

Here, at your table, confirm our intention,  
Give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;  
Teach us to serve, without pride or pretension,  
Lord, in your Kingdom, whatever our place.

When, at your table, each time of returning,  
Vows are renewed and our courage restored:  
May we increasingly glory in learning  
All that it means to accept you as Lord.

So, in the world, were each duty assigned us  
Gives us the chance to create or destroy,  
Help us to make those decision that bind us,  
Lord, to yourself, in obedience and joy.

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'God, Whose Love is All Around Us' – (222)

'Peace, Perfect Peace' – (541)

## POST COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**FINAL HYMN:** 'God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him' – (202)



## GATHERING HYMN: 'Sing to Him, In Whom Creation'

1. Sing to him in whom creation  
Found its shape and origin;  
Spirit, moving on the waters  
Troubled by the God within;  
Source of breath to all things breathing,  
Life in whom all lives begin.

3. Holy men, both priests and prophet,  
Caught his accents, spoke his word;  
His the truth behind the wisdoms  
Which as yet know not our Lord;  
He the love of God eternal,  
Which in Christ was seen and heard.

5. Pray we, then, O Lord the Spirit,  
On our lives descend in might;  
Let thy flame break out within us,  
Fire our hearts and clear our sight,  
Till, white-hot in thy possession,  
We, too, set the world alight.

2. Sing to God, the close companion  
Of our inmost thoughts and ways;  
Who, in showing us his wonders,  
Is himself the power to gaze,  
And his will, to those who listen,  
By a still small voice conveys.

4. Tell of how the ascended Jesus  
Armed a people for his own;  
How a hundred men and women  
Turned the known world upside down,  
To its dark and farthest corners  
By the wind of Whitsun blown.

6. Praise, O praise the Holy Spirit,  
Praise the Father, praise the Word,  
Source, and Truth, and Inspiration,  
Trinity deep accord;  
Through thy Voice which speaks within us  
We thy creatures own thee Lord.

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## COLLECT:

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**



## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11: 18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.  
But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.  
And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,  
'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!'  
But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## SECOND READING

James 3: 13- 4: 3 & 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL HYMN**— 'Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken' – (615)

**We sing verse 5 after the Gospel Reading**

## GOSPEL

**Mark 9: 30-37**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'



This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE GIFTS:** 'Take This Moment' – (607)

## COMMUNION HYMNS:

'Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation'

Lord, we have come at your own invitation,  
Chosen by you, to be counted your friends;  
Yours is the strength that sustains dedication,  
Ours a commitment we know never ends.