

# New Year's Eve

**JESUS CHRIST**  
**THE SAME** *Yesterday Today*  
**FOREVER**  
HEBREWS 13:8

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
December 31, 2014

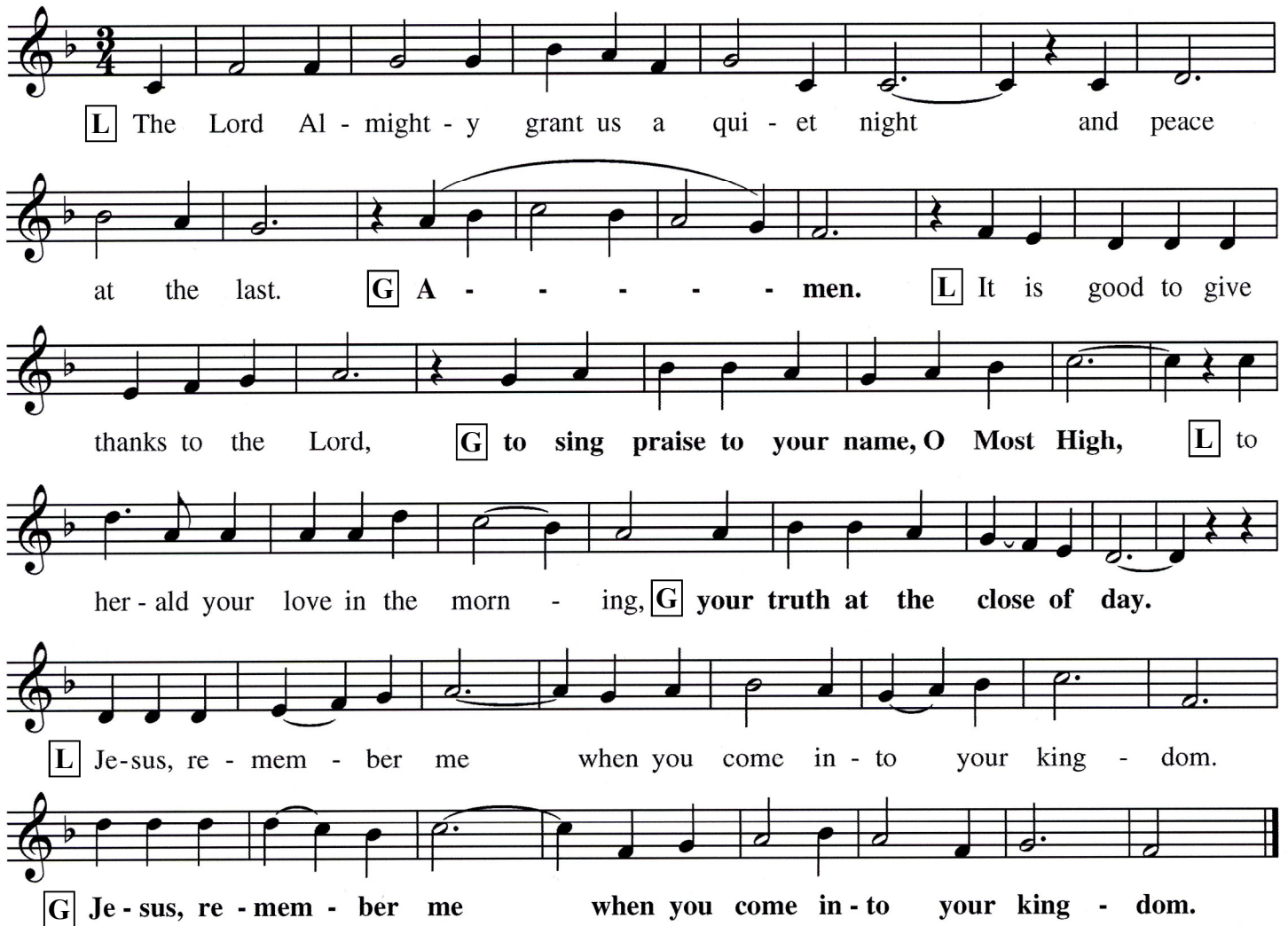


## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Parts of the service designated "L" are for the Leader (Pastor). The Congregation is invited to join in the parts marked "G" for "Group."

