



Wycliffe

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Our ordinary lives are given an extraordinary significance when we accept that our lives are about something larger. I do not need to be the whole play, or even understand the full script. It's enough to know that I have been chosen to be one actor on the stage. I need only play my part as well as I can.

The Wycliffe Ringers

"Hymn of Joy"

arr. K. McChesney

Welcome & Announcements

OPENING PRAYER

LET US WORSHIP

PSALM 31 *(all read the bold)*

*In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me be put to shame
**Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.***

*Take me out of the net that is hidden for me.
**Into your hand I commit my spirit
for you have redeemed me.***

*I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.
**My times are in your hand.
Let your face shine upon your servant.***

***HYMN 246 "CHRIST IS ALIVE!"** *(stand in body or spirit & sing v. 1, 2, 5)*

**Share the Peace of Christ with those around you
Children's Time with the Pastor*

Hear these words from Peter's first letter (2:4-5, 9-10)

Come to the Lord, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight. Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation - God's own people - so that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people.



A TIME OF CONFESSION (all read the bold)

*When I am weak, God, let me be weak,
without resistance to your grace.*

*When I am powerless,
may I be empty of all but your power.*

*When I am angry, let my anger melt into its fear,
and may my fear rise into trust.*

*When I despair, root my longing in your presence,
my desire in your hope.*

*Loving God, by your sure hand
keep me fearlessly tender, mercifully strong.*

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: (All sing) Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature and time signature are the same as the first line. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me. (Repeat)

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE & PARDON . . . and all say ~ Thanks be to God.

John 14:1-14

“In My Father’s House
(Philip Stopford)

The Word of God is Opened to Us
Rev. Dr. Garrett Bugg

A TIME OF PRAYER
followed by The Lord’s Prayer (screen)



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

AN INVITATION TO THE TABLE


Jesus has always been one to invite: “Drop your nets and follow me,” he said. “Let the little children come.” “Stand up from your mat; you are healed.” “Come down from that tree: I’m going to your house.”

Jesus has always been one to invite, and that hasn’t changed. So friends, you are invited to this Table. Each of us - with our doubts, our fears, our scars, our joy, our dreams, our hopes, our questions - we are invited to God’s table. And here we will be met. Here we will be fed.

*The Lord be with you. **And also with you.***
*Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.***
*Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*God, your love never runs out, your hope never runs dry, your joy never gives up.
In a world that knows fear, your joy is compelling.
In a world that knows anxiety, your peace is captivating.
So today, we ask you to show us a life of expansive faith,
of overflowing joy; a life that is as honest, and rich,
and as meaningful as the life Jesus led.*

*And until that expansive and holy day, we will continue to gather at this Table.
So pour a double portion of yourself onto this bread and cup
so that we might catch a glimpse of your goodness.*

 ***Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!***
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Lord God, as we come to share the richness of your table,
we cannot forget the rawness of the earth.
We cannot take bread and forget those who are hungry.
Lord, put our prosperity in service to the poor.
We cannot take wine and forget those who are thirsty.
Lord, put our fullness in service to the empty.



*We cannot hear your words of peace and forget a world at war,
and the brokenness in our country.*

Show us quickly, Lord, how to turn a lust for power into a desire for compassion.

For us - you were born; for us - you were crucified; and for us - you rose again.

**With you is mercy,
and the power to change.**

THE BREAD & CUP ARE SHARED

(At the direction of the usher, come forward to receive the bread & cup. (gluten free bread is available) If you prefer to receive in your pew, let the usher know. Dispose of the empty cup in the receptacles on either side of the front pew on the outer wall)

***HYMN 661 “WHY SHOULD I FEEL DISCOURAGED”** *(stand in body or spirit & sing)*

***THE BENEDICTION**



The sanctuary flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God

By Don McNeill in loving celebration of Jennifer’s birthday



Pastor's Lunch
Tues, May 5
12:15pm
Plaza Azteca
2158 Great Neck Sq
All are Welcome!

CINCO DE MAYO



Stacked with Love
A Mother's Day
Family Breakfast
for Stratford & Wycliffe families
Sat, May 9
10:00am
@ Wycliffe for you!



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