



Those who eat my flesh and
drink my blood abide in me,
and I in them.

JOHN 6:56, NRSV

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GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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PRELUDE . . . “”

WELCOME

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.

INVOCATION

P: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Blow through our lives

All: with the breath of life.

P: Blow through our church

All: with the power of new dreams and visions.

P: Blow through our world

All: with the promise of hope, peace, and love.

P: Work in us now,

All: that we may be your new creation. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome to this holy space where God’s Spirit dwells among us!

All: We come longing to feel the presence of God.

L: Open your hearts, for this is a place of prayer and healing.

All: This is a place of joy and faith.

L: This is the place for you.

All: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

All: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,

All: let us confess our sin.

Silence for Reflection

P: God, our provider,

All: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

All: By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

P: Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

All: Amen.



LITANY

L: Holy One, you have called us to this place,

All: a place where we find your Spirit.

L: We have gathered here to pray and to be forgiven, to love and be loved,

All: and to hear the word boldly proclaimed as we apply it to our lives.

L: Open our hearts to the mystery of your Word.

All: Remind us that your Word is proclaimed in the life of Jesus, the Christ.

L: Help us believe in you and in your love for us.

All: In the holy name of Christ we pray. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal.

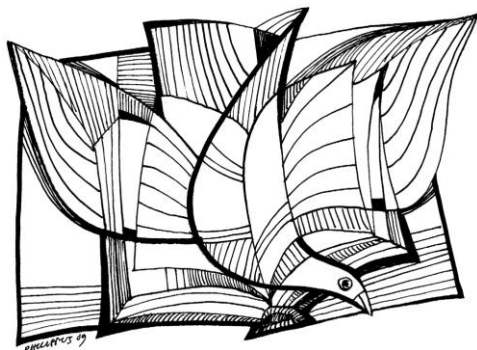
All: Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: Abiding Spirit, may our hearts be opened to the mystery of the gospel,

All: that the Lord of life may be made known to all. Amen.



GOSPEL . . . *John 6:56-69*

[Jesus said,] “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: Our God is the source of wisdom and understanding.

All: Bless us with your gifts, O God.

Reader: Our God feeds us with the bread of life and the wellspring of our salvation.

All: Bless us with your grace, Christ Jesus.

Reader: Our God is the foundation of mercy and compassion.

All: Bless us with your gifts, Mighty Spirit.

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . *Pastor Tim*

HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: When the Spirit flows through us, we are people of honesty and justice.

All: When Christ works within us, we are disciples of mercy and compassion. Let us be agents of God's overflowing grace as we collect today's offering.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Gracious God, thank you for these gifts.

All: that they might be used to welcome all,

L: and to inspire faith in our community.

All: We offer them to you, seeking your blessing,

L: We offer our very selves,

All: asking that we might become your faithful followers. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of compassion, bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are lonely and feeling abandoned and remind them of your abiding presence. Accompany all who are persecuted and exploited and open us to their cries. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life such as a new job, new school, or new community. Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

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

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation we choose:

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.



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BENEDICTION

P: Go forth with the strength of God.

All: We go with God's mighty faith and hope.

P: Go forth with the boldness of Christ.

All: We go with Christ's courageous peace and love.

DISMISSAL

L: We conclude with the Dismissal:

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE . . . ""

SINGING BOWL

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