

First Hymn

To God be the glory, great things he hath done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice:
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath
done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

F.J. van Alstyne - (1820-1915)

Tune: To God be the glory

Readings

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (1.1-14)

Responsorial Psalm

The choir sings in four sections from Psalm 25. The response to the Psalm is

To you, O Lord, I lift up my Soul

Gospel Acclamation

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
You have the message of eternal life.

Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (10.25-37)

Offertory Hymn

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
taught by thee, we covet most,
of thy gifts at Pentecost,
holy, heavenly love.

Love is kind, and suffers long,
love is meek and thinks no wrong,
love than death itself more strong;
therefore give us love.

Prophecy will fade away,
melting in the light of day;
love will ever with us stay;
therefore give us love.

Faith will vanish into sight;
hope be emptied in delight;
love in heaven will shine more bright;
therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see
joining hand in hand agree;
but the greatest of the three,
and the best, is love.

From the overshadowing
of thy gold and silver wing
shed on us, who to thee sing,
holy, heavenly, love.

C. Wordsworth 1807-85 Music: Charity

Communion Hymn

All join in singing the chant (which is constantly repeated)

Ubi caritas et amor. Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Taizé Community

Living charity and steadfast love. Living charity shows the heart of God

Final Hymn

God is love: his the care,
tending each, everywhere.
God is love, all is there!

Jesus came to show him,
that mankind might know him!
Sing aloud, loud, loud!
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God is good! God is truth!
God is beauty! Praise him!

None can see God above;
we can share life and love;
thus may we Godward move,
seek him in creation,
holding every nation.

Refrain

Jesus lived on the earth,
life and hope brought to birth
and affirmed human worth,
for he came to save us
by the truth he gave us.

Refrain

To our Lord praise we sing,
light and life, friend and king,
coming down, love to bring,
pattern for our duty,
showing God in beauty.

Refrain

P. Dearmer (1867-1936) Music: Personent hodie