE

*As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able.*

## THANKSGIVING

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### OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- › Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » **For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.**

*Please be praying for our mission partner Jonas Kinda with World Horizons. He has been involved with World Horizons for 30 years and currently works in the area of evangelism and church planting, making disciples and the recruitment of workers for the unreached peoples of Burkina Faso and West Africa.*

*Want to make a gift this morning? Visit [thirdrva.org/give](http://thirdrva.org/give).*

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PROCLAIMING

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### SCRIPTURE READING | GALATIANS 5:22–23, JOHN 15:8–13

*Read along in your Bible or the online guide for this Sunday at [thirdrva.org/this-sunday](http://thirdrva.org/this-sunday).*

### SERMON | "LOVE IN A TIME OF SELFISHNESS"

## RESPONDING

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

- › Lord of love and light, shine into our lives and bring your love into our souls. Remind us of the amazing ways you have loved us, even when we turned our backs on you. Open our hearts to receive your loving Spirit. Open our minds to receive your wisdom. Open our hands to show others your loving compassion. Lord, in your mercy,
  - » **Hear our prayer.**
- › Lord of love and light, we hold in our hearts those around us who feel unloved. We bring them to you for you to shine your love into their lives. We hold in our minds those who are overwhelmed by their needs and difficulties. We hold in our hands your loving compassion to give them. Lord, in your mercy,
  - » **Hear our prayer.**
- › Lord of love and light, there are people and places that are dark and in the dark about your love. Shine forth your light and love in their lives and in those places. There are people and places that have closed their minds to you, to others, to new and fresh ideas. Shine forth your light and love and use us, your church, to open what has been closed. Lord, in your mercy,
  - » **Hear our prayer.**

- › And now, gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us, saying:
- » **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.**

*Request prayer and pray for those with health needs or for those in need of comfort: [thirdrva.org/prayer](http://thirdrva.org/prayer).*

## SENDING

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### "WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE"

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
Born of his Spirit, established by his Word;  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:  
O let us live transparently,  
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,  
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;  
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:  
O let us share each joy and care,  
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,  
Called to obey him, now risen from the dead;  
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:  
O let us give our gifts to God,  
And so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,  
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;  
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire:  
Yet joined in one the flame burns on  
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.

### COMMISSION AND BLESSING | FROM 1 JOHN 4:10-12

- › This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
- » **Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.**

### "HYMN TO JOY" (JASON PAYNE)

# JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays;
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!

3rd x to Refrain



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.

Refrain: (sing 3x)



Teach us how to love each oth - er, \_\_\_\_\_

End



teach us how to love each oth - er, \_\_\_\_\_ lift us to the joy di - vine.



# WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE

*Unison*



1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord, born of his  
2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, for we have  
3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head, called to o -  
4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place, formed in great



Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word; our cor - ner - stone is  
known it, the love of God out - poured; now let us learn how  
- bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he wills us be a  
weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we die a - lone, for



Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O let us live trans -  
to re - turn the gift of love once given: O let us share each  
fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: O let us give our  
on its own each em - ber - los - es fire: yet joined in one the



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joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es Heaven.  
gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.  
flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.