

**November 12, 2017**

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*Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.*

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

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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**

Please Stand



## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are an Open and Affirming church. Together, let us worship God, rejoicing in the good news which we celebrate this day!

All: **There is a place in God's heart, there is a place at Christ's table, there is a place here and in every welcoming church for all people.**

L: Christ who gathers us, bids us follow in the ways of love and justice.

All: **May our hearts be open to Christ's leading in our worship and our living, this day and always.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

L: *Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
the one who fashions us,  
the one who heals us,  
the one who reforms us again and again.*

All: **Amen.**

L: *Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.*

Silence is kept for reflection

L: *Source of all life,*

All: **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

L: *God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven,*

All: **God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN . . . "God Is Here!" vs. 1, 3

Text: Fred Pratt Green - Tune: Cyril V. Taylor - ELW #526

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.

## GREETING

L: *God of hosts most gracious, God the Son who saves us,  
God the Spirit placed upon us, be with you all.*

All: **And also with you.**

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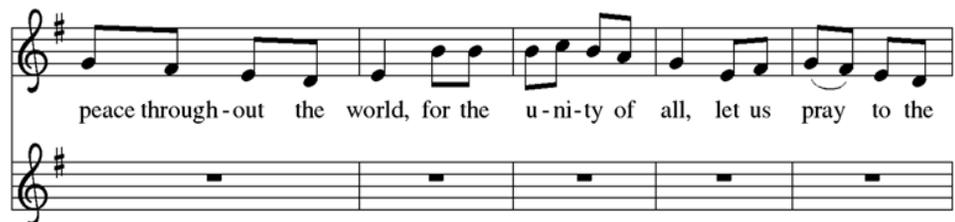
L: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

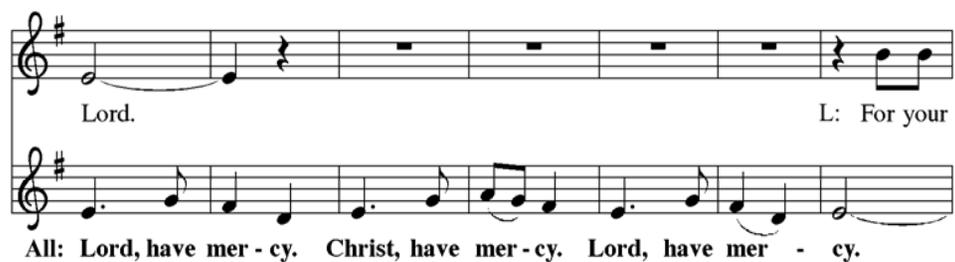


L: For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



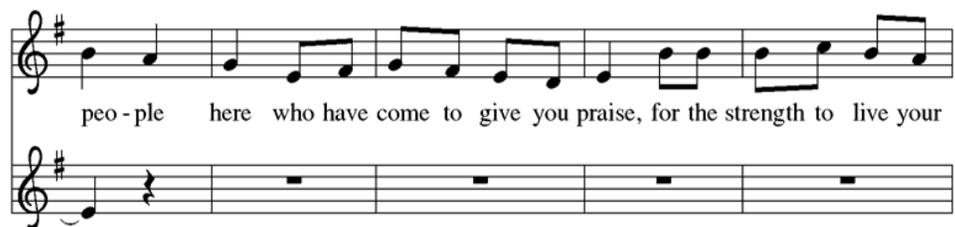
peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the



Lord.

L: For your

All: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



word, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have



L: Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy.

All: A - men.

# NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION



*Refrain*

All: Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

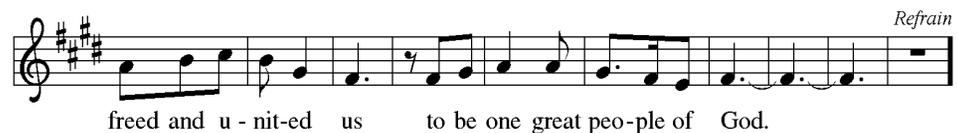


sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and

*Refrain*  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

*Refrain*  
God; to make all things new.

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L:** O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son.

