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LORD'S PRAYER

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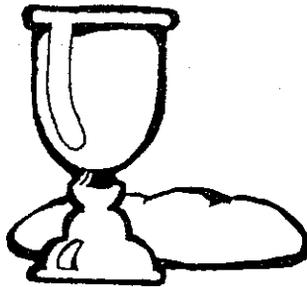
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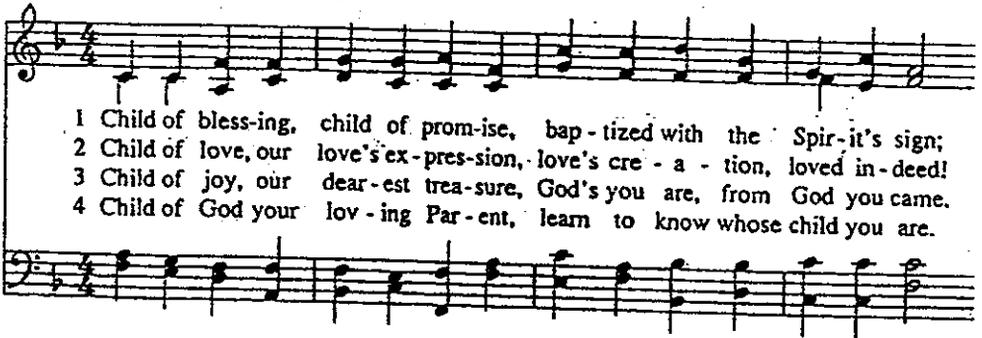
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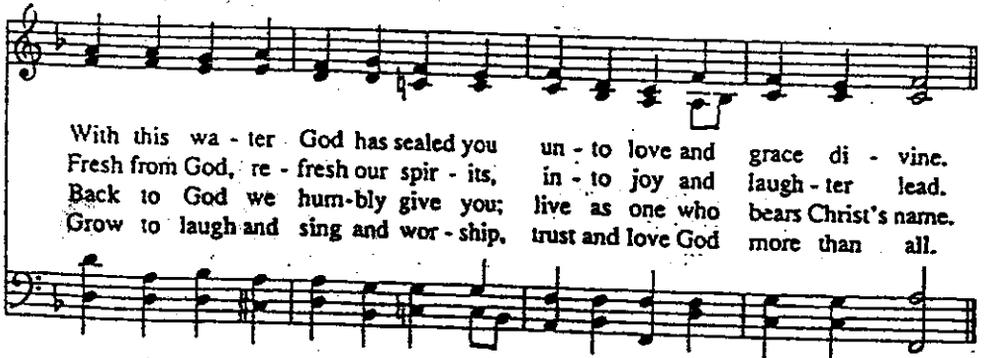
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Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981



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With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
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Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.
Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660-1716), in
Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience."

COL. 3:12

Overflowing Compassion

My trip to Russia changed my life. I was a typical American teenager when we arrived in Moscow, one who knew that different places and cultures existed, but I did not think of those differences every day. In the next two weeks I worked alongside Russian teens to help in service projects. In those days, my perspective of the world changed. I realized that nothing, except nationality, separated me from the people there. We were all teenagers wanting to have fun and make new friends.

On the day we were to return home, I realized we were close friends who did not want to say goodbye. Several weeks after being home, I suddenly realized my thoughts were no longer filled with homework and what I was going to do tomorrow. They were filled with the recognition that these people and experiences had truly changed the way I think and the ideas I have everyday. Although language and continents separated us, they did not get in the way of friendship. Teens Uniting Globally (TUG) taught me a most important lesson: friendship is possible even if spoken communication is difficult, when compassion is overflowing.

Elizabeth Barry participated in TUG this past summer which was organized by the Office of Mission Personnel.

You make the difference...



