**COCU49A***Note: this resource is primarily for use by* ***worship planners at Pilgrim Uniting Church*** *(Adelaide), but may be useful to other worship planners.*

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| Genesis 29:15-28 Jacob serves Laban for Rachel and LeahPsalm 105:1-11, 45b God, and God’s peopleRomans 8:26-39 The future gloryMatthew 13:31-33, 44-52 parables about the kingdom & hidden treasure *(\*the RCL readings for printing are on a separate page on website)*Paraphrase of Bible readings by Nathan Nettleton<http://www.laughingbird.net>Scroll down for paraphrase of Psalm reading by Francis Macnab First Thoughts on the Old Testament Readings of the RCLhttp://hwallace.unitingchurch.org.au/webotcomments/ContentspageYearA.html<http://www.oldtestamentlectionary.unitingchurch.org.au/Lectionary.htm>First Thoughts on the New Testament Readings of the RCL<http://wwwstaff.murdoch.edu.au/~loader/lectionaryindex.html>Andrew Prior sermon (gospel) – good thoughts that may help in framing worship<http://onemansweb.org/theology/the-gospel-of-matthew-2011/a-little-tin-glory---matthew-13.html>\* Note: Seasons of the Spirit and Words for Worship resources in Pilgrim library as well as commentaries such as Feasting on the Word to assist worship planners. |
| Welcome and introduction | Today is the sixth Sunday in the Season of Pentecost. Our readings focus on the kingdom – the nature of the reign of God, the realm of God which is goodness and mercy. |
| Collect | Eternal God, we worship you as the one who brings us life and thought and being. Maker and Ruler of the world, yet you choose to be present in a tradesman who can be lost in a crowd, and the signs of your kingdom are small things which grow, and move and change. Be present with us in Jesus we pray, and help us to see - through his words and deeds - our place in the kingdom of your grace, we ask in his name.  Amen Jennie Gordon |
| Collect | God of the small, God of the grand, God who accomplishes your purpose regardless of size:So enable our worship that even the most insignificant of things are embraced in your glory.So empower our worship that even the most noticeable of things are kissed in your majesty.That small and big, and all things in between, would stretch to become a sharing of praise and thanksgiving to you;through the Christ, whom with you and the Holy Spirit,is worshiped and exulted in never ending wonder. Amen.Gary L Lake Dillensnyder |
| Collect | O God, in whom is the mystery of the seed which diesto give new life:Place the seeds of your love deeply within our hearts and minds. And nurture those seeds even unto harvest, that your love would grow in us, that your love would grow among us, that your love would grow through us, to the ends of the earth.May we be a people who find the peace and justice of your realm to be sprouting in places where hatred and indifference now seem to reign. For nothing is beyond you, O God, whose love shall have its way; now and always. AmenGary L Lake Dillensnyder |
| Opening sentences | We are awakened from a week of work and worryto a morning of fresh beginnings and new horizons.**For this day of rest we give thanks and praise.**We are awakened from a night of tossing and turningto a day of surprises and sanctuary.**For this day of peace we give thanks and praise.**We are awakened from the mundane and ordinaryby an invitation for search and celebration.**For this time of celebration we give thanks and praise.**This is the day that we are given.*Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*This is a day like no other!**For senses awakened we give thanks and praise.Blessed be**! *(GLStewart/adapt)* |
| Centering prayer | Here am I, O God, with you, in you, through you.Here you are, O God, with me, in me, through me.Together, we are here and I long to be in the place of centre where my heart of hearts is part of the community you have made in this place. Help me to focus and to be in an awareness that what I find and share in worship is of both your will and the commongood of all your people. Amen.Gary L Lake Dillensnyder |
| Gathering words | In God, holy transcedant and lovingly imminent we are gathered.*In God, holy mystery and lovingly manifest* *we come to worship.*Gary L Lake Dillensnyder |
| Call to worship | Based on Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b Faithful God, we gather to praise your Holy Name for the way you have always kept your promises.**With thankful hearts, let us sing God’s praises!** Trustworthy God, we proclaim to all who will listen that the God we worship is utterly to be trusted.**With thankful hearts, we rejoice in our constant God.** We gather to sing, to pray and to praise our God.Worthy of all praise and honour is the Lord our God.**With thankful hearts, we sing: ‘Praise the Lord forever!’ Amen.** © 2011 Joan Stott – ‘The Timeless Psalms’ RCL Psalms Year A. Used with permission. |
| Call to worship | On this day of worship, we call on God's name,**and hear our own invitation to work for the good of all.**Gathered with neighbors and strangers, we call on God's hope,**and discover that a lifetime of service seems but a few days.**In this place of praise and prayer, we call on God's love,**and receive that grace which is as old as creation, yet as fresh as each morning.**Thom Shuman |
