

Friday Mid-Day Prayer Service

## Christ, Burning Wisdom



1 Christ, burn - ing Wis - dom, burn in us bright - ly,  
2 Christ, gen - tle Riv - er, flow in us meek - ly,  
3 Christ, Bread of heav - en, rise in us sweet - ly,  
4 Christ, liv - ing Pres - ence, breathe in us deep - ly,  
5 Christ, the il - lum - ing, Christ, the for - giv - ing,



lu - mine us love - ly, so that your peo - ple,  
drown us in mer - cy, so that your peo - ple,  
fill us with beau - ty, so that your peo - ple  
sigh through us whol - ly, so that your peo - ple,  
Christ, the up - rais - ing, Christ, the in - spir - ing:



filled with the Ho - ly, light - en the dark - ness.  
emp - ty of cling - ing, fill with your new - ness.  
with your com - pas - sion leav - en cre - a - tion.  
filled with your fra - grance, live from your Spir - it.  
all that has be - ing joys in your glo - ry.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien  
Music: TAUNTON GAP, Janet Hill

**P** 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.**

**P** Let us pray. Gracious and holy God, feed us at the table of holy wisdom, that we may honor, love, and obey you as your children. May we remember your wonders and ponder your works, so that we delight to do what you ask of us, by the power given to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. (Psalm 111)

**C** **Amen.**

## By Your Hand You Feed Your People



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

### Instructions from the Book of Proverbs

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge. 1:7

Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. 4:7

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. 11:2

How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver! 16:16

Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues. 17:28

One who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper. 19:8

# We Eat the Bread of Teaching

*Refrain*



We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are



giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er



joined, the great-est and the least, we all are



one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.

1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our  
2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and  
3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her



hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-  
gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-  
rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-

*Refrain*



ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.  
par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.  
bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997  
Music: WISDOM'S FEAST, Jerrv Rav Brubaker, b. 1946

## For Wisdom During Elections

G-d of Justice,  
Protector and Redeemer,  
Grant guidance to our nation  
As we select leaders  
To serve and to govern,  
The men and women who promise  
To bring prosperity to our land,  
The men and women who promise  
To protect our homes and our democracy.

Grant wisdom and courage to voters  
To entrust our government to visionaries,  
To consensus builders and peacemakers,  
To those luminaries who will serve our citizens –  
And all who reside within our borders –  
With honor and integrity  
To forge a flourishing and peaceful future.

Bless our current and future government  
With vision and strength,  
Fortitude and insight.  
May this new government lead us to a time  
When liberty and equality will  
Reign supreme throughout the land.

G-d of Truth,  
Source and Shelter,  
Grant safety and security to all nations,  
So that truth and harmony will resound  
From the four corners of the earth.  
Let the light of our democracy  
Shine brightly,  
A beacon of hope  
For every land and every people.

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The LORD bless you and protect you!  
The LORD deal kindly and graciously with you!  
The LORD bestow His favor upon you and grant you peace!