

As a mother comforts
her child, so will I
comfort you.

Isaiah 66:13



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The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await.

Come, Holy Spirit!

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

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

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 & Michael Keating*

WELCOME

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: May the peace of the risen Lord Jesus be with you all.

All: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

All: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:

P: for water to bathe in, water to drink,

All: for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,

P: for water that gives life to our planet.

All: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain and snow.

All: We give you thanks, O God for the waters of this place.

P: We give you thanks for your salvation through water:

All: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom,

P: for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought,

All: for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land,

P: for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

All: We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

P: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here;

All: for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

P: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

All: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters,

P: for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

All: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN . . . "We All Are One in Mission" vs 1, 3

Text: Rusty Edwards - Tune: Finnish folk tune - Cranberry Book #576



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

INVOCATION

P: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. The God who created the world and fills it with life is with you all.

All: And also with you.

LITANY OF LOVE: A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: For shepherds and mentors, mothers and guides,

All: we give thanks and praise this day.

L: For friends who care, for families who nurture,

All: we give thanks and praise this day.

L: For this family of faith, for spiritual teachers,

All: we give thanks and praise this day.

L: For the gift of love, both given and received,

All: we give thanks and praise this day.

HYMN OF PRAISE



All: Cre - a - ted for a life to - geth - er, we
With sun and moon and stars of hea - ven we



come a - live in you. Now, in your fel - low - ship you
name you as our light; In mor - ning star and pas - chal



birth us, and give us life a - new. To - day we
can - dle You make our dark - ness bright. In wind or



come to sing your prais - es; Our hearts made one in
calm, in storm or sun - shine the earth sings forth your



song praise; to Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit in
With trees and fields and flow - ing ri - ver we



whom we all be - long. We
owe you all our days. We

sing to the God of sun-rise, of kindled hearts and emp-ty
 sing to our God who knows us in joy or sor-row, pain or
 tomb. We sing to the God of sha-dows, of shat-tered
 pleasure. We sing to our God now with us, Im-man-u-
 dreams and bar-ren womb; We sing to our God of
 el, our price-less treasure; We sing to our God of
 1. Love! With sun and
 2. Love! We sing to our God of Love!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil.

All: **By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM . . . “This Is the Truth Sent from Above”

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

FIRST READING . . . Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus’ ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas’s treachery and death.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L: Holy wisdom, Holy word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand



ALLELUIA

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! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the seventeenth chapter.

All: Glo - ry to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL . . . John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death. This gospel reports the words of Jesus' prayer, a prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

[Jesus prayed:] "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine

are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . Pastor Tim

Flowers for the Women of Our Faith Family



A BLESSING FOR ALL WOMEN WHO NURTURE

P: Gracious God, in love you have given us the gift of mothers and those women who nurture.

All: Grant to each of them your power and grace.

P: Strengthen them in their loving with tenderness and understanding, with compassion and joy.

All: Endow them with wisdom and knowledge so that they might teach all children how to live and love;

P: How to seek and pursue that which is right and true;

All: How to turn away from all that is hurtful and wrong.

P: Deepen their own faith so that they might instill in all a love for you that will sustain and keep them their whole life long.

All: We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Please Stand

HYMN . . . "Oh, Love, How Deep" vs. 1, 4, 6

Text: Thomas á Kempis - Tune: English ballad - Cranberry Book #322



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
6 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and
went on high to reign; for us he sent his



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
Spir it here to guide, to strength en, and to cheer.

Be Seated

HOMILY . . . Pastor Tim

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

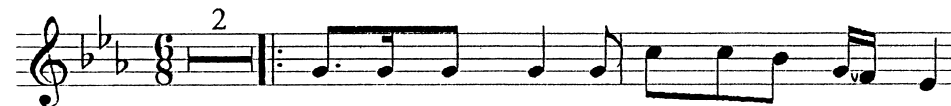
L: God is our chosen portion, the cup of our salvation, the bread of life.

All: Let us share our gratitude for God's gift of everlasting presence as we share a portion of God's many abundant gifts with a world in need of the Easter miracle.

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

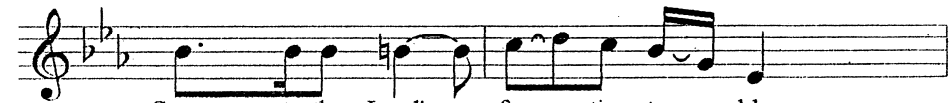
OFFERTORY RESPONSE



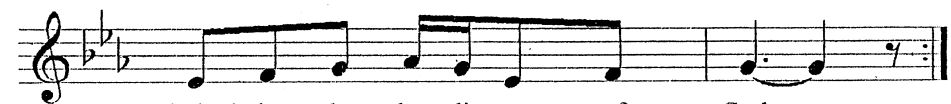
All: Now is the time to ban - ish all dark - ness;
Here we are made to shine in God's glo - ry.



