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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 25, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: God created all things visible and invisible; none other.

Many: **God provides food for your stomach and spirit; none other.**

One: God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.

All: **Let us worship the Trinity, and none other!**

***Hymn (#299)**

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of wonder,

Lord of King David and of the Son, the Messiah, David's greater son,

We confess our sins and pray for your help

so that we can truly repent and turn from evil.

Deliver us from the temptation

to hide from you, to lie to you, or to excuse ourselves

because of the harm we have done to others.

Forgive us for the curse we have brought upon the earth.

Restore your creation to full health

and feed the multitudes from the abundance of your merciful power.

Grow in us a deeper desire

to love Christ with the fullness of your love,

and to glorify him, along with you and the Holy Spirit,

now and forever. (Silence)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Congregational Response (#581)**

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson **2 Kings 4:42-44**
(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Special Music

Second Lesson **John 6:1-21**
(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sermon **I Alone . . .** Richard Collier

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

***Hymn (#298)** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

***Affirmation of Faith** *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 Spirit, 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; 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 and the Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Congregational Response (#606)**

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE DEPART TO SERVE


***Hymn (#526)**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ


***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**


299 You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim




1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save,
3 "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right:



and pub - lish a - broad Christ's won - der - ful name.
he still re - mains nigh; his pres - ence we have.
Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.
all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,



The name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,



whose king - dom is glo - rious, who rules o - ver all.
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love!

This hymn resembles many 18th-century drawings that show parallels between worship on earth and worship in heaven, especially as depicted in Revelation 7:9–11. This 18th-century tune has had many names; the one used here honors the dynasty of British monarchs, 1714–1901.

298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

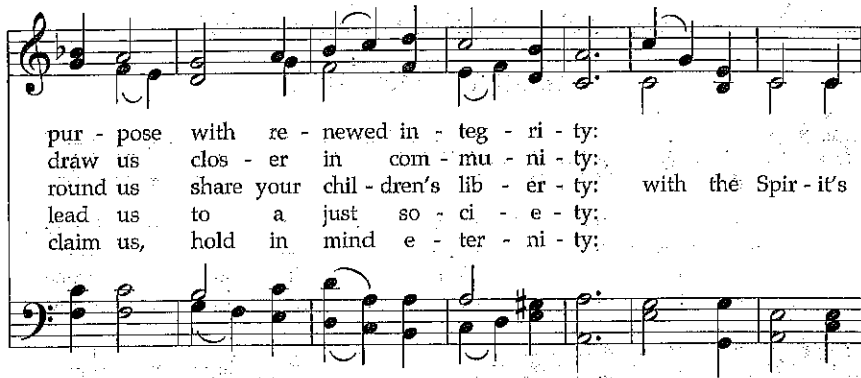
1 Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-
 3 Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This, my bod-y;
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne-glect its mis-sion, and the
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, life a-
 this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry, dai-ly
 do, for-give." Yet we hoard as pri- vate trea-sure all that
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re- stor-ing, may we

gos-pel go un-heard, help us wit-ness to your
 bun-dant meant for each, give us all new fer- vor,
 lift life heav-en-ward, ask-ing that the world a-
 you so free-ly give. May your care and mer-cy
 serve as you in-tend, and, a-mid the cares that

United by the refrain after each stanza, this text relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church's mission and ministry in the world. It was written for use with this tune, composed in the village near Bristol, England, for which it is named.

THE CHURCH



pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty: with the Spir - it's
lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy; bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. ||: ♩ . ♩ . ♩ :||

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.