

# SMALL BOAT, GREAT BIG SEA COMMUNION

## Opening Music: I Come with Joy

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

*Saying all together the parts in bold*

**In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**We have come to seek You, O God, just as we are we come.  
We have come to be sought by You, just as we are we come.**

**I will wait for the Lord. My soul waits, and in His word do I hope.**

## Confession

There is one God and one mediator between heaven and earth, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all people. Whoever is on the Lord's side let them join with me, that we may come to the visions of God.

**Create a clean heart within me, O God,  
so that it may become Your chosen shelter  
and the resting place of the Holy Spirit.**

**Holy God,  
Holy and Strong,  
Holy and Immortal,  
Have mercy on us.**

*Silence*

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**I make the cross of Christ upon my breast,  
and I ask the living God of the universe  
that the Light of light banish my darkness  
so that I may live in the resurrection power of Your love.**

The journey from death to life is ours through Jesus Christ,  
by the strength, power and mercy of divine love.  
Wherever our path has taken us in the past, today is a  
new day in the eyes of the Lord.  
Let us live in it as children of light.

## Declaration of faith

**Lord, I will trust You, help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown.**

**Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You.**

**Christ of the mysteries, can I trust You to be stronger than each storm in me?**

**I determine amidst all uncertainty always to trust.**

**I choose to live beyond regret, and let You recreate my life.**

**I believe You will make a way for me and provide for me, if only I trust You.**

**I will trust in the darkness and know that my times are still in Your hand.**

**I will believe You for my future, chapter by chapter, until all the story is written.**

### **Scripture Readings**

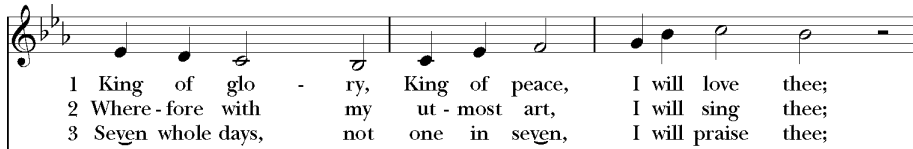
*Micah 7:14-15, 18-20*

Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock that belongs to you, which lives alone in a forest in the midst of a garden land; let them feed in Bashan and Gilead as in the days of old. As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt, show us marvelous things. Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of your possession? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in showing clemency. He will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and unswerving loyalty to Abraham, as you have sworn to our ancestors from the days of old.

*Psalms 103:1-12*

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

*Gradual: King of Glory, King of Peace*



1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;  
2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;  
3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

*Tenor or soprano ad libitum*



3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;



and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.  
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.  
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.



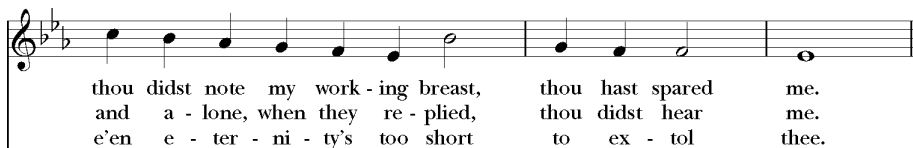
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Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;  
Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;  
Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;



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thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.  
and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.  
e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.



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*Gospel: Luke 15:11-32*

11 Then Jesus[a] said, “There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled himself with[b] the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’” 20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’[c] 22 But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best

one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

25 “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ 31 Then the father[d] said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

## Sermon

### The Beatitudes

My brothers and sisters, Let us recall the blessings spoken of by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed are the poor in spirit; **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are those who mourn; **for they will be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek; **for they will inherit the earth.**

Blessed are they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness; **for they shall be well filled.**

Blessed are the merciful; **for they will be shown mercy.**

Blessed are the pure in heart; **for they will see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers; **for they shall be called the children of God.**

Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness’ sake; **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

## Prayers for others

### The Lord’s Prayer

#### Peace

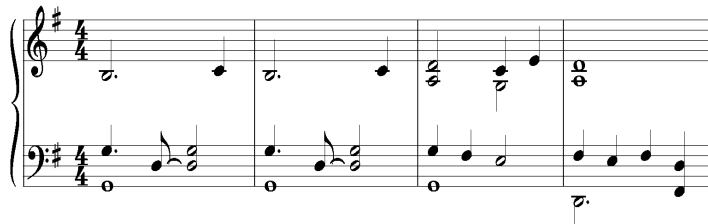
May the peace of the Father hold you,  
The peace of Christ encircle you,  
And the disturbance of the Spirit reveal to you  
Peace in the stranger.

