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You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire
of every living thing

Psalm 145:16



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WELCOME TO THE STORY

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as the bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

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

L: 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.

L: Merciful God, buffeted by the winds of life,

All: we have grown weary and yearn for your hand to hold us.

L: Pour forth your words of peace, and bring us back to life.

All: Forgive us when we are heedless to the needs of others.

L: Correct our ways when we are self-centered and neglect the poor and powerless.

All: Be our vision when we seek refuge in our wealth and possessions.

L: Draw us to you, Holy One,

All: and lead us into life. Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Hear the good news: In Christ, we are united and reconciled with God.

All: We will rejoice in the knowledge that we receive forgiveness and abundant life in God's name.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: From our busy lives, God calls us together to worship and to pray.

All: We are here, Holy One!

L: From different places, Christ calls us to gather, to love, and to live.

All: We are here, blessed Jesus!

L: From unexpected journeys, the Spirit calls us into unity to serve and to grow.

All: We are here, Holy Spirit! Come! Let us worship.

OPENING HYMN . . . "Borning Cry" vs. 1-4

Text & Tune: John C. Ylvisaker - Cranberry Book #732

Favorite Hymn of Debbie Huff, Collin & Diana Thormoto, Joanie Schuller



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.

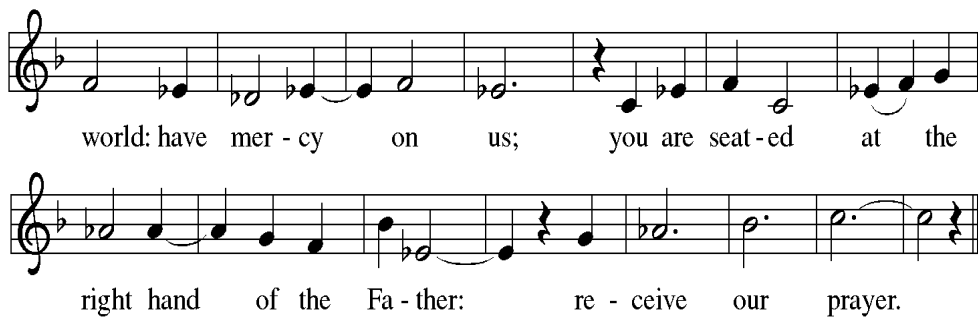


I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

GREETING

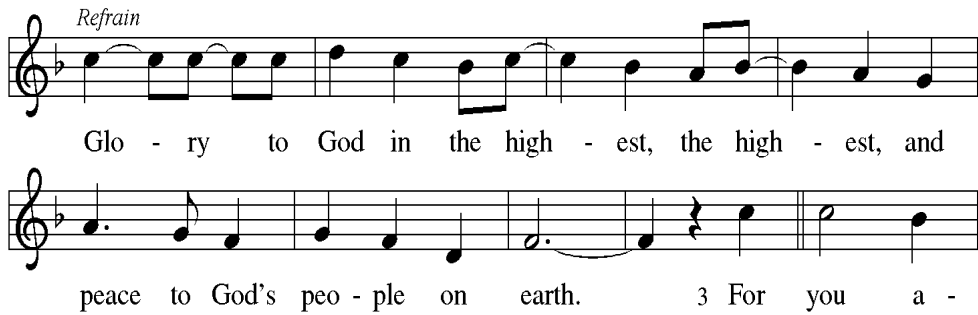
L: The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace is with you all.

All: And also with you. Amen.



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.

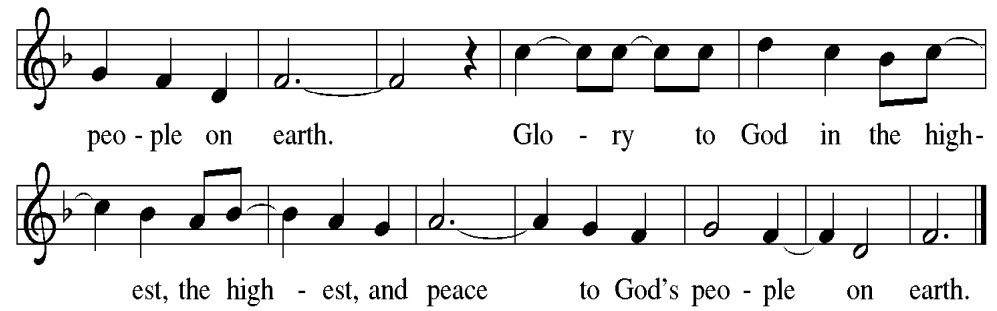


A - men. A - men. A - men.

