

The Spiritual Discipline of Tithing



Worship III

THE APPROACH TO GOD

VOTUM AND SENTENCES

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. Amen.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord.

Psalm 24.1, 3-5a

SALUTATION

2 Peter 1.2

CONFESSION

O God, source of all that makes life possible, giver of all that makes life good, we give you our thanks. Yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness: what we have, we take for granted; we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty with little thought for those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more, than by the many who have less. Forgive us. Teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

2 Corinthians 5.17, 18a

Believe this good news and go forth to live in peace. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON

2 Corinthians 9.6-15

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION (meditation or "wondering questions")

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Join Hearts and Voices"

Duke Street LM

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

O God, satisfy us with your love:

And we will live this day in joy and praise.

Be our help and our salvation, have pity on us and keep us:

Lord, have mercy on us.

For what is good and profitable in our lives, and for peace in the world:

Lord, have mercy on us.

For grace to spend our whole lives in peace and faithfulness:

Lord, have mercy on us.

Be present with those who work for the renewal and mission of your church:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give your church ministers who are eager to study, skilled to teach, wise to counsel, brave to act, loving to help:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give your church members who are generous in giving, faithful in prayer, diligent in worship, Christlike in service:

Lord, hear our prayer.

So grant that by your help and goodness the church may indeed be the Body of Jesus Christ. This we ask for your sake. Amen.

INVITATION TO TITHE

ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

"Doxology"

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

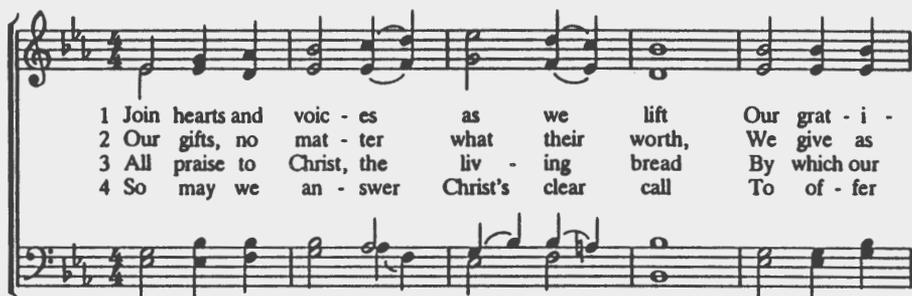
praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

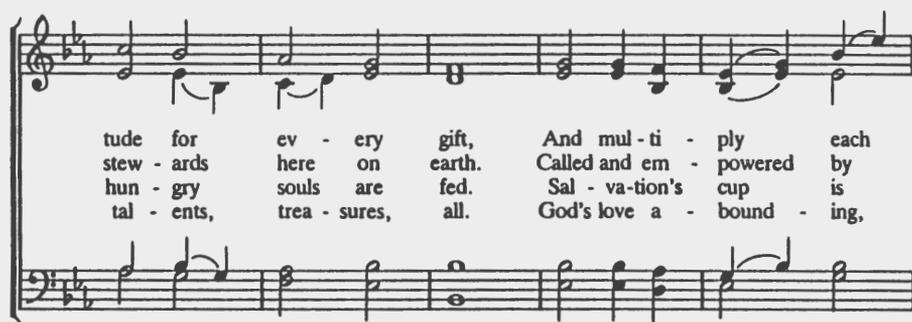
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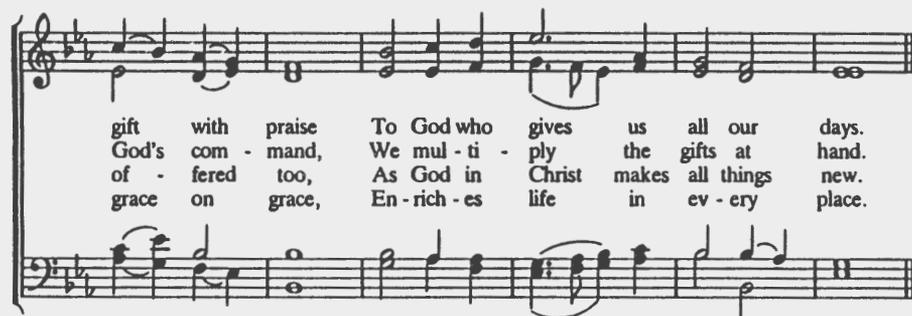
Join Hearts and Voices



1 Join hearts and voices as we lift Our grat - i -
 2 Our gifts, no mat - ter what their worth, We give as
 3 All praise to Christ, the liv - ing bread By which our
 4 So may we an - swer Christ's clear call To of - fer



tude for ev - ery gift, And mul - ti - ply each
 stew - ards here on earth. Called and em - powered by
 hun - gry souls are fed. Sal - va - tion's cup is
 tal - ents, trea - sures, all. God's love a - bound - ing,



gift with praise To God who gives us all our days.
 God's com - mand, We mul - ti - ply the gifts at hand.
 of - fered too, As God in Christ makes all things new.
 grace on grace, En - rich - es life in ev - ery place.

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