Gathering Hymn Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness. tune NETTLETON

1 Praise the one who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the one who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the Father's word of peace.

2 Praise the one who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the one who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Let us praise the Word incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose victorious
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done;
let us praise the true Redeemer,
praise the one who makes us one.

Offertory Hymn Make Us True Servants tune: SLANE text Susan Wente

Make us true servants to all those in need.
Filled with compassion in thought, word and deed.
Loving our neighbor, whatever the cost,
Feeding the hungry and finding the lost.

Lord, make us prophets to cry out the way,
Tell the nations of mercy's new day.
Let us break barriers of hatred and scorn,
Speaking of hope to all people forlorn.

Lord, make us healers of body and mind;
Give us your power to bring sight to the blind.
Love to the loveless and gladness for pain,
Filling all hearts with the joy of your name.