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Growing in Faith - Making a Difference - Open to All

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You are a child of God and you are welcome here: whatever your faith commitment, experience, or level of doubt, mental or emotional health, physical abilities, financial or employment status, race, ethnicity, or primary language; whatever your gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. We welcome you whether you are a parent or caregiver; whether you are a fussy baby, an energetic toddler, a 'tween, or a teen; whether you are an inquisitive young adult, exhausted adult, or wise senior citizen; whether you are single, in a relationship, married, divorced, or widowed; whether you struggle with an addiction to drugs, alcohol, or anything else. We welcome you however you found us: on the internet, from your neighbor or friend, or passing by our Giving Garden. We welcome those who hurt and those who celebrate, those who worship every week or just this once, and in whatever you choose to wear. We extend a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now. We welcome you to join us as we grow in faith through worship, study, and friendship. We welcome you as we seek to make a difference through combating food insecurity, ministering with those in need, and committing to racial equity. And we welcome you to help us be fully open to all. Whoever you are and wherever you are from, you are a child of God and you are welcome here.

+ GATHERING +

Prelude

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

J. S. Bach

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness:

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C: Holy One, source of our renewal,
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

L: Thus says our God:
“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”
God’s mercy makes us new.
We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

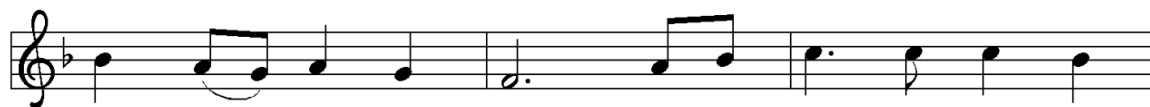
Gathering Hymn: All are Welcome



- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
- 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Greeting:

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Glory to God:



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day:

L: Let us pray together...

C: **Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

L: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, the 1st chapter.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

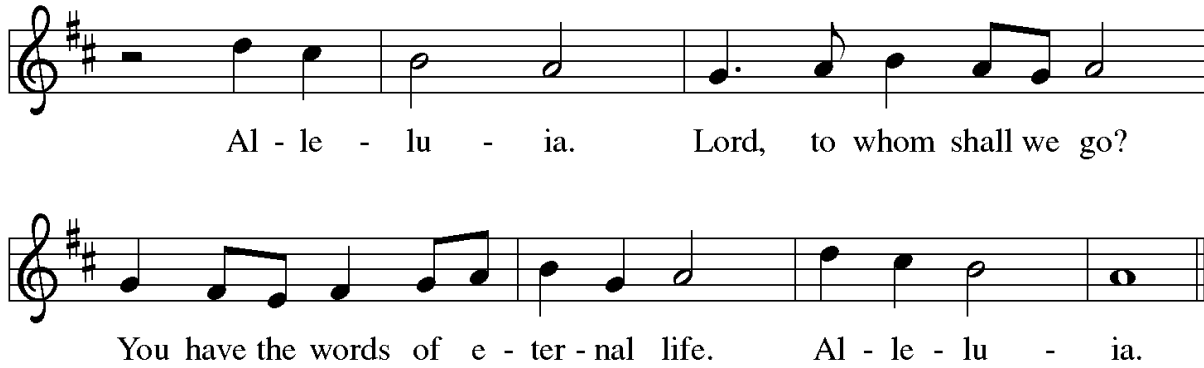
²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:



Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Pastor Dan Smith

Hymn of the Day: Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Apostles' Creed:

L: Let us make public profession of our faith together, reflecting on the love of God in Christ Jesus.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers:

L: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need. Be with Dottie, Harvey, Doris Jane, Linda, Sue, and Frank. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place. We thank you especially this day for the saints of this congregation who have allowed us to continue witnessing to your love. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace of Christ:

L: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us share a sign of peace with one another, as you are comfortable.

Anthem:

