



**September 7, 2025**

*We embrace our call to love and serve Jesus Christ  
as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.*

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# A Service of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song: *My Life is in You Lord*

**\*The Call to Worship**

Liturgist: The eternal Father who loved us and set us free from our sins,

**People: who loves us still with that love that will not let us go, and who will love us forever, calls us to worship God today as the only true lover of our souls**

Liturgist: The Lord stoops to receive the love of our poor hearts.

**People: The Lord calls us to remember the depth of God's love for us in Christ.**

Liturgist: God seeks our love. Let us worship God.

**\*Opening Hymn:** *Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated, vs 1-3*

*Please be seated.*

**A Call to Confession (Liturgist)**

God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

**Unison Prayer of Confession (prayed aloud by all)**

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. While we excel in some of your ways, we fall short in others.**

**Silent Confession** *Please take a moment for silent confession*

**Asking for God's Forgiveness**

Liturgist: Let us now ask God's forgiveness.

**People: Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world.**

**Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit for we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive God's forgiving love.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sung Response to Confession:**    *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.*

*Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.*

*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus*

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ, Sharing in Christ's Welcome**

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And, also with you.**

Liturgist: Let us stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

*(Congregation shares peace with one another in the pew, over the phone, across the screen.)*

**Anthem:**

*Halle, Hallelujah*

**Children's Moment    5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Presentation & Backpack Blessing**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

**Scripture Lessons**

Matthew 5:13-16

**The Message:**

*Financing Salt and Light*

**Hymn of Affirmation:**    *Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated, vs 4-6*

**Offertory**

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

**Thanksgiving in Song:**

*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.*

# Celebrating the Lord's Table

## Invitation

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Peace be with you in the name of the Lord!

**Let us be joyful together in God's presence!**

Lift up your hearts and rejoice!

**Hallelujah! Praise to the Lord!**

Lift up your hearts and be thankful!

**With thanksgiving, let us give glory and honor to the Lord, our God!**

O God, you created the heavens and the earth. Before there was any of it, there was You. You breathed your world into existence; the grass, the flowers, the sun, and the clouds. And, of course, us too. You called us your people and committed to never leaving our side, even when we turn away from you. You loved us then and love us still.

### *Holy Holy Holy, verse 1*

Lord, God Almighty, you sent your Son to save us. A Prince of Peace to teach us how to live. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and calmed the storm. He taught us to love one another and recognize each other as brothers and sisters. Even after his teachings were met with violence and crucifixion, you raised him from the dead to rule over all creation.

### *Fairest Lord Jesus, verse 1*

## Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Ever-loving God, unite us with Christ in this Holy meal. Surround us with your Holy Spirit so that we may spread your love. May we welcome the opportunity to be your hands and feet in our world. May we embody Christ as we serve others and share your love with those around us. May you receive glory through our actions, O Lord. Amen.

**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 forever. Amen.*

**Sharing the Feast Together**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Sending Hymn:**

*Instruments of Peace*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

## Take My Life

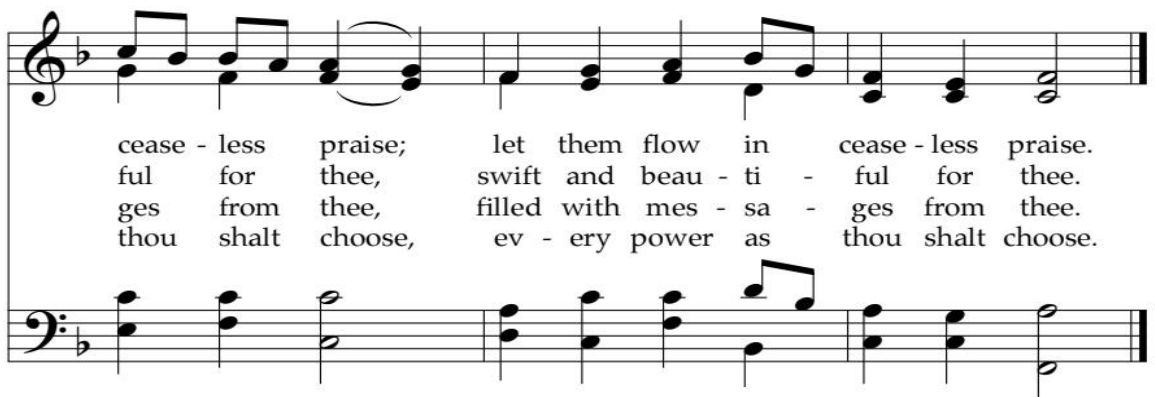
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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne,  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee,  
 ever, only, all for thee.

