

Bread of Life
March 12, 2025

Prelude *Praise God All Day Long* – Christian Ed ‘choir’

Announcements -

We gather +in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us gather together, hungry and thirsty. Come, all who long to be filled with good things.

Let us open our hands to receive from God’s son, our brother and friend.

Let us quiet our minds and awaken our hearts to be transformed by God’s Spirit, who redeems us.

Opening Hymn *All Who Hunger* TFWS #2126

1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

2. All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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God of all hopefulness, we walk with you on the pilgrim way. Remind us of your presence when we feel alone. Feed our hungry hearts with the bread of life that we might be strengthened for the journey. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

Psalm 91

Your greatness and strength are our shelter, LORD;
we can live secure in your shade.

We call you our refuge, our place of safety;
you are the God in whom we trust.

We have nothing to fear because we have found safety in you;
we have settled down within your care.

Thanks to you, LORD of the universe, no evil can touch us;
disaster can not get a foot in the door.

You have instructed your angels to look after us;
made it their job to protect us wherever we go.
You've told them to catch us when we fall;
to keep us from coming to grief on hidden snags.

With your help we can face any danger;
we can stare down wolves and Rattle snakes.

Those who know you and love you can depend on you,
you are always there to pull them out of trouble.

The moment they call, you answer;
you're on their side when everything falls apart;
you save their lives and throw a party in their honor.

You give them long and fulfilling lives, LORD;
they will see that your promises are true.

From John chapter 6

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Reflection

Yes, Lord, I Believe

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Let us confess our sins and seek a new path of righteous.

Holy God, even though we choose to follow Jesus, live his way, and share in the bread of life, we confess that we often overlook the hungry in our midst. Forgive us for neglecting our neighbors and our community; for the good left undone and the wrong done. Help us to be faithful disciples.

In Christ, we are forgiven, justified, and transformed to carry on in the way of love and justice. Savor the good news of this pardon – your sins are forgiven +in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Beneath the cross of Jesus, we lift up our joys and our sorrows to God.

O Lord, amid the shifting sands of this world,
be our rock and our foundation.

As we gaze upon the cross of Christ,
be our hope and our salvation.

Holy, Holy, Holy

TFWS #2007

Holy, holy, holy.

**My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you:
You are holy, Lord!**

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the table.

The table is set for you. If you are hungry, tired, weary, or worn, or joyful or full, or care free, there is space for you here. Come, the bread of life and the cup of blessing await you.

Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks for feeding us at your table, Lord. You are our sustenance, our hope and our joy. May we become what we have received, the body of Christ, for the sake of the world. Amen.

Closing Hymn

The Summons

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4. Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

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Benediction

As you go, +may the love of God enfold you, the peace of Christ guide you, and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you, now and forever.

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