| Call to worship | Let us sing praises for the wonders of God**Let us give thanks for the works of God**Let us rejoice in the love of God**Let us worship in the presence of God**Moira Laidlaw |
| Call to worship | In a world that validates what is big in size, we find ourselves so small and finite.*In a world that mega- and macro- are the prefixes of preference, we know what God can do with little things, little ones.*In a world that super sizes and sells in bulk, we come away to this place where God is grandiose.*In a world that markets bigger as better* *we come away to this place* *where God's realm is awesome.*Blessed be our God, Holy and Eternal Trinity.*And blessed is your reign for ever and ever.*Gary L Lake Dillensnyder |
| Personal reflection | Based on Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b Yes, I want the whole world to know and experience thegoodness of God! What a great and glorious God weworship! It is wonderful to share these experiences withother people, but it is also a great blessing to feel that I, asone individual, have also received these blessings from God. Creative pause:           How glorious is the God we worship! I want to give thanks for the privilege of having forebearswho loved and served their Lord in their daily life, and intheir commitment to maintaining a fellowship of worship,witness and service amongst their fellow believers; and toshare those experiences with people who had no personalknowledge of God. I am so grateful for the memories andheritage in the faith that has been handed down throughgenerations, and that is now mine to pass on to others. Creative pause:           My memories and heritage are a blessing. God’s promises made to the peoples in ancient times arejust as relevant today. God’s goodness and compassionhas not lost its power; God’s love and generosity is stillas potent today as in earlier times; God’s creativity andwisdom are still to be seen in the world and amongst people; and God’s saving grace and mercy are still taking place in today’s world, amongst God’s people. Each of us needs to be on the look-out for any signs: *‘Beware - God at Work’*; and I give thanks for the encouragement those signs bring me. Creative pause:           Be on the look-out for signs *‘Beware - God at Work’*. Yes, I want the whole world to know about and experience the goodness of God! How much richer would their spiritual life be with the knowledge of the timeless nature of God’s goodness. Creative pause:           The timeless nature of God’s goodness.© 2011 Joan Stott – ‘The Timeless Psalms’ RCL Psalms Year A. Used with permission.  |
| Prayer of praise and adoration | Eternal God,  we come, young and old,  from different places and diverse backgrounds  to offer this time of worship to you.  Help us to so focus our thoughts on you that we experience afresh your grace, mercy and love as fresh gifts in our lives.  We praise you for blessing us in this way and for revealing your love in Jesus Christ.  With his endless love flowing through us and the Holy Spirit guiding us, may our love for you and all you created never cease.  God, source of loving kindness and strength, we worship you. Jesus, foundation of our faith, we worship you.Holy Spirit, ground of our very being, we worship you. AmenMoira Laidlaw |
| Prayer of thanksgiving | Based on Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b Holy and Faithful God, we give thanks for the blessing of memory, and for the way our memory of God’s blessing and guidance has helped us in the past, especially when we have struggled with doubts and fears invading our hearts and minds. We give thanks for the way our forebears in the faith trusted in God, and that they were never disappointed in God’s guidance, mercy and care. In ancient times, God led and blessed the people chosen to be God’s own family; and through thick and thin, God was there for them, especially in their times of doubt and fear, and eventually ledthem to their new home – just as God had promised. We give thanks that since then, God has blessed and led countless generations through their faith journeys, and we especially give thanks for the people who have prayed for and blessed us throughout our life. Holy God of Shalom, it is your will for your people to know the blessed security and joy of God’s shalom—where they can be at peace with themselves, with their world, and especially with their God. We give thanks that this is God’s gift to us. Help us to take the time to be still before God, to receive all the blessings God wants to shower upon us – just as God has promised—to be at home with God so that our whole being is blessed as we live our lives as God’s true children of grace. Amen. © 2011 Joan Stott – ‘The Timeless Psalms’ RCL Psalms Year A. Used with permission. |
