

We have not yet reached our goal, and we are not perfect, but Christ has taken hold of us. So we keep on running and struggling to take hold of the prize. We don't feel that we have already arrived. But we forget what is behind, and struggle for what is ahead. We run toward the goal, so that we can win the prize of being called to heaven. This is the prize that God offers because of what Christ Jesus has done.

All of us who are mature should think in this same way. And if any of you think differently, God will make it clear to you. But we must keep going in the direction that we are now headed.

“AUSTRIAN HYMN”

Book of Worship Hymn # 635

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace, one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as his own, let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today, taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all, that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.

This liturgy has been compiled from the Old Testament and New Testament scriptures of Psalms, Corinthians I and II, Galatians, and Philippians. The hymns were chosen not only because most are in our band chorale book, but because the verse text speaks to our privilege and responsibility as God's people. Together, the words and music define the purpose and challenge of the Friedland Band: to worship God, to serve Christ's church, to support and encourage each other as Band members, to share our gifts with the congregation, and to bring honor and glory to our Lord.

This liturgy is a result of Susan Teague and Tommy Reed's searching the scriptures. It was first used on February 6, 2000.

BAND SUNDAY LITURGY

Worship and Service

(Standing)

Shout praises to the Lord! Praise God in his temple. Praise him in heaven, his mighty fortress. Praise our God! His deeds are wonderful, too marvelous to describe.

Praise God with trumpets and all kinds of harps. Praise him with tambourines and dancing, with stringed instruments and woodwinds. Praise God with cymbals, with clashing cymbals.

Let every living creature praise the Lord. Shout praises to the Lord!

“HOLY LORD” (119A)

Book of Worship Hymn # 528

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
He with you deals bounteously.
Highly favored church of Jesus,
he chose you through mercy free
to show forth his matchless praises
and rich fruit, blessed for the Master's use,
to produce, to produce.

(Sitting)

We are the Lord's people. We will obey him and celebrate! He deserves our praise.

Praise the Lord with harps! Use harps with ten strings to make music for him.

Sing a new song. Shout! Play beautiful music.

“LOBE DEN HERREN” (61A)
Book of Worship Hymn # 530

Praise to the Lord! O, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same Spirit. There are different ways to serve the same Lord, and we can each do different things. Yet, the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do. The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others.

But it is the Spirit who does all this and decides which gifts to give to each of us.

“ST. THOMAS” (582P)
Book of Worship Hymn # 645

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
a never dying soul to save and fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill,
O, may it all my pow’rs engage to do my Master’s will.

We obey the law of Christ when we offer each other a helping hand.

If you think you are better than others, when you really aren’t, you are wrong. Do your own work well, and then you will have something to be proud of. But don’t compare yourself with others. We each must carry our own load.

Share every good thing you have with anyone who teaches you what God has said.

You can not fool God, so don’t make a fool of yourself! You will harvest what you plant.

“HYFRYDOL”
Book of Worship Hymn # 819

For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
hearts and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing.

We are like clay jars in which this treasure is stored. The real power comes from God and not from us.

We often suffer, but we are never crushed. Even when we don’t know what to do, we never give up. In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again.

(Standing)

“IN BABILONE”
Book of Worship Hymn # 624

Called together and united by the Spirit, we are one.
Hearts and hands are consecrated to the service of God’s Son.
We, entrusted with Christ’s mission, will accept the gracious call.
Faith in action ever, always, till on earth Christ reigns in all.

By the Spirit, we are gifted to fulfill Christ’s ministry.
With the poor we share our riches, giving captives liberty.
Hunger, thirsty - we will feed them; greet the stranger; care and heal;
Clothe the naked, free the pris’ner; serve with gladness and with zeal.