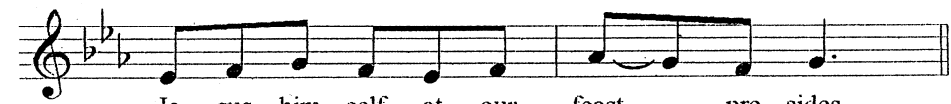
Christ is our way, our truth and light.
Here we're made whole as the bo - dy of Christ.



Come to the Lord's fes - tive ta - ble
Here we be - come a liv - ing of - fer - ing—



clothed in the ho - li - ness of God.
ho - ly com - mun - ion in Christ.



Je - sus him - self at our feast pre - sides.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Our hearts are glad, O God, as we rejoice in your Easter miracle.

All: We come with gratitude and joy for the many gifts you have given, but most of all for the gift of Christ.

L: Bless these gifts we return to you, that they may become gifts of new life to those who are haunted by signs of death: despair, poverty, sorrow, violence and loneliness.

All: Help us live the Easter miracle that we may ourselves be signs of resurrection hope for the other. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need. We pray for warring nations, political refugees, and peacekeepers. Wash away the fear and hatred that tear us apart. Let justice roll down like a mighty stream. Quench our thirst for peace in every land. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for those who are homeless, naked, hungry, imprisoned, abandoned, or sick. Send us to shelter, clothe, feed, and visit those in need. Make us your healing and compassionate presence in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for mothers we love and mothers we struggle to love. For adoptive mothers, stepmothers, and foster mothers. For those who long to be mothers. For everyone who has mothered us in the faith. Give rest, healing, wisdom, and strength, mothering God. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: You give us eternal life in your Son. When doubts and fears arise, give us peace in the resurrection promise. Sanctify us in your truth and unite us with all the saints. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of all, hear 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: We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: Blessed are you God of promise. From the beginning you have shown people what could be.

All: in the promise to Sarah and Abraham,

L: in the words of Moses and Aaron,

All: in the dance and song of Miriam,

L: in the faithful relationship of Ruth and Naomi,

All: in the dreams of Joseph.

P: Through Jesus you once again showed us what could be. He healed the ill, to show the power of your healing love, and to free them from their brokenness. He ate with women and men who were rejected and despised by others, to show us the expansiveness of your welcoming love, and to free them from the pain of alienation. At such a meal, on the night he was betrayed 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 in remembrance of me." Again, after supper, Jesus 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.” Send your Holy Spirit upon
 these gifts of bread and wine, and upon us, your gathered
 community.*

**All: Empower us, feed us by your body and blood to be
 your body in the world: to feed the hungry, to heal
 the broken and stop the torture, to welcome the hurt
 and marginalized, to be as Christ to one another.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*P: Loving Creator, 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*P: Come to the table of grace, for Christ is the vine, and we
 are the branches.*

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

*P: Come to the table of love, for whoever does not love, does
 not know God.*

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

*P: Come to the table of blessing, for Christ is here to abide
 in us, as we abide in him.*

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

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

Be Seated

LAMB OF GOD

3
 All: Oh Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 1.
 sin of the world, Have mer - cy on us. Oh
 2.
 mer - cy on us. Oh grant us peace,
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.
 Grape juice is white, wine is red.
 If you desire communion brought to you,
 please let an usher know.

All are welcome to the Prayer and Healing Station in the
 narthex during communion.

DISTRIBUTION



COMMUNION HYMN . . . "I Am the Bread of Life"

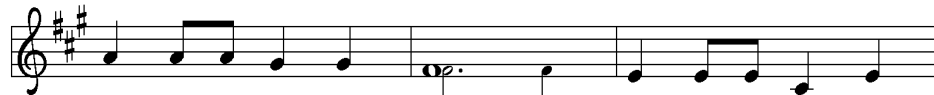
Text & Tune: Suzanne Toolan - Cranberry Book #485



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, and you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in me, e - ven . . though you
 Son of God, who have



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.

Refrain



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

COMMUNION HYMN . . . "As the Grains of Wheat"

Text: Didache; Marty Haugen - Tune: Marty Haugen - Cranberry Book #465



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



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

Refrain

Singing Bowl



Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: We have tasted your goodness, O God, in your gifts of word and sacrament.

All: May our hearts burn within us, that we may proclaim your mighty acts and joyfully live as your chosen people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

BENEDICTION

L: May the Lord bless and keep you, make his face shine up - on you, May the Lord smile up - on you and give you peace.

All: A - men.

SENDING OUT HYMN . . . “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” vs 1, 2

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn - Tune: Cyril V. Taylor - Cranberry Book #579

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: “Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: “In my name bap -
preach the word.” Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach.” That the world may trust your prom - ise,
and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
Refrain
With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in Easter Peace and Joy!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Please join us on the patio for a Mother's Day Brunch!