

4th Sunday of Easter: April 24, 2021

Prelude

1. There is a place for the sadness. Hold on to Love.
There is a season of gladness. Hold on to Love.
When pain and confusion seem endless, hold on to Love.
We cultivate healing through kindness. Hold on to Love.

Refrain:

Hold on to Love, where hope is found. Hold on to Love, where joy abounds.
Hold on to Love, where grace and mercy's overflowing. Hold on to Love.

2. When terror and fear overwhelm us, hold on to Love.
Courage and faith will sustain us. Hold on to Love.
When violence seeks to destroy us, hold on to Love.
Acts of compassion restore us. Hold on to Love.

3. When hatred is used to divide us, hold on to Love.
Wisdom and truth reunite us. Hold on to Love.
When prejudice poses as freedom, hold on to Love.
Dignity means "all are welcome!" Hold on to Love.

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Gathering

Refrain

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
And all creation is shouting for joy!
Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field,
And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord!

1. Praise for the sun, the bringer of day, he carries the light of the Lord in his rays; the moon and the stars who light up the way unto your throne!
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, the seas' mighty storms, the gentlest breeze; they blow where they will, they blow where they please to please the Lord!
3. Praise for the rain that waters our fields, and blesses our crops so all the earth yields; from death unto life her mystery revealed springs forth in joy!

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Hold on to Love

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison;
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

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Glory to God

Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

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Psalm

The Stone Rejected by the Builders

Refrain:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

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Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Offertory

Christ the Good Shepherd

Refrain:

Christ the Good Shepherd, shepherd your people into the ways of your righteousness: feeding the hungry, welcoming strangers, the least among us, your presence, Lord.

1. As we partake of this bread of life, as we receive this cup, make your church a sacrament of your love.
2. Shepherd who seeks out the least and lost, Mercy embracing all, may our lives reflect the kindness of God.
3. In a world wounded by war and hate, you give this healing feast; make us, Lord, an instrument of your peace.
4. Conquer our hearts with your call, O Lord, that we may hear and heed: "Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, follow me."

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Sanctus

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Have mercy, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, Have mercy, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Grant us, grant us peace.

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Communion

Miracle of Grace

1. Miracle of grace, mystery of faith, calling us to venture to the deep. Though our senses fail, your graces still prevail, and we become the love that we receive.

Refrain

Bread of life, bread of life. Those who eat this bread shall live and never die. Bread of life, bread of life. Your true presence in this holy sacrifice. Bread of life.

2. Unworthy though we are, you feed the hungry heart with bread come down from heaven above. And like a grain of wheat, we fall down at your feet, dying here with you. Oh, let us rise! (to Refrain 2)

Refrain 2

Bread of life, bread of life. Those who eat this bread shall live and never die. Bread of life, bread of life. Your true presence in this holy sacrifice. Bread of life, bread of life, bread of life.

3. Your faithfulness revealed in this covenant you've sealed with your very body and your blood. Come, claim your bride again with love that cannot end, for what God joins no one can divide.

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Closing

City of God

1. Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep! A new day is dawning for all those who weep. The people in darkness have seen a great light. The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain

Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing! For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!

2. We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day. The One who has loved us has brightened our way. The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for his people to set their hearts free.

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