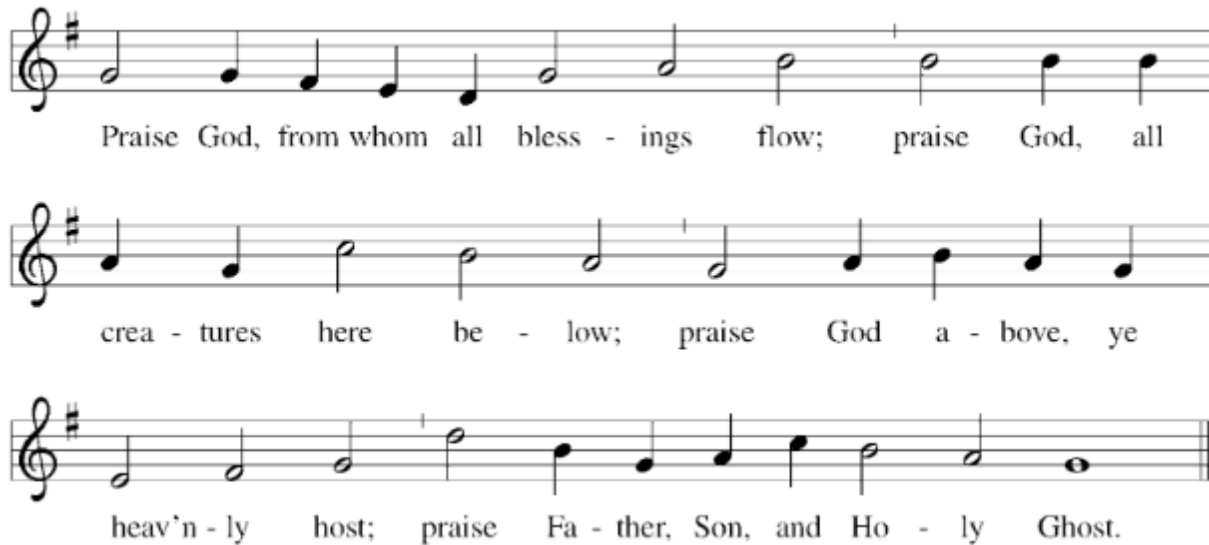
God's Hand

J. W. A. Myers

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Doxology & Offertory Prayer:



- L: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your equity and freedom. We magnify and adore you, through Jesus our Savior,
- C: **Amen.**

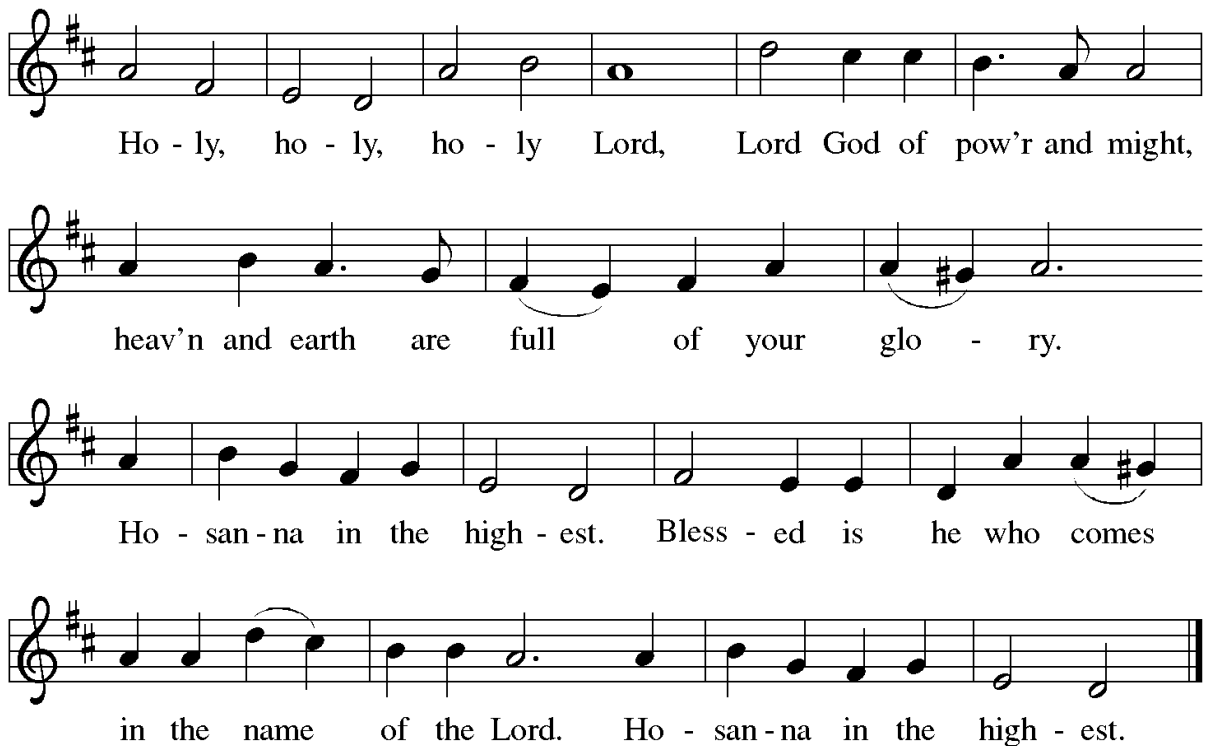
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The Great Thanksgiving:

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

The Proper Preface:

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

L: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



L: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

L: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer:

L: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion:

L: Christ is revealed in Scripture, in water, and in bread. Come meet Christ in this meal.