My sisters and brothers,  
The peace of God  
Be with you.

**And also with you.**

All exchange a sign of peace.

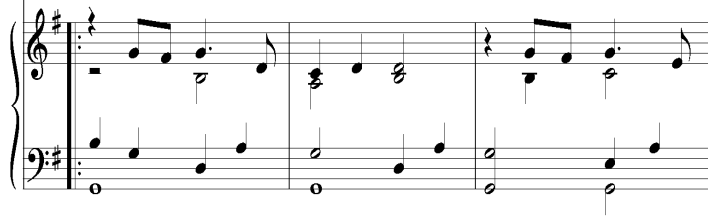
Offertory Music: I the Lord of Sea and Sky



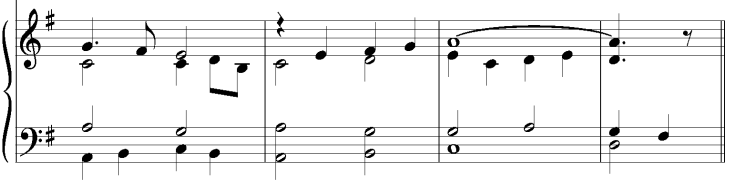
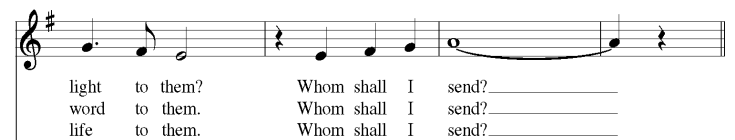
*Unison*



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will  
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -  
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will



*Refrain*



## Communion

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Praise be to you, our Father, for Your Son Jesus Christ.

He lived and died for love for us, and, after rising from the dead, yet more wonderfully met with His disciples.

He walked them, taught them and shared supper with them.

He ascended into heaven and through the power of the Holy Spirit He is with us now.

Therefore we join the saints and angels echoing Your praise throughout the world and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Praise and thanks to You, Father in heaven, for on the night on which he was betrayed, Your Son Jesus Christ took bread and gave thanks, He broke it and gave it to His Disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Taking the cup of wine, he said, "This is my Blood shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

As we remember His death on the cross, his sacrifice made once for all to save us, we rejoice in His living presence.

Send Your Holy Spirit, that the bread that we break and cup that we bless may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Unite us with Him and with all God's people in heaven and earth.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again.

If you are thirsty, drink the Fount of Life. If you are hungry, eat the Bread of Life. Blessed are all who hunger for this Bread and thirst for this Fount.

*Communion is shared*

## Communion Music: Eat This Bread

Opt. A "Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and  
Opt. B Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and

nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;  
nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;

drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst."  
drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

The musical score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system has two options for lyrics. The second system has two lines of lyrics. The third system has two lines of lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line of each system.

## Prayer after Communion

**Almighty God,**

**From whose love nothing can part us, I thank You for this bread of life, my God.**

**I am a traveler and stranger in the world, like so many of Your people before me.**

**I trust it is Your voice I hear, the call of the Spirit, the cry of the Bird of Heaven.**

**I offer You my 'yes' to risky living.**

**The sea takes me; where I do not know, but I gladly go.**

## Blessing

When you no longer now how to be,  
may the Father take you on your deeper journey.

When you no longer know what to do,  
may the Spirit reveal to you your fitting task.

When all feels lost or foreign,  
may you know your home in Christ.

On the path that is before you, may you have compassion for the journey,  
may you find Christ in the stranger, and may you know the love and blessing of God.



**In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

*Closing Music: Guide My Feet Lord*

1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.  
2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.  
3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.  
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.  
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I  
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I  
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I

don't want to run this race in vain.  
don't want to run this race in vain.  
don't want to run this race in vain.

**Dismissal**