

Wee Worship ■ Creation Season

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.**

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth.
Make a joyful noise unto God.
Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth.
Make a joyful noise unto God.
Make a loud noise! And rejoice, sing praises!
Make a joyful noise unto God.

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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: SEEK YE FIRST *See below*

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.

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

1. SEEK YE FIRST © 1972 CCCM Music (CCLI #3035090)

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

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*

2. THANK YOU, GOD, FOR EARS

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

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3. YOU'VE GOT THE WHOLE WORLD © Public domain

1. You've got the whole world in your hands. (x4)
2. You've got the sun and the moon . . .

4. I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER © Public domain

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 . . .

5. THANKS A LOT

Thanks a lot. Thanks for the sun in the sky.
Thanks a lot. Thanks for the clouds so high.
Thanks a lot. Thanks for whispering wind.
Thanks a lot. Thanks for the birds in the spring.
Thanks a lot. Thanks for the moonlit night.

Thanks a lot. Thanks for the stars so bright.
Thanks a lot. Thanks for the wonder in me.
Thanks a lot. Thanks for the way I feel.
Thanks for the animals. Thanks for the land.
Thanks for the people everywhere.
Thanks a lot. Thanks for all I've got.

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6. ALL GOD'S CRITTERS

*All God's critters got a place in the choir.
Some sing low, some sing higher;
some sing out loud on the telephone wire,
and some just clap their hands, or paws,
or anything they got now.*

Well, listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom,
where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
moans and groans with a big to do,
and the old cow just goes, "Moo."

Well, the dogs and the cats they take up the middle.
The honeybee hums and the crickets fiddle.
The donkey brays and the pony neighs.
The old coyote howls. *Refrain*

Well, listen to the top where the little bird sings
the melody with the high voice ringing,
the hoot owl hollers over everything,
and the jaybird disagrees. *Refrain*

Singing in the nighttime, singing in the day,
the little duck quacks and he's on his way.
The 'possum don't have much to say,
and the porcupine talks to herself. *Refrain*
Everybody here is a part of the plan.
We all get to play in the great critter band.
From the eagle in the sky to the whale in the sea,
it's one great symphony. *Refrain*

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