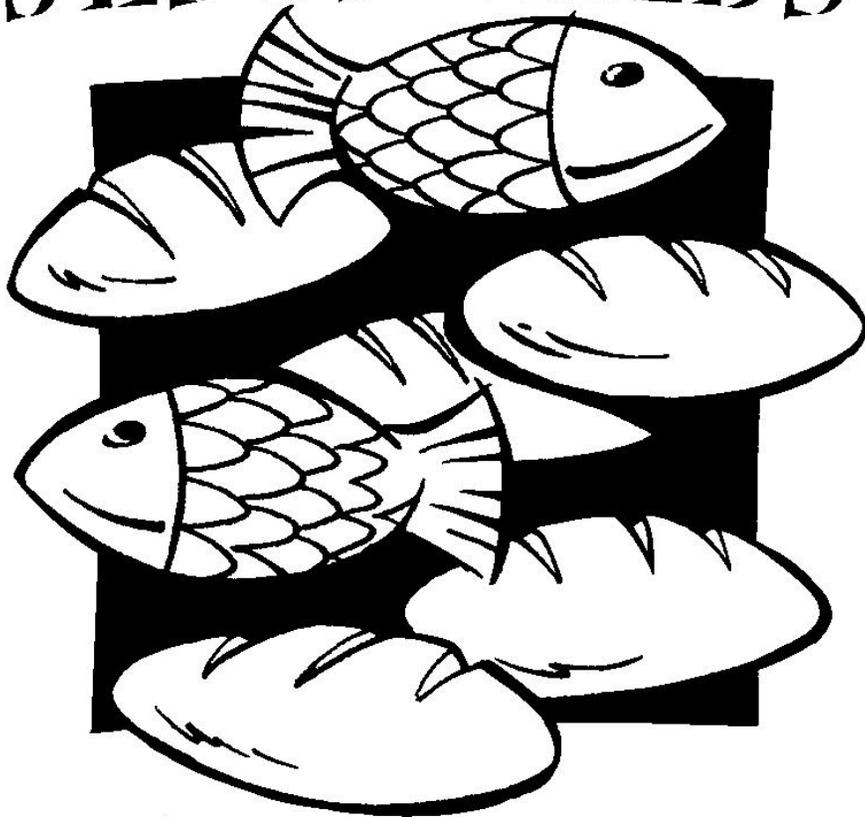


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WELCOME TO THE STORY

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

A Story that Invites Us

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE . . . *Leilani Camara and Michael Keating*

WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.

Please Stand

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

P: In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our strength,

All: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

All: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Beckoning God, you call your people

All: from the north and the south, the east and the west.

L: You long to gather us,

All: from the places we have wandered, into a community of love and justice.

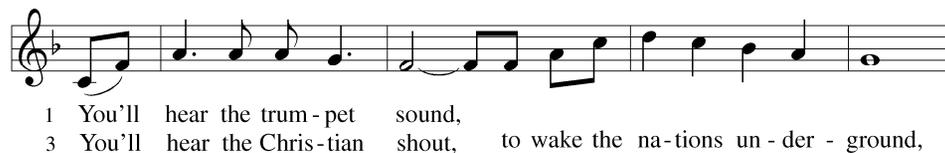
L: End our wanderings here today.

All: Open our eyes, that we may recognize your presence among us, and clothe ourselves in your mercy and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN . . . "My Lord, What a Morning" vs. 1, 3

Text & Tune: African American spiritual - Blue Book #627

Favorite Hymn of Sally Bentley



GREETING

P: The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace is with you all.

All: And also with you. Amen.



KYRIE ELEISON . . . “Lord, Have Mercy”

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

L: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain

L: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

All: Refrain

L: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain

L: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain



HYMN OF PRAISE . . . “Glory to God”

Refrain

All: Glo-ry to God in the high-est, the high-est, and

peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain

for your glo-ry. Glo-ry to God in the high-

est, the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's

peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance.

All: **Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Be Seated

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

FIRST READING . . . Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all the people, with promises that previously had been limited to the line of kings. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
 Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
 I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
 See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
 because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

SECOND READING . . . Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fourteenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL . . . Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their

sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel, the good news of God

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated



Please Stand

HYMN . . . “Now Thank We All Our God” vs. 1, 2

Text: Martin Rinkhart - Tune: Johann Crüger - Blue Book #534

Favorite Hymn of Kathy Miedema



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voice - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,



who won-drous things has done, in whom his world re - joice - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

Be Seated

HOMILY . . . Pastor Tim

Please Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

**the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be Seated

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: Contribute to the needs of God’s people. Welcome strangers into this church home.