**All:** Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

Be Seated

### CHOIR ANTHEM . . . "Keep Your Lamps"

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#### WE LISTEN AND THINK

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### FIRST READING . . . Amos 5:18-24

*In the days of Amos people thought that the day of the Lord would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The Lord demands justice and righteousness in the community.*

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?  
It is darkness, not light;  
as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;  
 or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,  
 and was bitten by a snake.  
 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,  
 and gloom with no brightness in it?  
 I hate, I despise your festivals,  
 and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain  
 offerings,  
 I will not accept them;  
 and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
 I will not look upon.  
 Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
 I will not listen to the melody of your harps.  
 But let justice roll down like waters,  
 and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Please Stand

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

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

*L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter*  
**All: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL . . . Matthew 25:1-13**

*Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ and while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

*L: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to Christ.**

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**CHILDREN’S TIME . . . Carmen Blair**



Please Stand

## SONG . . . “Blessed Assurance” vs. 1, 3

Text: Fanny J. Crosby - Tune: Phoebe P. Knapp - ELW #638



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



*Refrain*  
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Be Seated

## MESSAGE . . . *John Williams*

Please Stand

## APOSTLE’S CREED

L: Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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.**

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## WE SHARE THE LORD’S SUPPER

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### INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have received much from God—grace, mercy, abundance, the love of Christ, and the gift of life itself.

**All: In our worship, we praise God and give God thanks for these gifts. Let us now offer what we can as a way of saying, “Thank you.” In gratitude for God’s generosity, let us share God’s abundance with one another.**

Be Seated

### THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

### OFFERTORY



*Refrain*  
All: As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in-to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world.

**All: As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.**

### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Welcoming God's reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with people of every time and place. We give thanks for natural resources like oil, coal, trees, sun, water, and wind. Help us to use them wisely. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Answer the cries of your people in nations caught in war and destruction. Hold in your care all veterans and their families. Ease the burden of tough memories and bring restoration and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Shine your merciful and healing light on the despairing places of our minds and souls. Bring hope in the midst of danger, depression, and illness. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Bless those who prepare for marriage or who have been married in this place. Strengthen all bonds of friendship and relationship in our community. Give us joy in life together. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

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

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayers.**

L: Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you. All: And al - so 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.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*L: God of wisdom, with gratitude and love.*

**All: we remember your mighty acts.**

*L: You created a world that was good.*

**All: You gave us this earth to enjoy.**

*L: You trusted us to share with you in caring for it.*

**All: And when we sinned, you still did not abandon us but made covenant with our ancestors.**

*L: Now bread and wine are before us, the memory of our meals, our working, our talking, the story which shapes us, the grieving and the pain; the seeking and the loving. And we give thanks for all that holds us together in our humanity; that binds us to all who live and have lived, who have cried and are crying, who hunger and are thirsty, who pine for justice, and who hold out for the time that is coming. In these elements which were consecrated earlier, we are bound to the life and death and resurrection of Jesus. God, food of the poor; Christ, our bread, give us a taste of the tender bread from your creation's table; bread newly taken from your heart's oven, food that comforts and nourishes us. A loaf of community that makes us human joined hand in hand, working and sharing. A warm loaf that makes us a family, sacrament of your body, your wounded people.*

**All: As we come together to eat at your table, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving for your mighty acts.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:*

**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

*L: Everyone who hungers, come to the table.*

**All: We will eat what is good, that we may live.**

Be Seated

## LAMB OF GOD

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

Holy Communion is open to all. Grape juice white, wine is red.

If you desire communion brought to you,  
please let an usher know.

## COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Let Streams of Living Justice”

Text: William Whitla - Tune: Gustav Holst – ELW #710



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.



*Let justice roll down  
 like waters,  
 and righteousness like  
 an everflowing stream.*

-Amos 5:24

## COMMUNION HYMN . . . “I Received the Living God”

Text & Tune: Anonymous - ELW #477



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;  
 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;  
 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.  
 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*L: O God, you are Hospitality. You are Welcome. You are the Invitation, the Table, the Feast. By your spirit may we learn to receive and offer grace, to share from the sustenance of our lives and not simply its crumbs.*

**All: Embolden us as we serve as the voice of those who continue to ask the church for justice and bread. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION THANKS



All: Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -  
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.  
From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to you for  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us.  
Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Be Seated

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

## WE CARRY GOD'S CARING LOVE TO THE WORLD

### BENEDICTION

*L:* We leave this church, O God, with songs of new life on our lips.

**All:** With a message of hope in our hearts, with a determination to serve on our minds, with the love of Jesus Christ binding us together in faith community. Amen.

### SENDING OUT . . . "Let Justice flow Like Streams"

Text: Jane Parker Huber – Tune: Aaron Williams – ELW #717



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

### DISMISSAL

*L:* Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**All:** Thanks be to God.



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