### WELCOME

*Please stand*



[L] The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et night and peace

at the last. [G] A - - - - men. [L] It is good to give

thanks to the Lord, [G] to sing praise to your name, O Most High, [L] to

her - ald your love in the morn - ing, [G] your truth at the close of day.

[L] Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

[G] Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

[L] Our help is in the name of the Lord,

[G] who made heaven and earth.

[L] Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for self-examination*

[L] I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

[G] The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

[L] Amen.

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### THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Tonight we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Jesus urges all who receive it to do so in a worthy manner in order to receive the blessings he promises. He also gives warning that no one receive it to their judgment. For this reason, we practice Member Communion. If you are a guest at Grace tonight and not a member of another WELS congregation, we would ask that you speak with one of the pastors about a time to discuss what exactly God says about Holy Communion before you come to the Lord's Table. We look forward to that opportunity!*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[L] Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

[L] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C] Amen.

*Please be seated*

### DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (see page 10)

Draw Near  
Christian Worship Supplement #740

*Please stand*

## PRAYER

[L] O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

*Please be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men." For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning— though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered. We are

## Psalm 90:1-12 (NIV)

consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. The length of our days is seventy years— or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

## SECOND LESSON

Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be

## Hebrews 13:1-8 (NIV)

content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

## HYMN

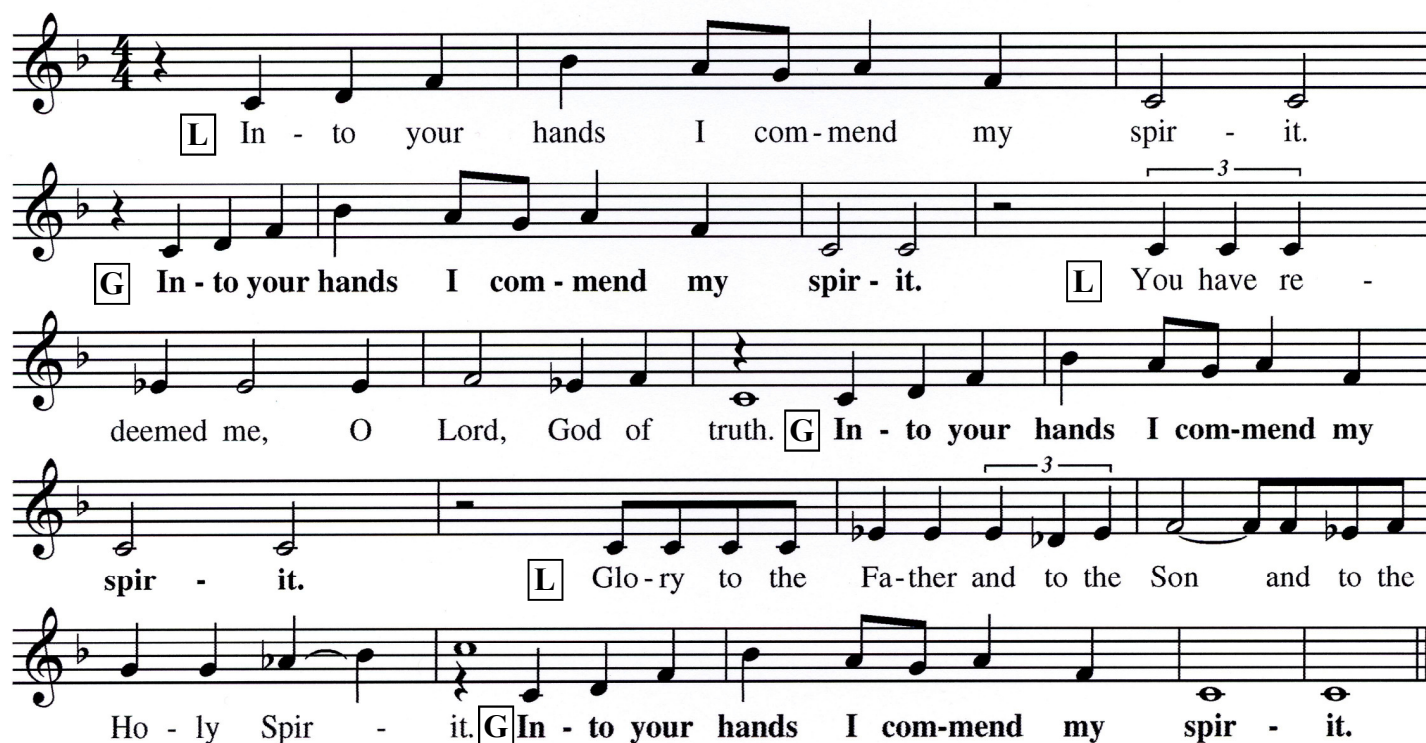
O God, Our Help in Ages Past  
*Christian Worship #441*

