

# Wee Worship ■ Season of Rejoicing

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.**

## THIS IS THE DAY

This is the day, this is the day,  
this is the day that the Lord has made!  
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice,  
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

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**SONG** *See reverse*

**THE LESSON OF THE DAY, FOLLOWED BY A STORY**

*Children are invited to move forward; parents are welcome, too. All sing alleluia (see box), after which the lesson is read and a story relating to the lesson is told.*

**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.**

## ALLELUIA

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!  
Halle, halle, halle - lujah!  
Halle, halle, halle - lujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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**THE PRAYERS** *Sung response © 1994 Jeffrey B. MacKnight. Used by permission.*

*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.*

**God be with you. And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts. We lift them unto God.**

**Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God. 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* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Everyone, regardless of age, is welcome to receive communion.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available at the altar station.*

*Respond to communion by saying "Amen."*

**COMMUNION SONG: TASTE AND SEE** *See box*

**POST-COMMUNION SONG: THANK YOU, GOD** © Sara Curtin

**SENDING SONG: GO NOW IN PEACE** *See box*

**DISMISSAL**

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## TASTE AND SEE

Taste and see. (x4)

The goodness, the goodness,  
the goodness of the Lord.

God is love . . .

Allelu . . .

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## GO NOW IN PEACE

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you  
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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## SOME OF THE SONGS WE LIKE TO SING

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### 1. I AM HOLY

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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)

### 2. LOVE THE LORD

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and all your strength. (x2)

With all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind, with all your strength.

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

I will love the Lord with all my heart . . .

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### 3. I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER

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1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
2. I've got love like the ocean . . .
3. I've got joy like a fountain . . .
4. I've got peace, love, and joy like a river . . .

### 4. MALO! MALO! THANKS BE TO GOD!

Malo! Malo! Thanks be to God!  
Obrigado! Alleluia! ¡Gracias! Kam sa ham nida!  
Malo! Malo! Thanks be to God!  
For family . . . and friends . . .  
For neighbors . . . and community . . .  
We thank you Lord! We thank you Lord!

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### 5. HALLELUJAH! CLAP, CLAP, CLAP!

1. Hallelujah, clap, clap, clap!  
Clap, clap, clap for God.
2. Hallelujah, stomp, stomp, stomp!
3. Hallelujah, jump, jump, jump! © Public domain

### 6. THANK YOU, GOD

1. Thank you, God, for this fine day. (x2)  
Thank you, God, for this fine day right where we are.  
Alleluia, praise God. (x3) Alleluia!
2. Thank you, God, for songs to sing . . .
3. Thank you, God, for loving us . . .
4. Thank you, God, for games to play . . .

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### 7. I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

I have decided to follow Jesus. (x3)  
No turning back, no turning back.  
The world behind me, the cross before me . . .  
Sing alleluia, alleluia . . . © Public domain

### 8. SEEK YE FIRST

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you;  
Allelu, Alleluia!

#### REFRAIN

- Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek, and ye shall find,  
knock, and the door shall be  
opened unto you; Allelu, Alleluia! (Refrain)

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