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The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.

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 . . . "Let Justice Flow like Streams" vs. 1, 2

Text: Jane Parker Huber. - Tune: Aaron Williams - ELW #717



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-ling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,



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.

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.**

KYRIE



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

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

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

God; to make all things new. *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!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead,

All: we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM . . . “Here’s One”

WE LISTEN AND THINK

READING . . . Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God’s call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God’s demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God’s wrath.

Seek the Lord and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone,

but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,

but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live;

and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
 just as you have said.
 Hate evil and love good,
 and establish justice in the gate;
 it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
 will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

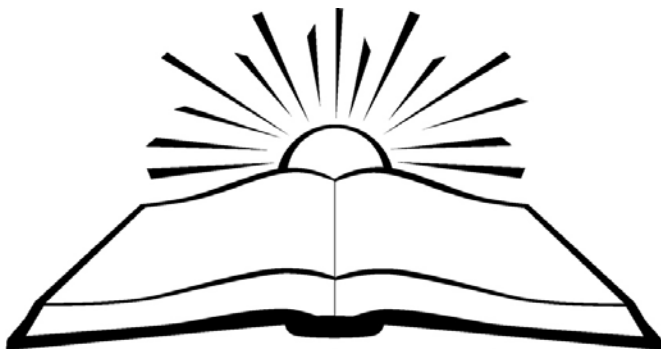
L: Word of God, word of life.
All: Thanks be to God.

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 Mark, the tenth chapter*
All: Glory to You, O Lord.



GOSPEL . . . Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' " He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and

fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S TIME . . . Dean Sieglaff

HYMN . . . “When the Poor Ones” vs. 1, 2

Text: José Antonio Olivar - Tune: Miguel Manzano - ELW #725



1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f’ring con-so-la-tion;



when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;
when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;



when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing;
when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us:



Refrain
We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



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MESSAGE . . . Dean Sieglaff

WE SHARE THE LORD’S SUPPER

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.

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: Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need. Almighty God, holy and righteous, cut our hearts open by your living word. Break down our pride and self-assurance, and transform us by your gentle mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Exercise and establish your true justice in courtrooms, in prisons, and in neighborhoods. Guide those who manage great wealth to do so with generosity and compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Pour out favor this day upon those who are afflicted and feel far removed from you. Send them companions who will show them you are ever near. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Build up relationships among people of different beliefs and backgrounds. Use the cooperation between this congregation and others in our community to reveal your goodness. 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: Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Risen 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

L: God gives food to those who hunger. Come, be fed, be healed.

All: We come with thanks to God's abundant table. Amen.

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 . . . “By Your Hand You Feed Your People”

Text: Susan R. Briehl - Tune: Marty Haugen – ELW #469



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
 Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
 In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,

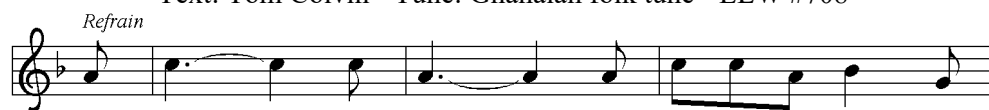


giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Text: Tom Colvin - Tune: Ghanaian folk tune - ELW #708



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
 2 Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

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 . . . "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" vs. 1, 4

Text: Delores Dufner – Tune: attr. Thomas Haweis – ELW #551



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel
 Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -
 to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

All: Thanks be to God.



Love. Grow. Serve.

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