## SERMON

Hebrews 13:1-8  
Our Changeless God for Our Changing World

*Please stand*

## SERMON RESPONSE



The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time, using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: [L] In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it. [G] In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it. [L] You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth. [G] In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it. [L] Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. [G] In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, with some measures containing rests. There are also triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) over the final three notes of the first and third lines of the melody.

*Please be seated*

**OFFERING** *Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest tonight, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.*

*Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass it along. Thank You!*



*If you prefer, use your smart phone to give online by scanning this QR code.*

1. A - cross the sky the shades of night This New Year's Eve are  
4. And while we pray, we lift our eyes To dear ones gone be -  
fleet - - ing. We deck your al - tar, Lord, with light, In sol - emn wor - ship  
fore us, Safe home with you in Par - a - dise, Where Je - sus will reign  
meet - - ing, And, as the year's last hours go by, We raise to you our  
o'er us, And ask of you, when life is past, To re - u - nite us  
ear - nest cry, Once more your love en - treat - - ing.  
all at last With those who've gone be - fore us.

**WE REMEMBER DEPARTED MEMBERS**

*In this New Year's Eve service we remember the Christian brothers and sisters of Grace whom the Lord has welcomed home to heaven this past year.*

[L] O, Lord, you turn mortals back to dust. You sweep them away in the sleep of death...Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. We remember our family members who have escaped the sorrows of this world and now, because Jesus is their Savior, enjoy the eternal pleasures of heaven.

Ann Neff  
Dorothy Crull  
Alfred Lingham

Elvira Holmes  
Paul Borchardt  
Terry Dent

Anne Wilkinson  
Toshiko Johnson  
Daniel Wilde

5. Then, gra - cious God, in years to come, What - ev - er may be -

tide us, Right on - ward through our jour - ney home, Oh, stay at hand to

guide us, Nor leave us till, at close of life, Safe from all per - il,

toil, and strife, Heav'n shall en - fold and hide us.

*Please stand*

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER

- [L] It is fitting, O Lord, in the final hours of 2014, to express our gratitude for the countless gifts of grace we have received from you.
- [C] **You have been faithful to your promises and loving toward all you have made.**
- [L] Once again, you have clothed your creation with beauty; you have fed even the birds and have shown us that we are much more valuable than they.
- [C] **You know what we need and you have given us all good things.**
- [L] Clothing and food, safety and health, possessions and money, even life itself—all these come to us from your generous hand.
- [C] **We thank you for the way you have blessed us with all this and more during the past year.**
- [L] We thank you especially for your Word and Holy Supper, which strengthen our faith, shield us from temptation and equip us for service.
- [C] **As we think about these blessings tonight, we realize we have taken them for granted at times during this past year. Forgive us for our apathy and increase our desire and appreciation for your gifts of grace.**

