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Welcome! Enter with Prayer - Worship in Awe - Leave to Serve.
All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

WELCOME TO THE STORY

In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

A Story that Invites Us

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

P: The light of our Savior is with you all.

All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Arise with hope, and shine with love!

All: Shine forth with the wisdom of God!

L: Arise with mercy, and shine with grace!

All: Live in righteousness and peace.

L: Arise with justice, and shine with compassion.

All: Radiate the brightness of Christ!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

All: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

P: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

All: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

GREETING

P: Arise, shine, for Christ's light has come! The glory of the Lord has arisen upon us, and Christ's mercy has restored us with forgiveness and grace.

All: Arise, shine, for Christ's light is shining upon us now!

HYMN . . . "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us" vs. 1, 5

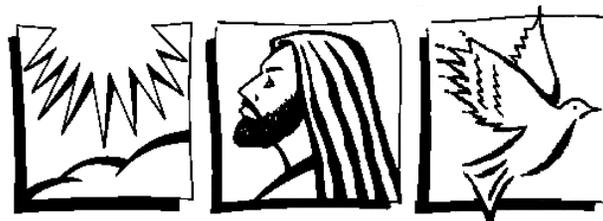
Text: Brian A. Wren - Tune: Norman Cocker - Cranberry Book #358

1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your
love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty
though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that
heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.



KYRIE

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. All: Lord, have mer-cy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. All: Lord, have mer - cy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mer - cy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. All: Lord, have mer - cy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

All: A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in 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, 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.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint.

All: **Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM . . . “*He Hath Done All Things Well*”

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

READING . . . *Isaiah 40:21-31*

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.
Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

P: *The Holy Gospel according to the first chapter of Mark*

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL . . . Mark 1:29-39

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals them and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was

gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

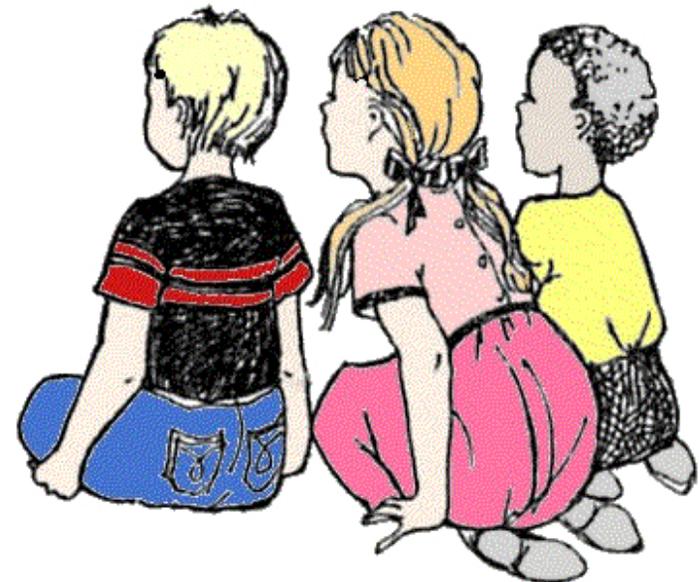
In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: *The gospel of the Lord.*

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . Pastor Tim



Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY . . . “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” vs. 1, 3

Text: Rusty Edwards - Tune: j. Wyeth - Cranberry Book #843



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Be Seated

MESSAGE . . . *Pastor Tim*

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: Come into Christ’s light with your gifts.

All: They need not be gold or precious oil. Gifts of love and compassion are the greatest treasures of all.

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” vs. 1

Text: Robert L. Edwards - Tune: C. Hubert H. Parry - Cranberry Book #678



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:



na - ture’s won - der, Je - sus’ wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave’s shat - tered door,



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f’ring up our - selves in praise;



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Generous God, you shower us with blessings and call us to share.