All: These calls of hospitality are answered when we give of our time, talent, and treasure. Let us offer our gifts to God this day.

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . “Accept, O Lord the Gifts We Bring”



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Holy One in our midst, take our offerings and bless them,

All: that they may multiply and be a blessing in your world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

L: Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need. God of the covenant, call your church on earth to worship together to glorify your name in every language and in every land. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of all compassion, raise up just leaders who care for the poor and hungry. Let nations share your bounty across the world and assure that no one goes without food. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of all, fill those who are starving whether they long for food or companionship. Comfort the lonely and grieving; heal those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God who satisfies, bless the feeding programs of this congregation and community. Be with sandwich makers and cookie bakers, with those who stock food pantry shelves and those who point out need whether in our neighborhood or half a world away. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said either silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: God is with you.

All: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

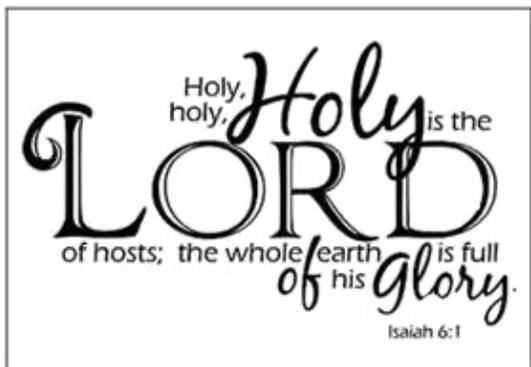
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: *God of blessing, we thank you always for making us in your image to serve the peace of all creation. You shared your name with our mothers and fathers: Sarah and Abraham, who left their home and became a blessing to all nations; Moses and Miriam, who went through sea and wilderness to the place of revelation; Deborah and Samson, who gave hope and justice to a people ruled by fear; Ruth and Jonah, who went to foreign soil and found a God who loves the stranger.*

All: **From our ancestors in faith came Jesus, the son of promise to fulfill the law, embody your love and draw all people to himself.**

P: *Jesus accepted death to break its fearful hold; he was raised to life to share it in abundance; he comes again to break the bread and pour the wine of hope. Therefore, with all the people whose story you have shaped, with women and men of faith in every part of the world we glory in your generous love and sing in praise of you:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: *We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.' In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.' As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith.*

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: *Therefore we come in memory and hope, responding to*

your call and the promise that echoes from the dawn of all time. May mind and heart be held by your self-giving love...

All: as we stand before the cross, approach the empty tomb and praise the one whose name is lifted high above all earthly power.

P: Receive our broken offering through his all-powerful grace and bind us in communion with all who share your gifts; through Jesus Christ, in whom all ages and all worlds are drawn into the ceaseless love of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: As you are one with us, O Christ, make us one with you as we pray as you taught...

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE

P: Here is food that satisfies, the taste of unconditional love. Here is wine pouring free, the washing away of fear. Here is life abundant, a table of peace for all.

All: May this peace be in us and among us, a sign of hope for a world renewed.

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Let an usher know if you desire communion brought to you.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Text & Tune: African American spiritual - Green Book #212

Favorite Hymn of Donna Lee



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.



3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



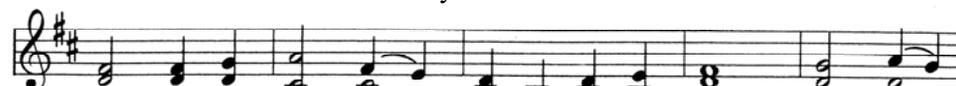
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

Text & Tune: Karen Lafferty - Blue Book #783

Favorite Hymn of Elise Lewis



1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and by
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by



rig - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the



add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Creator God, bless this gift of bread with the yeast of your love.

All: Flow through this gift of wine with your life-giving grace.

P: As we receive these gifts, make us one with you through the power of your Holy Spirit.

All: Nurture our lives, that we may be loaves of your generous abundance.

P: Pour your grace into our hearts, that we may be vines of loving nourishment for one another and for a world in need of growth and strength.

All: In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.

All: **May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

COMMISSIONING

P: *May God the sower make you good and fertile soil. May Christ the seed bloom and grow in your words and actions. May the fruitful Spirit bring forth a bountiful yield in your lives. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.*

All: **Amen.**

Those who desire extra time to exit are invited to do so during the last hymn.



SENDING OUT . . . "Lead Me, Guide Me" vs. 1

Text & Tune: Doris Akers - Cranberry Book #768

Favorite Hymn of Lucille Klodahl

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
I I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

No Formal Ushering Out