

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Communion Music

Bach Two-Part Invention No.6  
(played by Andrea Bacchetti)

## Going out as the people of God

Heal and proclaim..... Were the twelve afraid? Did they wonder if they could do those things? Compared to the quality of your ministry, did they feel inadequate and unworthy? What persuaded them to go? Your words? Your friendship? Their enthusiasm? Your deep belief that they could do it?

And you said: "Take nothing for the journey" What did you mean? Trust or more than trust? Did you perhaps imply that we can't wait until we have all the possible things we need? That we can't postpone "doing" until we are positive of our talents? That we can't hold off our commitment until we are absolutely sure we won't make a mistake?

I think of all the excuses and reasons we can give for not serving and giving; no time, no talent, no knowledge, no energy, no assured results. You say "Take nothing. Don't worry about your inadequacies. I will provide for you. Go! just go with my power. Risk the road, risk the work. Go! I will be with you What else do you need?"

*Joyce Rupp*

## Closing Hymn

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
And all creation is shouting for joy!  
Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field,  
And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord!*

4. Praise to the fire, who gives us his light,  
the warmth of the sun to brighten our night;  
he dances with joy, his spirit so bright,  
he sings of you!

5. Sing to the earth, who makes life to grow,  
the creatures you made to let your life show;  
the flowers and trees that help us to know  
the Heart of Love.

6. Praise to our death, that makes our life real,  
the knowledge of loss that helps us to feel;  
the Gift of Yourself, your Presence revealed  
to bring us home.

# SEASON OF CREATION



## Opening Hymn

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1. Sing to the sun, the bringer of day,  
he carries the light of the Lord in his rays;  
the moon and the stars who light up the way  
unto your throne!
2. Praise to the wind, that blows through the trees,  
the seas' mighty storms, the gentlest breeze;  
they blow where they will, they blow where they please  
to please the Lord!
3. Praise for the rain, that waters our fields,  
and blesses our crops so all the earth yields;  
from death unto life her mystr'y concealed  
springs forth in joy.

## Gloria

**G**lory be to God in heaven:  
Let all people hear the call.  
Peace to those who honour God  
Who bear good will and love to all.  
Gracious ruler, loving creator,  
We adore and give you praise.  
Hear our song of glad thanksgiving  
For your grace, your loving ways.

Praise to you, O Jesus Christ,  
The Son, the Lamb, who once was slain.  
Now you are alive forever,  
Help us all God's life to gain.  
You alone are blessed and holy:  
Jesus Christ, beloved Son.  
Sharing glory with the Spirit  
And with the Eternal One.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### A reading from the book of Wisdom (9:13-18)

**F**or who can learn the counsel of God?  
Or who can discern what the Lord wills?  
For the reasoning of mortals is worthless,  
and our designs are likely to fail,

for a perishable body weighs down the soul,  
and this earthy tent burdens the thoughtful mind.  
We can hardly guess at what is on earth,  
and what is at hand we find with labour,  
but who has traced out what is in the heavens?  
Who has learned your counsel  
unless you have given wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from on high?  
And thus the paths of those on earth were set right,  
and people were taught what pleases you  
and were saved by wisdom.

## Psalm 90

You turn mortals back to dust and say:  
'Go back, human beings.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep mortals away like a dream,  
like the grass which springs up in the  
morning.  
In the morning it springs up and  
flowers:

by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands.

## A reading from the letter to the Philemon (8-17)

**F**or this reason, though I am more  
than bold enough in Christ to  
command you to do the right thing, yet  
I would rather appeal to you on the  
basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an  
old man and now also as a prisoner of  
Christ Jesus.

I am appealing to you for my child,  
Onesimus, whose father I have become  
during my imprisonment. Formerly he  
was useless to you, but now he is indeed  
useful to you and to me. I am sending  
him, that is, my own heart, back to you.

I wanted to keep him with me so that  
he might minister to me in your place

during my imprisonment for the gospel,  
but I preferred to do nothing without  
your consent in order that your good  
deed might be voluntary and not  
something forced.

Perhaps this is the reason he was  
separated from you for a while, so that  
you might have him back for the long  
term, no longer as a slave but more  
than a slave, a beloved brother—  
especially to me but how much more to  
you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So  
if you consider me your partner,  
welcome him as you would welcome  
me.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (14:25-33)**

**N**ow large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all

who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. (Luke 14:25-33)

**Quiet Prayer | Lectio | Creed | Intercessions**

I believe in God,  
The source of all that exists  
Who continues to create in a universe unfolding according to God’s plan.  
A plan made known through the wisdom of God’s love  
and revealed to human beings  
Through God’s eternal Word.

I believe in Jesus, the eternal Word made flesh,  
Who came among us to witness to God’s way of compassion  
Through the proclamation of the Good News in word and deed,  
And who, in faithfulness to his mission, died on the cross.

I believe that God raised him up and through him has poured out on us his Spirit  
Empowering us to live as a new creation in our broken world, a community of faith  
Committed to doing justice and devoted to transforming life on earth  
through the gift of his unconditional love.

I live in hope of eternal life in communion with God who is  
Self-giving Love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.