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## GATHERING

"FANTASIA ON 'TON-Y-BOTEL'" (RICHARD PURVIS)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

- › The Father Almighty, sustainer of our every breath and creator of the farthest unseen star in the universe, on whom all things depend for their very existence, and who is all and in all: he is the one calling us to worship; do you hear his call?
- » **Father Almighty, we hear and obey!**
- › Jesus, the incarnate, flesh-wearing, air-breathing, heart-pumping Lord stands among us even now with his arms open in welcome and greeting. On him all things depend for their very existence. He is all and in all and he is calling us to worship; do you hear his call?
- » **Jesus our Lord, we hear and obey!**
- › The Spirit, mysterious and ever-present, the comforting, pulling and pushing presence of the Almighty Father, speaks to our hearts and minds with the voice of our Lord Jesus Christ. On him all things depend for their very existence. He is all and in all and he is calling us to worship; do you hear his call?
- » **Holy Spirit, we hear and obey!**
- » **Sing together:**  
*All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration.*
- › Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.
- » **I praise you, O Lord, because you saved me;  
I cried for your help, and you healed me!**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

### "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,  
Sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

*Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

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Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
As with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

### "ALMIGHTY GOD"

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.  
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears.  
Wash us in the fountain of your mercy.  
Come with your light; we cannot hide from you.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.  
With gratitude we raise our song to you.  
Come and fill the praises of your people.  
In grace and truth, you make us new again.

*Hallelujah, hallelujah.*

*Hallelujah!*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.  
We long for more than what this world provides.  
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us.  
Your river deep floods over everything.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open.  
You take away our sickness and our sin.  
Oh, Lamb of God, we gather at your table.  
In bread and wine you have supplied our needs.

## CONFESSING

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

» **Almighty God,**  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

### SILENT CONFESSION

*The Lord is steadfast, merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in love. 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!**

### 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 Andrew Fuller with World Horizons and their efforts in pioneering, recruiting, equipping, and supporting evangelism and church planting in parts of the world where there is no church, particularly among Muslim peoples.*

### OFFERTORY | "STOP BY, LORD" (BETTIS)

*Stop by, Lord, stop by. Stop by, Lord, stop by.  
Somebody needs one touch from you, Lord,  
Oh, stop by, Lord, stop by.*

*I need thee, oh, I need thee. I need thee, Jesus, I need thee.  
Somebody needs one touch from you, Lord,  
Oh, stop by, Lord, stop by.*

*I need thee, oh, I need thee. I need thee, Jesus, I need thee.  
I've got problems that I can't solve,  
Oh, stop by, Lord, stop by.*

*Want to make a gift this morning? You can drop it in the basket  
in the Commons or give online at [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 | 2 SAMUEL 9:1-13

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

### SERMON | "A MERCIFUL KING"

## RESPONDING

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### THE APOSTLES' CREED

- › Christians, what do you believe?
- » **I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sits  
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there he shall come  
to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- › Lift up your hearts!
- » **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- › Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- » **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, you have made us in your image and for yourself. You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy. God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
- › You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you. You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home. God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
- › You have sent your Son to bring us home to you. By his Incarnation—
- » **You have found us.**
- › By his Death—
- » **You have forgiven us.**
- › By his Resurrection—
- » **You have freed us.**
- › God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
- › In union with Jesus Christ of Nazareth, our Great High Priest, and with all who worship you, both in heaven and on earth, we offer you our praise, singing:
- » **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he, blessed is he  
Who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ, reconciled to you and to each other by his blood. By your Holy Spirit make us—
- » **One with Christ, one with each other, and one in mission to all the world,**
- › Until Christ shall come in final victory and we feast together at his heavenly banquet. We cry,
- » **Maranatha! Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen!**

*The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It's one of the most important things we do when we gather together, because the bread and juice are concrete signs of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. When we come forward to receive them, we believe that Jesus is actually present through the Holy Spirit, extending his grace and forgiveness to us. We welcome anyone to the table who is willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion, we invite you to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers:*

#### PRAYER OF THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

*"Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Lead me into the light and life you promise. Amen."*

#### PRAYER OF BELIEF

*"Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more blind and sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete acceptance. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen."*

*Adapted from prayers written by Rev. Scot Sherman, Redeemer Presbyterian Church*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION | FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

- › "The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

*As we take the elements together, spend a few moments meditating on the mercy of God given to us in Jesus' death and resurrection. Praise and thank God for his gift of love that binds us together in unity through Jesus' sacrifice!*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- » **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.**

## SENDING

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"MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS" | #772 IN THE HYMNAL

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found,  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | EPHESIANS 2:8-10

- › It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—  
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—  
not by works, so that no one can boast.
- » **For we are God's handiwork,  
created in Christ Jesus to do good works,  
which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

"CORTEGE" (GORDON YOUNG)