Communion Song:

Here is Bread

Graham Kendrick

Prayer after Communion:

L: We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.
As we have shared this feast of love,
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.
In Jesus' name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

Announcements

+ SENDING +

Benediction:

L: Almighty God,
who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary,
proclaimed joy through the angels,
sent the shepherds with good news,
and led the magi by a star,
bless you this day ☩ through the Word made flesh.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Rooted in Christ

1. Root - ed in Christ, we pause in prayer be - fore you,
 2. Strength - ened in Christ, we pause in prayer be - fore you,
 3. In - spired by Christ, we pause in prayer be - fore you,

Who are our Lord, our Wis - dom, our De - light.
 Who are our help, our rock when we des - pair.
 Who are our rock, our fort - ress strong and tall.

We are your seeds, so plant us in your good soil,
 Our branch - es curve and stretch to all our neigh - bors,
 Our leaves can strive to shel - ter all who wan - der,

You are our Sun, so show'r us in your light.
 Whose grief and loss and hun - ger, Lord, you bear.
 To be a hope, a place for those who fall.

Help us, we pray, at la - bor or at rest, Lord,
 Teach us to make a diff' - rence where we're called to,
 Spi - rit of God, O let us be a re - fuge,

To grow in faith and ser - vice in your sight.
 Send us to sow your mer - cy and your care.
 Your tree of life, your Church, a home for all.

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 Music: Jean Sibelius
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Dismissal:

L: Go in peace, follow Christ. Grow in faith, make a difference, be open to all.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Little” Fugue in Bb Major

J. S. Bach

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Holy Trinity's Prayer List

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Harvey Davis
Doris Jane Starankovic
Sue Steiger
Frank Wick
Linda Wieteha
Alesha Brophy
Rob Tucker

Friends and Relatives

Bettina Chavanne (friend of the McCluskeys)
Katy & Nick (Pat Brubaker's family)
Kellie & Bob Coombs (friends of Anne Hoffman)
Vincent Sangmeister (Mary Williamson's brother)
Fran Gebhart
Sharon Neall (Hall family member)
Beth Brady (Kristine DelMonte's co-worker)
Norma DelMonte (Tom's mother)
Cindy and Bobbie (cousins of the Hoffmann's)
The Houghs (friends of Pat Brubaker)
Linda Baldi-Boyd
Cheryl & Donna (friends of Pat Brubaker)
Kelly (Carolmarie Scanlon's sister in law)
Beth Ann Force (friend of Louise Hoffman)
Georgette, her daughter Kara, and Chuck

Marbury Hooey
John & Rosemary (friends of Pat Brubaker)
June Duncan
Annette Steiger (Dave Steiger's sister)
Martin Eichner (Gloria Eichner's son)
Margie (Jan Doan's friend)
Eleanor Crissman (Bob Catherman's sister)
Joseph Davis
Winifred Joyce (friend of the Hoffmans)
Peter Stein (friend of the McCluskeys)
Danelle VanInstendal (friend of the Steigers)
Heinrich Mengel - cousin of the Hoffmann Family
Donna Dutten (daughter of June Duncan)
Peter Stein and Michelle Murdock (Peter's wife)
Louise Jackson (cousin of Julie Ackerman)
Ralph Hunt (Kim Crews-Engelhard's step-father)
Ginny Engelhard (John's step-mother)
Jody and Alan (friends of Pat Brubaker)
Marian and family (friends of Pat Brubaker)
Carol Devine ("adopted sister" of the Hoffmans)
Oriana Eichner (Gloria Eichner's granddaughter)
Pr. Kris Peterson
Mary Fran (friend of Dorothy McCluskey)

Want to add someone you love and care about to the prayer list? Contact the church office anytime.

God's Hand

Who set the universe in motion?
Who gave us our form and our traits?
Who rules the storm and shines in
glory?
All praise to the One who creates!
We feel God's touch each time we
pray.
We see God's hand and celebrate.
God is what God is:
God is love; God is grace; God is
great.

Whose love exceeds our deepest
notion?
Who sacrificed past all extremes?
Who took our form and shares our
story?
All honor to the one who redeems!
We feel God's touch at work, at play;
We see God's Hand below, above.
God is what God is:
God is grace; God is great; God is
love.

Who strengthens us in our devotion?
Who quiets our hearts in our pains?
Who makes us warm when chilled by
worry?
All thanks to the One who sustains!
We feel God's touch throughout our
day;

We see God's Hand in every place.
God is what God is:
God is great; God is love; God is
grace.