*Special prayers and intercessions*

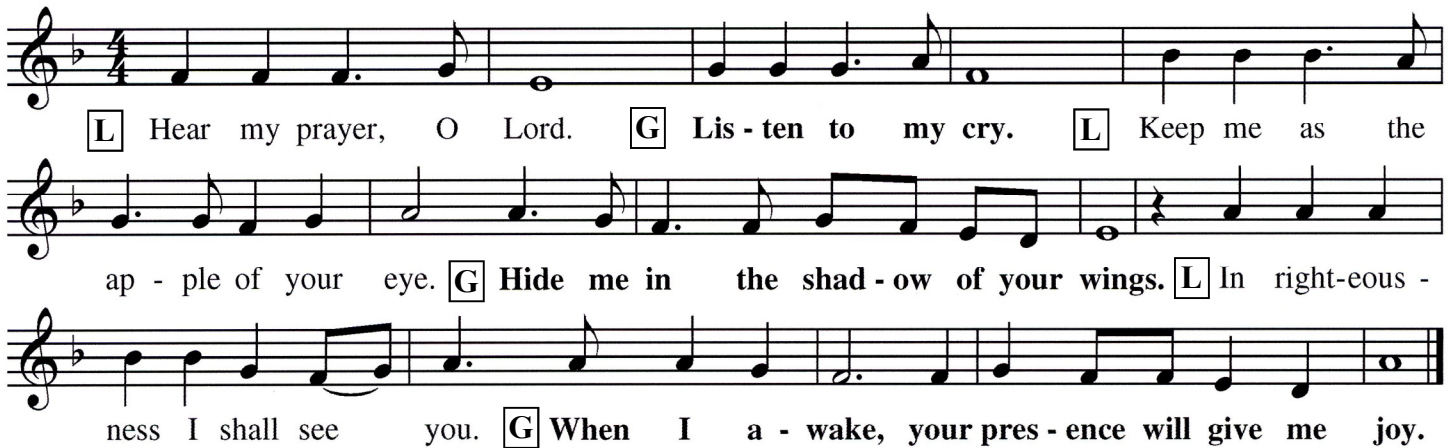
- [L] Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer*

