

Wee Worship ■ Lent 2024

A service for preschool children and their families



GATHERING SONG *See box at right*

OPENING PRAYER *Adapted from The Shema*

Presider Let us love God with our hearts
People **and our neighbors as ourselves.**
Presider Let us love God with our minds
People **and our neighbors as ourselves.**
Presider Let us love God with our strength
People **and our neighbors as ourselves.**

LOVE THE LORD

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, all your strength.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, all your strength.
With all your heart and all your soul,
with all your mind and all your strength.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, all your strength.

SONG *See reverse*

THE LESSON OF THE DAY, FOLLOWED BY A STORY

Children are invited to move forward; parents are welcome, too.

All sing: **Glory to you, O Christ. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Then a lesson is read, followed by a story related to the lesson.

A CREED

**We believe in God the creator; we believe in Christ the Son;
we believe in the Holy Spirit. Our God is Three in One.**

THE PRAYERS

We pray for the church, the world, and those people who need our prayers.

After each bidding, the People sing: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE *All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.*

THE OFFERTORY

The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text SCEC and AMOUNT to 73256 (or use the QR code in Connections) and you will receive a text with instructions.

SONG *See reverse.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Children are invited to move forward; parents are welcome, too.*

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them unto God.**
Presider Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues. When indicated, all sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna
in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues. At the words "And so we sing our story of faith" all sing:

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

The Presider continues. When indicated, all sing 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 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Silence is kept and the bread is broken.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Everyone, regardless of age, is welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available at the altar station.

Respond to communion by saying "Amen."

POST-COMMUNION SONG: THANK YOU, GOD

SENDING SONG *See box at right*

DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GO NOW IN PEACE

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

everywhere, everywhere you may go.

SOME OF THE SONGS WE LIKE TO SING

1. GIVE ME OIL IN MY LAMP

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
keep me burning 'til the break of day.

REFRAIN:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!

2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing . . .
3. Give me love in my heart, keep me loving . . .

2. I AM HOLY

1. I am holy (x2) I am precious (x2)
Because God made me this way (x2)
2. You are holy (x2) You are precious (x2)
Because God made you this way (x2)
3. We are holy (x2) We are precious (x2)
Because God made us this way (x2)

3. SHOUT HOSANNA

Jumping up and down (sing 3 times)
shout hosanna (HOSANNA)!
Here comes Jesus riding on a donkey.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King!
Wave the branches of the tree before him.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King!

4. WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

We are marching in the light of God. (x4)
We are marching, marching, we are marching (Ooo),
We are marching in the light of God!
We are singing in the light of God . . .
We are dancing in the light of God . . .

5. THANK YOU, GOD, FOR EARS

1. Thank you, God, for ears (x2)
to hear about your love. (x2)
Thank you, God, for ears (x2)
to hear about your love. (x2)
Thank you, thank you, God. (x2)
2. Thank you, God, for eyes (x2)
to read about your love. (x2) . . .
3. Thank you, God, for hands (x2)
to go and share your love. (x2) . . .

6. JESUS CAME (SING HOSANNA)

Jesus came to walk among us,
teach us how to love each other,
and we sing hosanna, hosanna.
Drink this wine, eat this bread
"Remember me," Jesus said.
"Wash my feet and I'll wash yours.
Blessed are we," says the Lord.
God loves me. This I know.
And God loves you. Jesus told me so.

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