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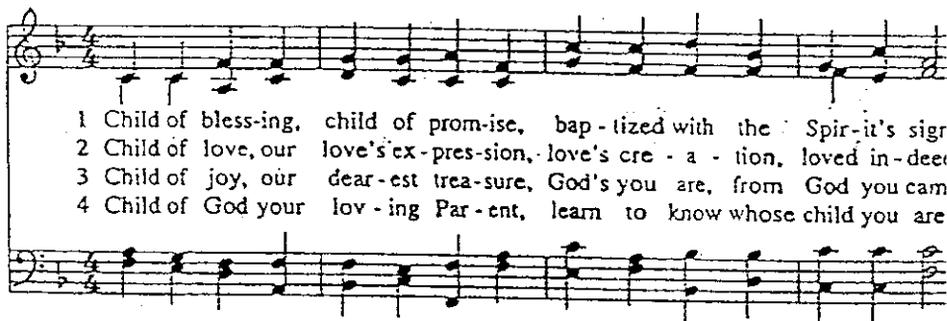
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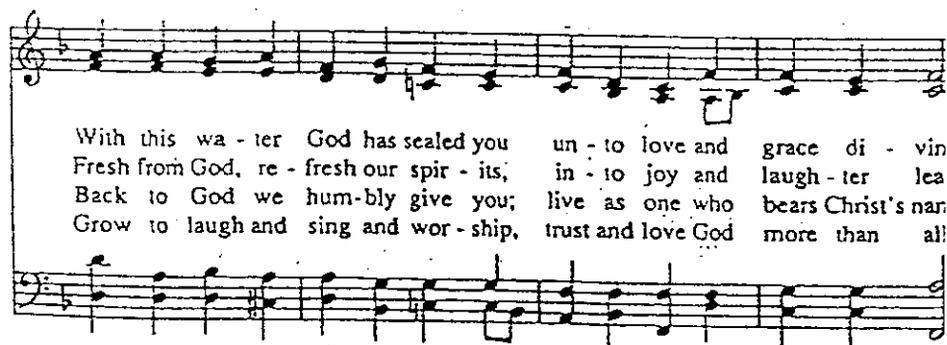
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Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660-17)
Psalmody Sacra, Gotha

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JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Chorus

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago.
Taking Children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."

Chorus

Jesus loves me! Still today, walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Chorus

50TH REUNION

On Sunday, April 27, 2003 we will celebrate the 50th year reunion of the 1953 Confirmation Class. Below is a list of the confirmands. If you know any of these class members, please tell them of this reunion and have them contact Margaret Willis @ 410-564-6742 or the church office @ 410-276-0303.

Bosse, Joyce Lula
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Casey, Bertha
Clark, Phyllis Ann
Costantini, Annette Eva
Cummins, Anna Margaret
Curcio, Beverly Ann
Cushing, Anna Marie
Faber, Frederick H.
Falkenstein, Andrew H.
Falkenstein, Barbara Ann
Fertitta, Robert Stephen
Frenk, Carol B.
Goldburn, Dawn Ella
Griffin, David Albert
Griffin, Mildren S.
Hare, James Oliver
Himmelman, Ronald Earl
Hobbie, Madeline
Hoerger, Ernest Joseph
Huber, John Fred
Jefferson, Freda Carolin
Jefferson, Ida Elizabeth
Jefferson, Leroy Allen
Kellner, Alfred Howard
Kellner, Kenneth Gabriel
Kraemer, Elizabeth Louise
Kraemer, Lorraine Catherine
Lang, Dorathea Theresa
Mack, Ronald Edward
Mayfield, Edward Frederick
Michael, Wayne Robert
Myrick, Willoughby Newton
Neumann, Elzie James
Pettersen, Carl Milton
Pettersen, Norman Ronald

Rice, Joseph
Rossmark, Frederick T.
Simmons, John Edward
Stevenson, Catherine Katy
Sullivan, Jerry Francis
Talbott, George William
Teehner, Robert Melvin
Walsh, Barbara
Walton, Elizabeth C.
Waters, Charles L.
Weaver, Kenneth
Westerman, Louis
Wiederock, Fred John
Willey, Agnes
Willey, Robert Wayne

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

One: Hear the invitation of Jesus, to this his table: " I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me."

Revelation 3:20

Communion Prayer

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All: **We lift them up to God**

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One: Living God, on this most joyous day we offer our thanks and praise to you; creator of heaven and earth creator and lover of all humanity. Even when we turned away from you, you never rejected us. You spoke words of mercy and love through the prophets; promising to swallow up death forever and to host a banquet for all people; a feast of life-giving sustenance. This meal which we share today is indeed the celebration that death has been defeated forever. We celebrate also how the language of your love became audible through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, our beloved Lord; and how the nature of your love became visible through his life and sacrificial love. He graced lives with healing and hope, with compassion and power and as if that were not enough, he gave his very life for us. And so, with all the company of heaven and earth we praise your holy name saying:

Sanctus "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth" #522

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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One: God of all power, breathe your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the life of Christ and that we may make that life visible through our faithful witness to him. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Let us pray as Christ taught. . .