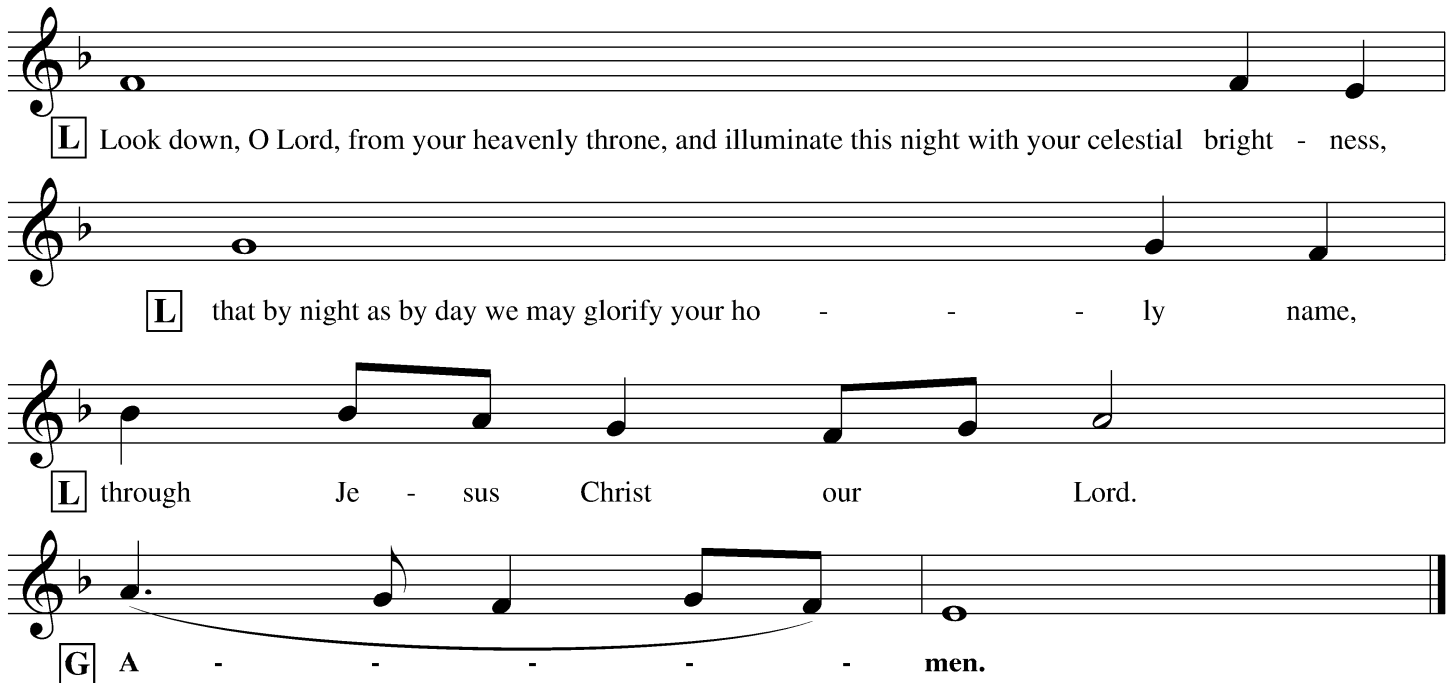


- [L] Almighty and eternal God, it is surely you who has saved us. We will trust in you and not be afraid! As you led your people through difficult times in the past, you have also led us. Most importantly, you have led us from the bondage of sin and death into a new life with you. Continue to lead us by the light of your Word that we may live our lives to your glory now and be prepared to sing your praises forever in heaven.
- [C] We ask these things in the name of Jesus. In his name we began this year; in his name we bring it to a close. Amen.

## PRAYER



[L] Hear my prayer, O Lord. [G] Lis - ten to my cry. [L] Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye. [G] Hide me in the shad - ow of your wings. [L] In right-eous - ness I shall see you. [G] When I a - wake, your pres - ence will give me joy.



[L] Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illuminate this night with your celestial bright - ness, [L] that by night as by day we may glorify your ho - - - ly name, [L] through Je - sus Christ our Lord. [G] A - - - - - men.



## LORD'S PRAYER

**[G]** Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal-low-ed be your name, your  
king - dom come, your will be done on earth as in heav - en. Give  
us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as we for-give  
those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de -  
liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are  
yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## GOSPEL CANTICLE: SONG OF SIMEON

**[L]** Guide us wak-ing, O Lord, **[G]** and guard us sleep - - - ing. **[L]** that a-wake we may  
watch with Christ **[G]** and a - sleep we may rest in peace. **[G]** In peace, Lord, in  
peace you let your ser vant now de - part ac - cord ing to your word. For my  
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared for ev 'ry people, a  
light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.  
In peace, in peace.

**BLESSING**

[L] The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son, (†) and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.  
[G] Amen.

*Please be seated*

**CLOSING HYMN**

**Help Us, O Lord, for Now We Enter**  
*Christian Worship #70*

**Those Assisting in Worship this Evening**

Worship Leader ..... Pastor Colin Rieke  
Communion Assistant..... Nathan Kassulke  
Accompanist..... Elaine Goldie  
Ushers ..... Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther, Jake Kassulke, Taylor Parra  
Sound and Recording Tech ..... Jeremy Snavelly  
Altar Prep Team ..... Sally Littau & Nancy Miles

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**At Grace-Benson**

451 W. Duane St

7:30 AM     Worship Service

**At Grace-Tucson**

830 N. First Avenue

7:45 AM     Worship Service

10:00 AM    Worship Service

**At Grace-Sahuarita**

17675 S. La Canada Dr

9:45 AM     Worship Service

**At Grace-Vail**

Worshiping at Esmond Station School

9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way

10:00 AM    Worship Service

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Draw Near

*Refrain*



Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y  
of your Lord. Draw near, draw near!

Drink the blood for you out-poured!

*To verses* | *Last time*

*Verses*

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,  
2 Christ our Re-deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,  
3 Let us ap-proach with faith-ful hearts sin - cere  
4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,

And drink the ho - ly blood for you out-poured.  
Has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.  
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.  
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.

Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood, With  
He gave his life for great - est and for least, Him -  
Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends, Gives  
Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow, In

*To Refrain*

souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.  
self the of - f'ring and him - self the Priest.  
all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.  
this great feast of love be with us now.

*This paraphrase of an ancient Communion hymn is set in responsorial fashion.*



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