

# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

*Simple Gifts*

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in your presence, God,  
**we are apart, but, through your Spirit, we are together.**  
We offer our love, our commitment, our hope, and our prayers,  
**in service to one another and throughout your whole world.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Spirit of life and love, we gather together in different ways this morning, from screens and couches, reaching out across the wires, yet united as your body.**

**We gather as we are able, ready to be of service to each other, to the world, ready to build the community of hope and of love, as we face this this bright morning, full of your new mercies. Amen.**

OPENING HYMNS

388	<i>Come, All You People</i> (sing 3 times)	(see end of bulletin)
399	<i>God Welcomes All</i> (sing 3 times)	(see end of bulletin)
392	<i>Jesus, We Are Here</i> (verses 1-3)	(see end of bulletin)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O God, you draw us into your community of love with people across the ages and around the world. By the same Spirit that binds us together speak to us that what we read and ponder may enliven us and stretch us to trust and follow you; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

Psalms 133

*How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.*

SECOND READING

Matthew 28.16-20

*Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

REFLECTION

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third**

**day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SELF OFFEERING

DOXOLOGY 606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

(see end of bulletin)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN 659

*Know That God is Good* (verse 1 sing twice, then verse 2)

(see end of bulletin)

BENEDICTION

# Come All You People

*Uyai mose*

*Leader*

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na -  
Come all you peo - ple, come and

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te  
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your

Ahom

Ahom

ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,  
praise your Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,  
Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

Ahom

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u -  
come and praise your Mak - er; come

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i  
come and praise your Mak - er; come all you

Ahom

Ahom

GATHERING

ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;  
all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;

mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;  
peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;

Ahom

u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. Ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri, no.  
come now and wor - ship the Lord. Come and praise your Mak - er, Lord.

u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. no.  
come now and wor - ship the Lord. Lord.

Ahom

Ahom

Ahom

Ahom

This short gathering song (based on a text adapted from Psalm 95:6) is a great favorite among children in Zimbabwe, and it is frequently used as a processional song for worship. The choir enters singing, the congregation picks up their excitement, and soon all are singing.

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MUSIC: Alexander Gondo, 20th cent.; arr. John L. Bell, 1994  
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UYAI MOSE  
5.6.5.6.5.6.7

# God Welcomes All

399

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008

MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008

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THEMBA AMEN

4.4.9

# Jesus, We Are Here

*Jesu, tawa pano*

392

1 Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus,  
1 Je - su, ta - wa pa - no; Je - su, ta - wa pa - no; Je - su,

*Leader:* Wel - come, Je - sus.  
Mam - bo Je - su.

we are here; we are here for you.  
ta - wa pa - no; ta - wa pa - no, mu zi - ta re - nyu.

2 Savior... 3 Teacher... 4 Spirit...

When coming to worship involves long and possibly dangerous travel, "we are here" voices a powerful commitment as well as a desire to build community with those who have gathered. Some of that meaning can be grasped if this song is sung in parts, especially in the original Shona.

TEXT and MUSIC: Patrick Matsikenyeri, 1990

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JESUS, TAWA PANO

Irregular

# 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures  
here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

\*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH  
LM

# 659 Know That God Is Good

*Mungu ni mwema*

1 Know that God is good. Know that  
 2 Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le,  
 Mu - ngu ni mwe - ma. Mu - ngu

God is good. Know that God is good;  
 hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah,  
 ni mwe - ma. Mu - ngu ni mwe - ma,

God is good; God is good.  
 hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.  
 ni mwe - ma, ni mwe - ma.

This engaging song from central Africa is based on an affirmation that recurs in numerous psalms (34:8; 73:1; 100:5; 135:3; 145:9) as well as several other books of the Hebrew Scriptures. Both the brief text (in English, Hebrew, and Shona) and the musical parts are easily learned.