Agnus Dei

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Consecration of the Elements

The Communion of the People

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Gracious God, we have been reminded of Jesus' sacrificial love for us as we have shared this meal together and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have received his life in us. May we make our thanks visible by serving you and one another - all those for whom Christ died. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Reunion Litany Insert)

1953 – 2003 CONFIRMATION REUNION LITANY

(L) Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord.

(P) Give thanks for the goodness of the Lord.

(L) Who is your Lord and Savior?

(P) Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

(L) Who has accompanied you on your life's journey?

(P) Christ has brought us to this time and place.

**For these fifty years since we reaffirmed our
baptismal vows God has empowered us
with God's Holy Spirit.**

For fifty years Christ has filled and sustained us.

For fifty years Christ has shown us grace.

**Even now, the risen Christ is with us and
continues to renew our faith.**

(L) Who is it that stands with you?

**(P) Christ has given us to be in loving fellowship with
with one another. In thanksgiving and joy, we
come to share our story and ourselves with
Christ's Church.**

(L) Do you promise to continue to be a faithful servant through
joy and sorrow?

(P) I do, with the help of God.

(L) Let us pray.

**(P) O God, renew us with your Holy Spirit, draw our
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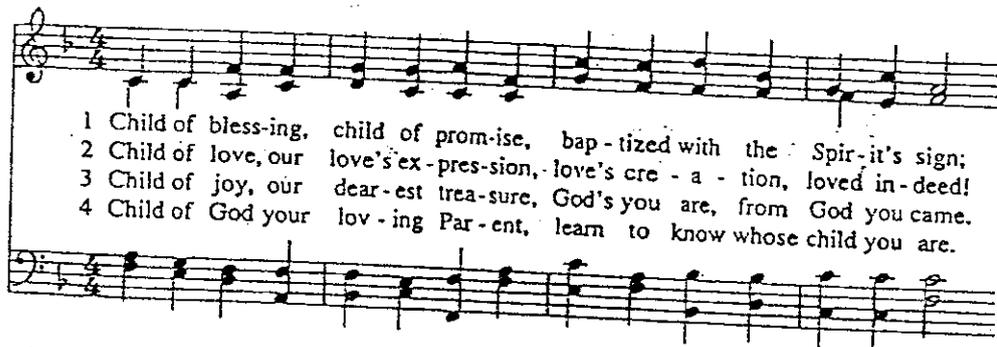
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Faith of our Mothers
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In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word:
Faith of our mothers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers! we will strive
To win all nations unto thee;
And though the truth that comes from God
Mankind shall then be truly free:
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Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
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Happy Mother's Day

Communion Survey

(Please fill out and place in the offering plate)

Definitions: *Communion Steward* - One who assists the Pastor with communion is known as a *Communion Steward*.

Intinction - A method of partaking in communion by which the bread is dipped into a common cup of wine, and the bread and wine are consumed as one.

Question #1

Do you think communion stewards are good to have, or do you think the Pastor should be the only one who distributes the communion elements? (Check one box below and state why you have selected that answer)

- Communion Stewards with Pastor

- Pastor only

Question #2

Would you be interested in being a communion steward? (If yes, please write name and phone # below)

Question #3

Do you prefer fresh bread or communion wafers? (Check one box below and state why you have selected that answer)

- Bread

- Communion wafers

- I don't have a preference, either is fine.

Question #4

If bread is used, is there any type of bread that you feel is inappropriate for the Lord's Supper? (i.e. rye, whole wheat, etc.)

Question #5

Do you have a preference with using individual communion cups or a common cup using the method of intinction? (Check one box below and state why you have selected that answer)

- individual cups

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Missions

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the following items are needed:

small tubes of Neosporin
band-aids
aspirin
Midol

small hygiene items such as toothpaste
purse size moist wipes
baby wipes refills only
small boxes of raisins and nuts

Because these items will be carried in a backpack,
they should be travel size and not in plastic containers.



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HYMN?

As part of our 130th anniversary celebration, we will be singing the favorite hymns of the congregation. Please list below your favorite three hymns and return this to the office.

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Be Imitators Of God.