| Opening prayer | You shape us in your image, not so we might puff up with pride, but we might humbly serve others.You have chosen us, not because we are so special, but that we might become hope to a world bloated on despair.Searcher of hearts, we would tell of all your wonders.You planted seeds of grace, so that the lost, the little, the least, the last, and even we could make our homes in you. Bearer of God's Heart, we would tell all your stories.You offer sighs from the depths of the very heart of God, when we cannot shape words. With peace in your hands, you step in to help resolve all of our broken relationships.Heart of reconciliation, we would listen to your hopes..Thom Shuman |
| Prayer for Reconciliation/ Prayer of Confession | We spend so much time accusing ourselves, judging ourselves, punishing ourselves for what we have done, or not done.  But God would draw us closer to the Heart of forgiveness, that we might be filled with healing and grace.Join me, as we pray together,Unison Prayer of ConfessionWhat then are we to say about our lives, Searcher of our hearts?  We know how often we have duped others with our deceit.  We remember how often we promise one thing,only to do the opposite.  We struggle to trust you, while we so easily listen to the promises of those who would pull us away from you. Forgive us, Heart overflowing with mercy.Your grace is more powerful than any of our sins, your hope is more durable than our silly choices, your love will traverse anything, anything, which separates us from you. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are forgiven!*Silence is kept*Assurance of PardonHear the good news: the One who could accuse us, saves us from sin and death. The One who could condemn us, cradles us in grace.  The One who could punish us, prays for us. Now we know, there is nothing, no thing, that can separate us from God.  Thanks be to the One who forgives us.  Amen. |
| Prayer of confession | Gracious gift-giving God, you call us to live out our faith in ways which honour you and bless our neighbours,  and we recognise that worship is  an essential part of our faith journey. We  believe  that what we do here in worship does shape our daily witness to Jesus whose disciples we profess to be.  We know that our faith is most visible when we live by your kingdom values  of love, justice and peace - yet it is increasingly hard to resist becoming absorbed with the values of the world. Values dominated by money, profit and production.  Forgive us when we fail to understand that planting seeds of faith and love point to the treasures of your kingdom being found and shared.We pray that our hearts will be shaped and reshaped by the unfailing treasures of your kingdom, O God, and that our  accountability as disciples of Christ will be evident in our  worship, our witness and our service.  This we pray in Jesus’ name.  AmenAssurance of forgiveness:Let us celebrate the assurance that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners And so, I declare to you: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven .**Thanks be to God!** |
| Assurance of pardon | Gentle Spirit, move in us, stir in us the remembrance of Your covenant. We know that there is nothing that can separate us from Your love. Restore us to each other and to You, and help us to follow Your commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. In the name of Christ, our Redeemer and Friend, we pray. Amen.Rev Mindi, http://rev-o-lution.org |
| Prayer for illumination | You speak, O God, and creation comes to be.Your Word comes into the world and humankind is redeemed.Your Spirit unites all people into your commonwealth and life is made whole.May we hear the message you speak to us this day:and in our hearing--may there be creating presence, redeeming love, and perfecting wisdom.Speak to us, O God, in the reading and preaching of your witness. AmenGary L Lake Dillensnyder |
| Psalm paraphraseFrancis Macnab | Is there anything more important than knowing we have touched the very depths of joy?We come alive to the beauty of all creation;we feel a strength we had not known before.We become conscious of an expansive presence around us.And we want to sing, and give thanks to God.We think of the risks and dangers of the past.But we survived them.We went through some dark and difficult times.But we are stronger.We did not know what the future would bringor what direction to take.But we found a way.We thought we were up against the impossible.But we discovered the possible.We have drawn on the source of all strength and hope,and that strength and hope have brought us to this moment.We feel in the very depths of our beinga sense of our expanded identity and belonging.Inner joy swells within us, and we give thanks to God.If we knew how to make an adequate response,we would praise that God from nowand until our life's end.41, Macnab, F. 2006.  A Fine Wind is Blowing: Psalms of the Bible in words that blow you away. VIC: Richmond. Spectrum Publications. |
| Reflections | A hermit in Western Australia was before the courts at one stage and asked why he wanted to live on his small island.  He said there was treasure there. Have you found any treasure, he was asked. What is it, he was asked. He responded, my treasure is peace and quiet!The contented fisherman (Anthony de Mello)The rich industrialist from the North was horrified to find the Southern fisherman lying lazily beside his boat, smoking a pipe."Why aren't you out fishing?" said the industrialist."Because I have caught enough fish for the day," said the fisherman."Why don't you catch some more?""What would I do with it?""You could earn more money" was the reply. "With that you could have a motor fixed to your boat and go into deeper waters and catch more fish."Then you would make enough to buy nylon nets. These would bring you more fish and more money. Soon you would have enough money to own two boats . . . maybe even a fleet of boats. The you would be a rich man like me.""What would I do then?""The you could really enjoy life.""What do you think I am doing right now?"**Reflection**by Kate HueyOne of my favorite images from the Gospels is the little mustard seed in the first parable in this week's passage: there's a range of interpretation of these parables, beginning with the sweet image of the little seed that grows into (we imagine) a mighty tree, with birds nesting in its branches. The image alone seems straightforward and lovely: the kingdom of God (so easily identified with the church, of course) begins small, with Jesus and a tiny band of disciples, and grows into a vast, worldwide church. Even if it's not identified strictly with the church, the kingdom is something big and powerful and mysterious in its growth. Mysterious, like the process of leavening, when something very small creates a huge batch of bread (enough to feed one hundred people!). Ordinary, homey images, everyday people and activities, things of nature…these are the tools Jesus employs to try to convey how he experiences God, how he hopes we might experience God. And we find them beautiful and encouraging and hopeful, even if we've never laid eyes on a mustard seed or baked a loaf of bread. However, each parable might also provoke questions: Are these stories from the peasant class something that urban folks would hear differently and, presumably, miss the point? Would the city dwellers know that one does not plant a weed like a mustard seed in one's garden? Arland Hultgren says, wisely, that it's "better to simply stay with the story." If we do simply stay with the story, we can't miss that phrase in the third parable (about finding the treasure) that almost jumps off the page: "in his joy." Jesus doesn't say, "in his greed," but "in his joy." We might safely assume that these three words are important to the meaning of the parable, and that the reign of God has much to do with joy. But there's more: these images have the power to offend, as well: Jesus' audience would have considered leaven unclean and corrupting, Bernard Brandon Scott observes, for "the Bible told them so," since the scriptures often used "unleavened" as a metaphor for the Holy. In a culture like ours where leavened bread is popular, we don't hear the story the same way: we miss the offense and perhaps the power of what Jesus is saying. In fact, our considerable efforts to avoid offense in the life of the church and in its ministry run the risk of neutralizing the gospel that Jesus embodied. If he didn't "give offense," would he have been crucified by the powers that be, with the crowd shouting its approval? |
| Reflection – Archbishop Oscar Romero | *Prayer of Oscar Romero, archbishop of San Salvador who was gunned down nearly thirty years ago as he celebrated Mass in his community.* It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God’s work.Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.            No statement says all that could be said.            No prayer fully expresses our faith.            No confession brings perfection.            No pastoral visit brings wholeness.            No program accomplishes the Church’s mission.            No set of goals and objectives includes everything.This is what we are about.            We plant the seeds that one day will grow.            We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.            We lay foundations that will need further development.            We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.            This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.            It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,            an opportunity for the Lord’s grace to enter and do the rest.We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.            We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.            We are prophets of a future not our own.  |
| Statement of faith | We believe in God,the Holy One,Holy and Mighty.Holy and Immortal,in whom we live and move and have our being.God is creating the cosmosand everything within itlarge and smallGod is creating.God is renewing the cosmosand everything within itlarge and smallGod is renewing.God is perfecting the cosmosand everything in itlarge and smallGod is perfecting.In God is our faith as we trust God for our life.In God is our hope as we serve God for our purpose.In God is our love as we worship God for our joy. Gary L Lake Dillensnyder |
| Prayers for others | (Response) God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.***Call to Reconciliation**Beloved of God, we are not strangers to our brokenness.We know all too well that we are in need of healing and wellness.Let us seek the reconciling that heals in making peaceand establishing justice. **Prayer of Reconciliation**Loving God, your love is sure and without condition.Even when our love has failed, your love has remained constant.You have entrusted to us the work of your realmthat we might be your instruments ofkindness,gentleness,acceptance,respect,affirmation.*To those whom you have said "yes!" we have said "no!".**To those whom you have said "come!" we have said "stay away!".**To those whom you have said "be healed!" we have said "not this time!".**To those whom you have said "follow me!" we have said "not here!".**To those whom you have said "rest!" we have said "not now!".*Our lives are divided and divisive.*A time of silence is kept*Forgive us, O God, and keep us in your way.*Help us to be in relationships that are* *good, and right, and loving.**A time of silence is kept*Heal us, O God, and grow in us your way.*Help us to be in relationships that are**of equality, and forebearance, and mutuality.**A time of silence is kept*Bring wellness, O God, and perfect in us your way.*Help us to be in relationships that are* *your reign on earth as it is in heaven.**A time of silence is kept* **Words of Reconciling Assurance**Beloved of God, hear the good news: "I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus."Peace and justice be yours.*Just peace be yours, always, all ways, for ever!**All Share in Words and Signs of a Just Peace* Gary L Lake Dillensnyder |
| Offering prayer | Gracious and loving God, you have blessed us with the treasures of your kingdom and we offer our response  through these gifts of money and the service of our lives - may they be used to sow the seeds of your kingdom values of love, justice and peace.  In Jesus’  name we pray.  AmenMoira Laidlaw |
| Sending out | May the Holy Spirit fill and inspire you with the wonderful knowledge  that nothing is able to separate you from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Moira Laidlaw |
| Sending out | Go forth for God,in God go forth to serve.*We go to love God and love all others with all our heart,**with all our mind, with all our strength.* The blessing of God, Almighty,be with you and in your living.*In the Blessed and Eternal Trinity,**may we be a blessing to all.*Gary L Lake Dillensnyder |
| Sending out | "Nothing shall separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:May the love of God enfold you,The power of Christ protect you,The leading of the Spirit guide you;And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now, and remain in you always. Amen.(adapted from 'Clouds and Glory' by David Adam, Year A, p. 103.) |
| Communion | May the Lord of the kingdom be with you!**And also with you!**Children of God, offer your hearts to the One who calls us to serve the world.**We embrace the God of the loving heart.**God's people, sing praises forever and ever.**We rejoice in the One who will not allow anything, any thing, to keep us apart.**Hearts overflow with praise,Good and Generous God,for from you flows all that we need.You gathered up all your dreamsand shaped them into the gift of creation:bright blue skies that flow forever,kittens chasing butterflies in backyards,children whose hopes know no end.The seeds of grace and peaceblossomed into that gardenwhich could have been our home,but we chose to go out and buythe fallow fields of sin and death,to harvest the pearls of rebellion.Prophets came, to tell us of hearingthe deep sighs of your broken heart,but we thought their wordsto be flights of foolish fantasy.So, your heart set so that nothingmight ever separate us from you again,you sent Jesus to bringyour treasure of grace to us,a treasure as old as the universe,as new as your joy for each of us.So, we join our voices with Jacob and Leahwith Rachel, Laban and all your children,forever singing our praises to you,P:  Holy, holy, holy are you, word-keeping God.    All creation tells of your wonderful deeds.    Hosanna in the highest!    Blessed is the One who is your treasure of the kingdom.    Hosanna in the highest!Holy are you, Covenant Rememberer,and blessed is Jesus Christ,the great Treasure of your heart.He could have stayed at your side,but came to cast his net to gathersinners into your kingdom.He could have shaken his head in silenceat all the foolish choices we make,but told us stories of the Onewhose heart overflows with mercy.He could have left us on our own,trying to make ourselves right,but gave himself up to death,to prove that nothing, nothing,can separate us from your love.As we remember his life, his teachings,his death, and his rising to new life,we would speak of that mystery we call faith:P:  Christ died, with love more powerful than hate;    Christ rose, with life too strong for death;    Christ will come, with grace too deep for words.Heart of goodness and joy,send your Spirit upon us now,that She might enliven this bread,so that fed, we might spendthe rest of our livesin service to your children.Immerse your Spiritin the cup of mercy,so that as we drink from it,we may go forth to be poured outin lifetimes of compassion and caringto those who hunger for hope and healing.And when that moment comes, and you gather all your people from every place and time, to feast at the Table of grace, we will lift our voices in praise to you, God in Community, Holy in One.  Amen.(c) 2011 Thom M. Shuman |
| Communion | God is with you.*And also with you.*Lift up your hearts.*We lift them up to God* Let us give thanks to God*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*It is good, right, and a joyful thingalways and everywhere to give thanks to you,O God, who brings forth from the earthbread to eat and wine to drink.You provide for our needsand teach us how to share the fruits of your creation.Even from the smallest of seeds you bring forth a tree of life where community is fashioned and shelter is welcomed.Therefore, with all the earth, and the host of heaven,we praise your name joining those who sing your praise:(Sanctus and Benedictus)*Holy, holy, holy God, Presence of power and might.**Heaven and earth abound in your glory.**Hosanna in the highest.**Blessed is the Christ who comes in your name most adored.**Hosanna in the highest.*(Anamnesis and Words of Institution)Loving God, in Christ Jesus you are redeeming your creation, reconciling all things unto yourself.Like a grain of seed that has been sown upon the earth, Jesus died upon a tree and was raised to new life.In that life you gave birth to your church and made a new covenant with all the world, fulfilling the promise that in your people all would be blessed.On the night before he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his friends at table. He 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.'This meal we share in witness to the mystery of faith:(Acclamation)*For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,**we proclaim Christ's death until he comes.*(Epiclesis and Invocation)Send forth your Spirit, O God, upon these gifts of bread and wine. May they be for usthe bread of heavenand the cup of salvation.Pour out your Spirit, O God,upon us gathered here and upon all people, that we may be the body of Christ united in the diversity that is your gift of hospitality.Make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in service throughout the world.(Doxology)Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.*Amen.* **The Prayer of Jesus** **Agnus Dei**Shepherd of the sheep,set your table before us.*That we may find green pastures**and gentle waters.*Lamb of the Shepherd,walk with us in the valley of shadows.*And may our lives be lived**for your name's sake.*Spirit of the flock,anoint us with your blessing.*Until our cup overflows.* **Prayer of Humble Access**By your love alone, we come.By your love alone, we eat.By your love alone, we drink.By your love alone, we serve.By your love alone, we are able to love,even as we are loved.So be it. Amen.Gary L Lake Dillensnyder |
| Music | TiS 52 TiS 93 TiS 106 TiS 107TiS 146TiS 153TiS 164TiS 468TiS 473TiS 609TiS 619TiS 626TiS 628TiS 691TiS 755 | Let us sing to the God of salvationPraise the Lord, you heaven adore himNow thank we all our GodSing praise and thanksgivingGod, who made the earthGod is love, let heaven adore himThe great love of God We are your people, Lord, by your graceCommunity of ChristMay the mind of Christ my SaviourHave faith in God, my heartLord of creation, to you be all praiseIn faith and hope and loveFaith will not grow from words aloneYou shall go out with joyImmortal, invisible God only wise |
| Hymn: “**Shake Up the Morning**”  Shake up the morning, let the dawn undress,Let dew reglisten nature’s loveliness;Waken the songbird and unseal the throatThat greets the daybreak with a crystal note.Praise to the Lord, whose morning we inherit;Praise creation’s fuse, the Holy Spirit;Praise to the Son who rises with the dawn,Leaving graveclothes scarcely three days worn.Shake up the world and let the Kingdom come,The dumb be listened to, the lost find home;Make earthly politics the stuff of prayerTill want and warring are dispelled by care.Praise to the Lord, whose world we inherit;Praise God’s catalyst, the Holy Spirit;Praise to the Son whose choice it is to blessThose who work for peace and live on less.Shake up the Church and let all Christians showThat faith is real, that God is good to know;Fashion new symbols of the coming ageWhen hope and love with take the centre stage.Praise to the Lord, whose Gospel we inherit;Praise God’s bird of love, the Holy Spirit;Praise to the Son whose will and words decreeAll are one in this community.Shake up the evening, let the shadows rangeAs clouds to castles in the sunset change;Kindle the moon and stars which through each nightReflect the glory of tomorrow’s light.Praise to the Lord, whose evening we inherit;Praise creation’s presence in the Holy Spirit;Praise to the Son whose brightness none can kill,Lighting paths for those who seek this will*. © WGWG Iona Community*#18, Bell, J; G. Maule. 1989.  **Heaven Shall Not Wait**. Wild Goose Songs Vol. 1. Revised edition. GtB: Glasgow. Wild Goose Publications. |
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