

Gathered together
to
worship God

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October 1, 2017

Breathe upon us,
Holy Spirit

Hymn #28
words by Elisha Albright Hoffman, 1899
music by J. Henry Showalter, 1899

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Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,
as adoringly we bow
at these altars, pure and sacred,
paying thee our solemn vow.
All our feeble graces quicken
with the streams of thy sweet grace,
and make glorious with thy presence
this thy holy dwelling place.

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Thou art pure and thou art holy;
Jesus, make us more like thee.
Thou art meek and thou art lowly;
so may we thy children be.
Shed abroad thy love within us,
fill our souls with light divine.
Holy Spirit, seal, anoint us,
and our earthliness refine.

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Now receive us, as repentant
to thy heart of love we fly.
Pardon all our sin and folly,
lead us to thyself on high.
Oh, these hearts need thy refining,
and the cleansing of thy blood!
Consecrate and make us holy,
thru redemption's crimson flood.

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Here shall love, like sacred incense,
upward mount to thy great throne,
from the cleansed heart & conscience
of a people all thine own.
Humble are the gifts we bring thee,
and upon thine altar lay,
yet be gracious to thy children
as they worship thee today.

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Prelude

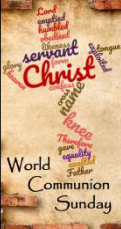
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Call to Worship

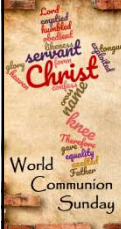
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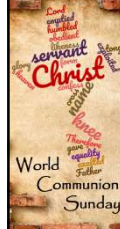
Oh, how
wondrous
the grace

Hymnal #147
words by Mrs. W.J. Kennedy
The Brethren Hymnal 1901



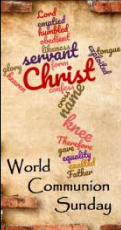
verse 1

Oh, how wondrous
the grace of our God,
how sweet and how
joyous the thought,
that Christ ransomed
our souls with his blood,
for us he salvation has bought!



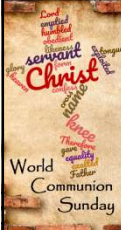
Refrain:

Oh, how deep
are the riches of grace,
how great is the love
Christ has shown,
when he stood
in the poor sinner's place.
No love like his ever was known.



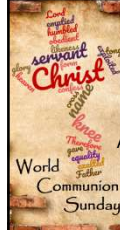
Verse 2:

We were sunk
in the ruins of sin,
but swiftly he
came to our aid.
Over our foes he did victory win,
for us, peace with God
he has made.



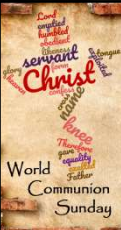
Refrain:

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are the riches of grace,
how great is the love
Christ has shown,
when he stood
in the poor sinner's place.
No love like his ever was known.



Verse 3:

We are saved
by the grace of our God,
and are kept
by his power and love.
All our sins washed away in the blood,
each day we
his faithfulness prove.



Refrain:

Oh, how deep
are the riches of grace,
how great is the love
Christ has shown,
when he stood
in the poor sinner's place.
No love like his ever was known.



Opening Prayer



Affirmation
of faith

Hymnal #714
by Kenneth L. Morse
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He was the Son of God.
He was the Son of Man.
 He came down from heaven.
He was born in a stable.
 Kings came to his cradle.
His first home was a cave.
 He was born to be a king.
He was a child of Mary.

He was the greatest among rulers.
He was the least
among servants.
 He was loved and honored.
He was despised and rejected.
 He was gentle and loving.
He made many enemies.

He counseled perfection.
He was a friend
of sinners.
 He was a joyful companion.
He was a man of sorrows.
 He said, "Rejoice."
He said, "Repent."

"Love God with all your heart."
"Love your neighbor
as yourself."
 "Don't be anxious."
"Count the cost."
 "Deny yourself."
"Ask and receive."

In him was life.
He died on a cross.
 He was a historic person.
He lives today.
 He was Jesus of Nazareth.
He is Christ the Lord.

Philippians 2:1-13

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Sharing a joy,
 a concern, a word
 of testimony
 or praise

Invitation to
 Love Feast

the servant's
 feast

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1.

Some knees bend
and some knees don't.
Some knees jump
and some knees won't.
Some knees run
the fastest race.
Some knees walk
a slower pace.

But all knees on earth shall bow
as the Lord has showed them how:
caring for the lost and least.
Welcome to the servant's feast.

2.

You can bow
and still be proud.
Whispered thoughts
can still be loud.
Seated saints have wings to fly.
"Down to earth" can touch the sky.

Yes, the last can come in first,
And all bubbles may be burst.
In the wonder of the yeast,
welcome to the servant's feast.

3.

To be eaten, bread must break;
and to love a heart must ache;
for in sharing, we let go,
and we wait for seeds to grow.

Then we trust in what will come,
and to fear we won't succumb.
Simple faith leads to release.
Welcome to the servant's feast.

4.

Hand in hand we walk the way,
hearts united on this day,
finding ways to disagree,
Yet be bound in harmony.

In the song we hear the One
who puts joy on ev'ry tongue.
And the glory is unleashed.
Welcome to the servant's feast.

Prayer for others
after "great Lover of the world," pray:
**Hear our prayers,
God of mercy and peace.**
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Matthew 21:23-32

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today's message:

"By what authority?"

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Lord of the Dance

words by Sydney Carter, 1963
music adapted from
a 19th Century Shaker tune

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1.

I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

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Refrain:

Dance, then,
wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all
wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all
in the dance, said he.

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2.

I danced for the scribe
and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance
and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John;
They came to me
and the dance went on.

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Refrain:

Dance, then,
wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all
wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all
in the dance, said he.

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3.

I danced on the sabbath
and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped me
and they hung me high;
And they left me there
on a cross to die.

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Refrain:

Dance, then,
wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all
wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all
in the dance, said he.

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I danced on a Friday
when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance
with the devil on your back;
They buried my body
and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance
and I still go on.

Refrain:

Dance, then,
wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all
wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all
in the dance, said he.

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They cut me down
and I leapt up high,
for I am the life that
will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord
of the Dance, said he.

Refrain:

Dance, then,
wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all
wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all
in the dance, said he.

Dedicating a new Deacon

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By what authority
do we serve in Jesus' name?

- by the need of all
to be fed and clothed.
- by the tears of those
grieving a loss.
- by the dignity of someone
struggling to ask for help.

By what authority
do we serve in Jesus' name?

- by the pain of a person
recovering at home.
- by the restlessness of a child
and the fatigue of a parent.
- by the hurt of sisters
and brothers in conflict.

By what authority?

- by the love of Jesus.
- by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- by the creativity of our Creator.
- by the hope that more is in store.
- by the peace within our hearts.
- by the joy of simple gifts.
- by the grace of God.

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