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2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

John 6:35, 41-51

Psalm 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Psalm 130 OR 1 Kings 19:4-8

*Bread of Heaven, you feed us in the
depths of grief, sin, and hostility.*

*Nourish us with your word
through the long hours of tears,
and in the dawning awareness
of our need for forgiveness,
so that we may be redeemed by your
steadfast love.*

Amen.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

—Ephesians 5:1

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Sunday, August 24

John 6:56-69

Psalm 34:15-22

Ephesians 6:10-20

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43

Psalm 84 OR Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

*Gracious God,
although we once were strangers,
you receive us as friends
and draw us home to you.
Set your living bread before us
that, feasting around your table,
we may be strengthened to continue
the work
to which your Son commissioned us.
Amen.*

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

—Ephesians 6:18

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Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God

All: People will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

Pastor: This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast, which he has prepared. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them, and their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to God

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks Holy One... Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God Most Holy.

Sanctus *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth"* # 522

All: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of Sabaoth:
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty
of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Holy One, show forth among us... May we remain faithful in Love and hope, until the perfect feast with our exalted Savior in the eternal joy of your heavenly realm.

All: Gracious God, accept with favor this our sacrifice of praise, which we now present with these holy gifts. We offer to you ourselves, giving you thanks for the perfect offering of the only one begotten by you, Jesus Christ our Savior: By whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. All honor and glory be to you eternal God, now and forever.
Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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"O Christ Thou Lamb of God"

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All: O Christ, the Lamb of God,
that takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us;
O Christ, the Lamb of God,
that takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us:
O Christ the Lamb of God,
that takes away the sin of the world,
Grant us thy peace.
Amen.

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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When I Wander, Bring Me Back To Truth.

Sunday, September 28



Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalm 124 OR Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalm 19:7-14

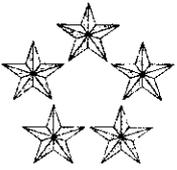
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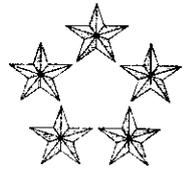
*O God,
our guide and help in alien and
contentious places:
as Esther prayed faithfully and
worked courageously
for the deliverance of your people,
strengthen us to confront the
oppressor
and free the oppressed,
so that all people may know
the justice and unity of your realm.
Amen.*

The Lord said to Moses, "Is the Lord's power limited? Now you shall see whether my word will come true for you or not."

—Numbers 11:23



WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE



A LITANY FOR VETERANS DAY

Tuesday, November 11, 2003

Veterans Day, originally called Armistice Day, began as a commemoration of the ending of World War I on November 11, 1918. After World War II it was recognized as a day to pay tribute to all service members and in 1954 it was designated as Veterans Day.

Litany for Veterans Day

Loving God, the framers of our Declaration of Independence claimed that you have endowed us with inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Yet there are those who would take these from us.

Today we remember all those who have served in our country's armed forces to preserve the freedoms you have granted us, to make it impossible for those who would take away our freedoms from prevailing.

One: For the men and women who serve in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard,

People: We ask your blessing.

One: For the family members who have made great sacrifices in order to make it possible for their service members to be on watch at home or around the world or to go into harm's way,

People: We ask your blessing.

One: For the families who grieve the death of a member who went in harm's way, never to return,

People: We ask your blessing.

One: Jesus tells us that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. For all those veterans who have been willing to lay down their lives for us,

People: We ask you blessing.

One: For the veterans of past wars who bear scars in their bodies and spirits,

People: We ask your blessing.

One: For veterans who came home but couldn't "fit in" with their families or communities anymore,

People: We ask you blessing.

One: Keep all our veterans in your care today. Grant them the peace they sought to preserve for others. As we honor our veterans, we also pray for peace. Teach all your people the ways of peace that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom will not have done so in vain. We pray all these things in the name of your son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.



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Prayer of Consecration

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"O Holy Night"

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Chorus:

Fall on your knees; Oh hear the angel voices.
Oh night divine; Oh night when Christ was born.
Oh night divine; Oh night, O night divine.

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His Gospel is peace
Chains shall he break for the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise his holy name.

Chorus:

Christ is the Lord. O praise His name forever
His power and glory evermore proclaim
His power and glory evermore proclaim.

"The First Nowell"

The first Nowell the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
In fields as they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
(Refrain)

And by the light of that same star,
Three Wise Men came from a country afar,
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
(Refrain)

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
(Refrain)

Then entered in those Wise Men three
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
(Refrain)

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
(Refrain)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, O God, for feeding us with the Holy Mysteries that assure us of your being at one with us. Grant that the angels songs may be continually on our lips and Christ's light may radiate in our lives, that we may bear the good news of your love to a broken and waiting world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen