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Words of Welcome

Psalm 105:1-6(ESV)

- 1 Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
- 3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- 4 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!
- 5 Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

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Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:25-29 (ESV)

- 25 See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.
- 26 At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens."
- 27 This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken-- that is, things that have been made-- in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.
- 28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,
- 29 for our God is a consuming fire.

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verse 1:

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Chorus:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

Verse 2:

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits with Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And pierce the clouds and give us light

Verse 3:

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease
Fill all the world with heaven's peace

Verse 4:

O come, Thou rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave

Ending:

Shall come to thee, O Israel

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Of the Father's Love Begotten

Verse 1:

Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega
He the Source, the Ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

Verse 2:

O ye heights of heaven adore Him,
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!

Verse 3:

Christ, to Thee with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Verse 1:

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for, with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

Verse 2:

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

Verse 3:

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

Verse 4:

At His feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord Most High!”

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What Child Is This?

Verse 1:

What Child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus 1:

This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Verse 2:

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading

Chorus 2:

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me, for you
Hail, hail the Word made flesh
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Verse 3:

So, bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh
Come, rich and poor, to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

Chorus 3:

Raise, raise the song on high
The virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born
The Babe, the Son of Mary
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New City Catechism

46: What is the Lord's Supper?

Full Answer

Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father's kingdom.

Children's Answer

Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him.

Scripture

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23–26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Commentary

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O what unspeakable mysteries and treasures of mercy are here presented to us in a sacrament! Here we have communion with a reconciled God, and are brought into his presence by the great Reconciler. Here we have communion with our blessed Redeemer, as crucified and glorified, and offered to us, as our quickening, preserving, strengthening Head. Here we have communion with the Holy Ghost, applying to our souls the benefits of redemption, drawing us to the Son, and communicating light, and life, and strength from him unto us; increasing and actuating his graces in us. Here we have communion with the body of Christ, his sanctified people, the heirs of life. When the minister of Christ by his commission representeth a crucified Christ to our eyes, by the bread and wine appointed to this use, we see Christ crucified as it were before us, and our faith layeth hold on him, and we perceive the truth of the remedy; and build our souls upon this rock. When the same minister by Christ's commission, doth offer us his body, and blood, and benefits, it is as firm and valid to us, as if the mouth of Christ himself had offered them. And when our souls receive him, by that faith which the Holy Ghost exciteth in us, the participation is as true as that of our bodies receiving the bread and wine which represent him.

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He Who Is Mighty

Verse 1

Oh, the mercy our God has shown
To those who sit in death's shadow
The sun on high pierced the night
Born was the Cornerstone

Pre-Chorus

Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born

Chorus

He Who is mighty has done a great thing
Taken on flesh, conquered death's sting
Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame
Holy is His name

Chorus 2 only:

Holy is His name

Verse 2

Oh, the freedom our Savior won, the yoke of sin has been broken
Once a slave, now by grace
No more condemnation

Bridge

Now my soul magnifies the Lord
I rejoice in the God Who saves
I will trust His unfailing love
I will sing His praises all my days

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Sermon
The Messiah Who Calls His Disciples

John 1:35-51 (ESV)

35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples,
36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"
37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.
38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they
said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"
39 He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and
they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.
40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's
brother.
41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which
means Christ).
42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You
shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).
43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."
44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.
45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and
also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."
46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him,
"Come and see."
47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in
whom there is no deceit!"
48 Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called
you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."
49 Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"
50 Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe?
You will see greater things than these."
51 And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of
God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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**Creator of the Stars of Night
(Choral Special)**

Verse 1:

Creator of the stars of night,
your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
we pray you, hear us when we call.

Verse 2:

In sorrow that the ancient curse
should doom to death a universe,
you came to save a ruined race
with healing gifts of heav'nly grace.

Verse 3:

When earth drew on to darkest night,
you came, but not in splendor bright,
not as a king, but the child
of Mary, virgin mother mild.

Verse 4:

At your great name, majestic now,
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
all things on earth with one accord
join those in heav'n to call you Lord.

Verse 5:

To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally.

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From the Highest Throne

Verse 1:

From the highest throne
Jesus came to earth
Born in Bethlehem in a humble birth.
In the manger hay
He was laid to sleep
Now we too can rest for He is our peace

Chorus:

Jesus came a poor man
Left His riches and glory
To save His beloved ones
He came to bring us home.

Verse 2:

Angels sang the news
Shepherds came to see
The Savior of the world, who He would be
So, we bring the news
To each waiting soul
Bring your heart to Him, He will make it whole

Ending:

He came to bring us home.
He came to bring us home.

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Benediction

Psalm 104:31-35 (ESV)

31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works,
32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!
33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.
35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the LORD, O
my soul! Praise the LORD!