

LYRICS AND PRAYERS – RCMUC

Sunday, January 14th 2024

Heritage Hymn: Voices United #313
“God, whose almighty Word”

~John Marriott – Felice de Giardini~

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1. God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

2. Jesus, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight,
health to the troubled mind,
sight to the Spirit-blind,
O now to humankind
let there be light.

3. Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

4. Blessed and holy three,
glorious trinity,
wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride
through the world far and wide,
let there be light.

~end~

Call to Worship: Litany for a New Day

Unison

By Fran Pratt

We are ordinary people, going about our lives, realizing that we are beloved through and through, realizing that Heaven is available to us now; realizing that what we do here on earth matters, realizing that Christ's invitation is for us, too; and jumping in - gratefully, joyfully - to this Kin-dom work. May Christ's calling fill our hearts and our lives in our worship and in our work! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Beloved, in whom is 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil:

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: Voices United #229

“God of the Sparrow”

~words: Jaroslav Vajda, 1983

music: Carl Schalk, 1983~

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1. God of the sparrow,
God of the whale,
God of the swirling stars;
How does the creature say Awe?
How does the creature say Praise?

2. God of the earthquake,
God of the storm,
God of the trumpet blast;
How does the creature cry Woe?
How does the creature cry Save?

3. God of the rainbow,
God of the cross,
God of the empty grave;
How does the creature say Grace?
How does the creature say Thanks?

**4. God of the hungry, God of the sick,
God of the prodigal;
How does the creature say Care?
How does the creature say Life?**

5. God of the neighbour,
God of the foe,
God of the pruning hook;
How does the creature say Love?
How does the creature say Peace?

6. God of the ages, God near at hand,
God of the loving heart;
How do your children say Joy?
How do your children say Home?

-end-

Communion Hymn: Voices United #401

“Worship the Lord”

~Fred Kaan – Ron Klusmeier~

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Refrain:

Worship the Lord

Worship Creator, the Spirit, the Son,

Raising our hands

in devotion to God who is one!

Raising our hands
as a sign of rejoicing,
and with our lips
our togetherness voicing,
giving ourselves
to a life of creativeness,
worship and work must be one!

Refrain:

Worship the Lord

Worship Creator, the Spirit, the Son,

Raising our hands

in devotion to God who is one!

**2. Praying and training
that we be a blessing,
and by our handiwork daily confessing:
we are committed to serving humanity,
worship and work must be one!**

Refrain:

Worship the Lord

Worship Creator, the Spirit, the Son,

Raising our hands

in devotion to God who is one!

**3. Called to be partners
with God in creation,
honouring Christ
as the Lord of the nation,
we must be ready
for risk and for sacrifice,
worship and work must be one!**

Refrain:

Worship the Lord

Worship Creator, the Spirit, the Son,

Raising our hands

in devotion to God who is one!

**4. Bringing the bread
and the wine to the table,
asking that we may be led and enabled,
truly united to build new communities,
worship and work must be one!**

Refrain:

Worship the Lord

Worship Creator, the Spirit, the Son,

Raising our hands

in devotion to God who is one!

**5. Now in response
to the life you are giving,
help us, Creator, to offer our living,
seeking a just and a healing society,
worship and work must be one!**

Final Refrain:

Worship the Lord

Worship Creator, the Spirit, the Son,

Raising our hands

in devotion to God who is one!

~end~

Great Thanksgiving Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the God

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ever-living God... with the whole company of heaven and all creation,
we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy God, power of life and love!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna through the ages!

Blest is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth.

On the night before he died...
...Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.
In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.

**Dying, Christ destroyed our death.
Rising, Christ restored our life.
Christ will come in glory.**

We pray you, God of Love... to all the world. **Amen.**

Bread and Cup are Shared

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

We give thanks, God of love and light, that
bread broken brings wholeness;
that wine poured out replenishes;
that time spent with the Risen Christ and
one another is gift and grace. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: More Voices #209 “Go, make a diff’rence”

~Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek, 1997~

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REFRAIN

Go, make a diff'ence.

We can make a diff'ence.

Go, make a diff'ence in the world.

Go, make a diff'ence.

We can make a diff'ence.

Go, make a diff'ence in the world.

**We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a difference in the world.**

REFRAIN

Go, make a diff'ence.

We can make a diff'ence.

Go, make a diff'ence in the world.

Go, make a diff'ence.

We can make a diff'ence.

Go, make a diff'ence in the world.

**2. We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope
- we are the voice of peace -
Go, make a diff'rence in the world.**

REFRAIN

Go, make a diff'ence.

We can make a diff'ence.

Go, make a diff'ence in the world.

Go, make a diff'ence.

We can make a diff'ence.

Go, make a diff'ence in the world.

3. So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

FINAL REFRAIN

Go, make a diff'ence.

We can make a diff'ence.

Go, make a diff'ence in the world.

Go, make a diff'ence.

We can make a diff'ence.

Go, make a diff'ence in the world.