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: God of true abundance, in whom nothing is lost and all are fed: liberate us from meager rations of scarce and grudging love for which we must compete;

All: **show us another kingdom which stills our all-consuming fear and fills us with new hope; through Jesus Christ, the peace of creation. Amen.**

Be Seated

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

FIRST READING . . . 2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

SECOND READING . . . Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. 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.

L: *The Holy Gospel according to John the sixth chapter.*

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

GOSPEL . . . John 6:1-21

In John’s gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called “signs,” because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as

much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

L: The Gospel, the good news of God

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S TIME . . . Carmen Blair



Please Stand

HYMN . . . “My Shepherd, You Supply My Need” vs. 1, 2

Text: Isaac Watts - Tune: North American traditional - Cranberry Book #782

Favorite Hymn of Sally Bentley



1 My Shep-herd, you sup- ply my need; most ho- ly is your name.

2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;



In pas- tures fresh you make me feed, be- side the liv- ing stream.

one word of your sup- port- ing breath drives all my fears a- way.



You bring my wan- d’ring spir- it back when I for- sake your ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta- ble spread;



and lead me, for your mer- cy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless- ings o- ver- flows, your oil a- noints my head.

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.

Be Seated

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: To place God at the center of our lives,

All: let us offer a portion of our gifts back to God, as we bring forth the fruits of our labor.

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: God of mercy, we bring these gifts to you in thankfulness for all that you have done for us.

All: May our gratitude turn into acts of mercy and justice, and may these gifts help our neighbors both near and far. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

L: Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Almighty God, we praise you for the beauty and abundance of your creation. Send sunshine and rain to nourish crops. Teach us to produce and distribute food with justice and generosity. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Loving God, you know every nation, every culture, and every people. Teach us to work together for peace and to love each other even when we cannot understand our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Almighty God, you hear the cries of the hungry, the sick, and the downcast. Send food, healing, and comfort to all who are in need. Satisfy the desire of every living thing. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Loving God, we thank and praise you for this congregation. Teach us to be a holy family, Christ's body to and for one another. Unite us in love and faith. 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 prayers.

L: Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God.

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

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. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: 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

L: Everyone who hungers, come to the table.

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

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.

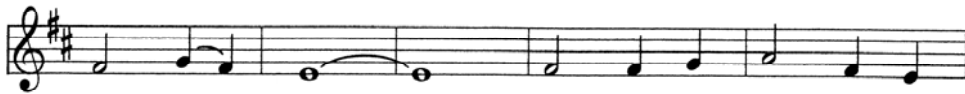
COMMUNION HYMN . . . "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

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
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by



righ - 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



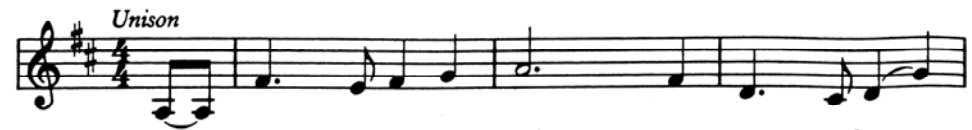
add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . "Pass It On"

Text & Tune: Kurt Kaiser

Favorite Hymn of Karen Narveson



1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire
2. What a won - drous time is spring, when all the trees are
3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi-ness that



go - ing, and soon all those a - round can
bud - ding; the birds be-gin to sing, the
I've found; you can de-pend on him, it



warm up in its glow-ing. That's how it is with
flow - ers start their bloom-ing. That's how it is with
mat - ters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the



God's love once you've ex - pe-rienced it; you spread his love to
God's love once you've ex - pe-rienced it; you want to sing, it's
moun-tain-top; I want my world to know; the Lord of love has



ev - cry-one; you want to pass it on.
fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
come to me, I want to pass it on.

Singing Bowl



Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

L: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self.

All: Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. 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

L: Gifted by God, go now to serve.

All: We go to serve with miraculous joy and faith!

L: Gifted by God, go now to love.

All: We go to love as we have been loved.

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

SENDING OUT. . . “Lead Me, Guide Me” vs. 1, 2

Text & Tune: Doris Akers - Cranberry Book #768

Favorite Hymn of Leon Klovdahl

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.
1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.
Refrain

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve God.

All: Thanks be to God!

No Formal Ushering Out