# 637 Instruments of Your Peace

The meek will enjoy great peace. Psalm 37:11

Refrain

Lord, make us in-stru-ments of Your peace; Where there is ha-tred let Your

love in - crease. Lord, make us in-stru-ments of Your peace; Walls of pride and

prej - u-dice shall cease When we are Your in-stru-ments of peace.

\*Optional last time to CODA

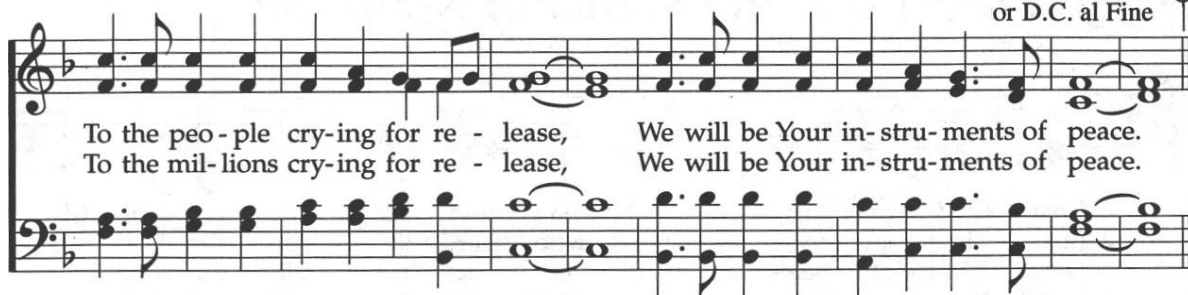
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\*\*Optional verses  
a little faster

1. Where there is ha - tred, we will sow His love; Where there is in - ju - ry,  
2. Where there is blind-ness, we will pray for sight; Where there is dark - ness,

we will nev - er judge. Where there is striv-ing, we will speak His peace;  
we will shine His light. Where there is sad-ness, we will bear their grief;

D.C. al Coda   
or D.C. al Fine

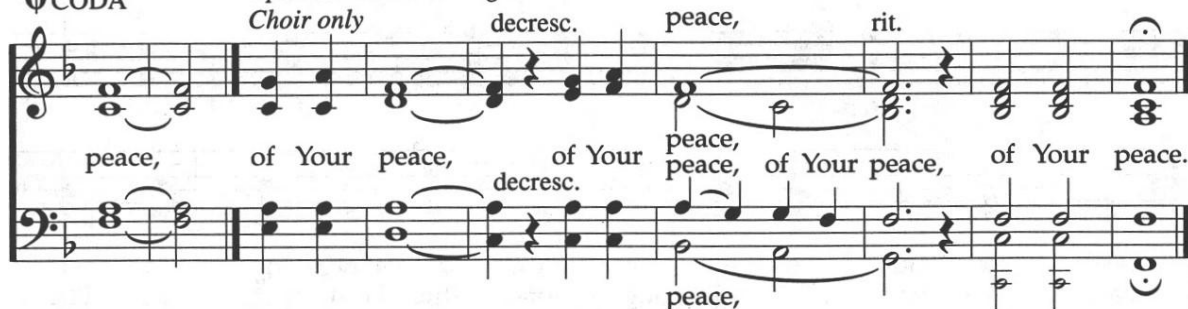


To the peo - ple cry - ing for re - lease, We will be Your in - stru - ments of peace.  
To the mil - lions cry - ing for re - lease, We will be Your in - stru - ments of peace.

 CODA

*Optional choral ending*

*Choir only*



decresc. peace, rit.  
peace, of Your peace, of Your peace, of Your peace.  
decresc. peace,