

**Opening Hymn: There's a wideness in God's mercy**

There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption  
through the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.  
  
If our love were but more simple,  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be all gladness  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

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**The Collects**

Merciful Lord,  
absolve your people from their offences,  
that through your bountiful goodness  
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins  
which by our frailty we have committed;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**The New Testament Reading**

A reading from the letter of St James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

This is the word of the Lord.

*St James 5: 13–18*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Bless the Lord, my soul**

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

*Taize Community*

### The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus taught his disciples, saying:

‘Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*St Matthew 6: 9–15*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### The Creed:

Let us declare our faith in the living God.

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### Offertory Hymn: How deep the Father’s love for us

How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that he should give his only Son  
to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss;  
the Father turns his face away,  
as wounds which mar the chosen One  
bring many souls to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon his shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there  
until it was accomplished;  
his dying breath has brought me life -  
I know that ‘it is finished.’

I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
but this I know with all my heart,  
his wounds have paid my ransom.

*How deep the Father’s love 114 AM*

### Cantique de Jean Raccine

Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,  
jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,  
de la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence,  
divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux!

Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante,  
que tout l’enfer fuie au son de ta voix,  
dissipe le sommeil d’une âme languissante,  
qui la conduit à l’oubli de tes lois!

*O Word from on high, our only hope,  
heaven and earth’s eternal day,  
we raise our voices in this peaceful night—  
Divine Saviour, look upon us.*

*Breathe on us the fire and power of your grace,  
let all hell flee at the sound of your voice,  
wake from their torpor these souls of ours  
which live forgetful of your laws.*

Ô Christ, sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle  
pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé,  
reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle,  
et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé!

*O Christ, look favourably on your faithful people  
now gathered here to praise you.  
Accept the praise we offer to your eternal glory,  
and may we bear away with us the gifts of your grace.*

*Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)  
Jean Racine (1639–99)*

**Communion Hymn: Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there a thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.

*Amazing grace 587 AM*

**Dismissal: Great is thy faithfulness**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou has been, thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Faithfulness 650 AM*