All: Thank you for this opportunity to shine your light into the world through our work of justice and compassion. We pray and live in the name of your true light, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. For the church, its pastors, deacons, musicians, artists, teachers, seminarians, and all proclaimers of the gospel; that your gift of steadfast love and mercy will spread throughout the world, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: For all rulers of the earth in local, regional, national, and international offices, and those without the power of official office, that they will be given the courage to work for the protection of all people and act as servants of all, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: For all who suffer this day: the sick and wounded, the grieving and brokenhearted, the hungry and exploited, those with malaria, and all who need our prayers, that they will be consoled and healed by health care workers, counselors, family, and friends, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: For those who gather in fellowship and festivities, for the ministries of this congregation in our community and throughout the world, that in all our service we see ourselves centered around Christ, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord 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 our thanks and praise.

THE EUCHARIST

P: God of wisdom, with gratitude and love.

All: we remember your mighty acts.

P: You created a world that was good.

All: You gave us this earth to enjoy.

P: 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.

P: Holy one, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth and death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

*P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us.
Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the
gift of peace on Earth.*

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

*P: Praise and glory are yours. Holy One of Israel. Word of
God incarnate, power of the Most High, one God, now
and forever.*

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

*P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior
gave us:*

**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

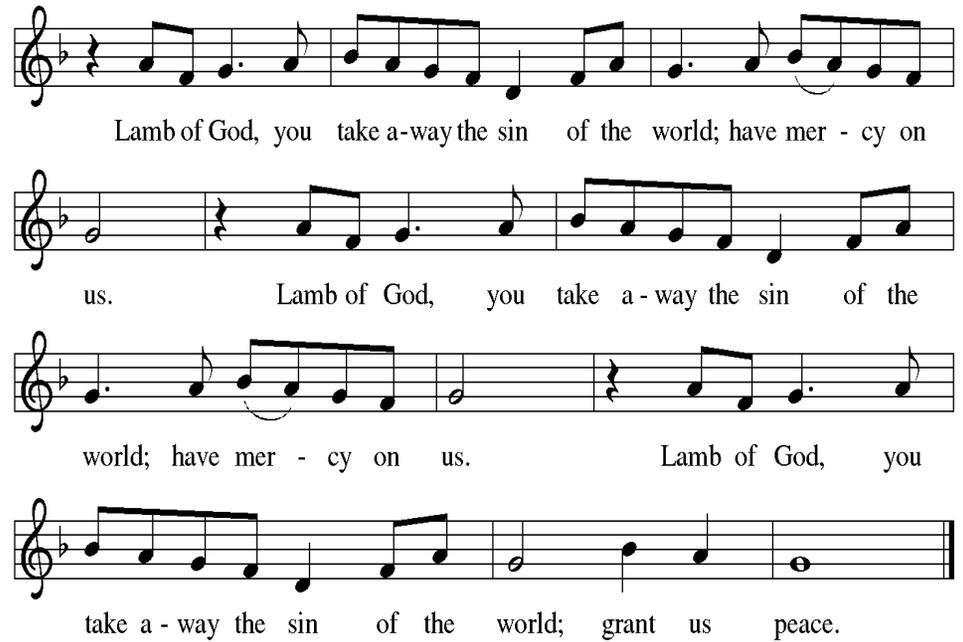
*P: Come to the joyful meal of the God of Light, who
welcomes all.*

All: For this meal we give thanks!

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.

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 . . . “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan - Tune: W. Moore - Cranberry Book #461



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Bread of Life from Heaven”

Text: Susan R. Briehl - Tune: Argentine traditional - Cranberry Book #474



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,



we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun-gry ones, gath-er round. Eat, all of you, and be
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

All: Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the light of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ.

All: As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

P: You are the light of the world!

All: We will take that light into all the places that need the light and love of God.

P: Take that light into all the places that need the light and grace of Jesus Christ.

All: We will take that light into all the places that need the light and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

P: Go and be the light of the world!

All: Amen!

SENDING SONG . . . "Arise, Your Light Has Come!" vs. 1, 4

Text: Ruth Duck - Tune: William H. Walter - Cranberry Book #314



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the light of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

