



**They asked, and he brought
quails, and gave them food
from heaven in abundance.**

PSALM 105:40, NRSV

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GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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PRELUDE . . . *“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”* vs. 1,2,3

WELCOME

SINGING BOWL

INVOCATION

P: Creator, we come as your children, longing for your presence. Embrace us with your welcoming love,

All: and fill us with your wisdom and truth.

P: Draw us closer to you and to one another,

All: that our lives may brim with love and peace for all.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are gathered today as a community of peace and love.

Is anyone here today suffering?

All: We will pray with you.

L: Is anyone here today rejoicing?

All: We will rejoice with you.

L: Is anyone here today longing for healing?

All: We will anoint you with oil.

L: You are welcome to this house of peace and love.

All: We come as we are, joyful and hurting. We come to you, Healer, Life-giver.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.

P: Seek Christ and the strength of God's love,

All: for this love brings us mercy and grace.

P: Sustainer God, you nourish us in every way. Forgive us when we reject your love and care. Open our eyes when we neglect your gifts and ignore your presence.

All: Draw close to us, that we may recognize your abiding presence and guiding love.

P: Reclaim us as your own, that we might live for Christ and answer his call of discipleship.

All: In the name of the living Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silence for Reflection

P: The living water of Christ rushes into our lives, bringing mercy and grace.

All: In this living water, we are washed clean and made whole; we are forgiven and reclaimed by God! Amen.

LITANY

L: Jesus, our Savior, we are grateful to find our way back to you.

All: We have carried out another week's worth of responsibilities.

L: We have watched another week's worth of news programs

All: and have listened to another week's worth of predictions.

L: Sometimes we have slept well;

All: sometimes not.

L: But here we are, before you once again, open to your presence.

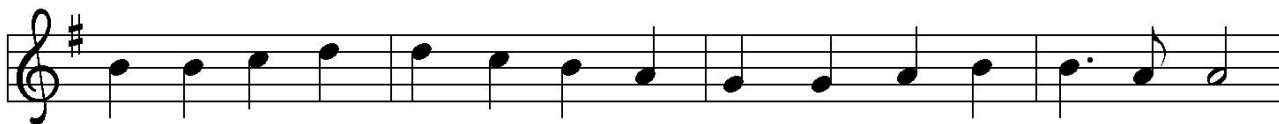
All: Revive us with your love and power.

L: Fulfill your kingdom promises in our lives,

All: in our church, and in our world.

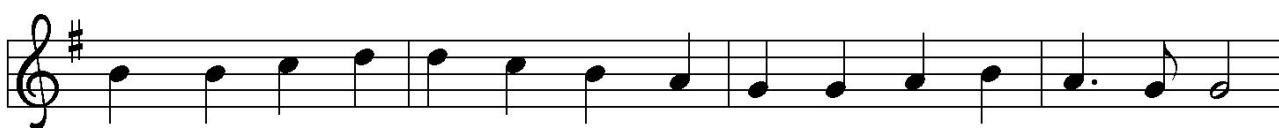
L: In the name of God who created us and the Spirit who breathes new life in us, we sing:

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a-lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre-a-tion, Fa-ther of sur-pass-ing worth:

Ho-ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex-alt you, we a-dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir-it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



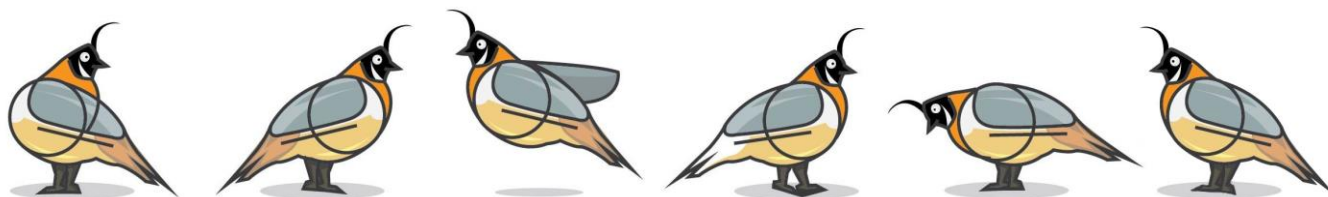
Saints and an-gels bow be-fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

For the peace that we in-her-it, glo-ry be to God on high!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you.

All: Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

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

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

READING . . . *Numbers 11:4-34*

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its color was like the color of gum resin. The people went around and gathered it, ground it in mills or beat it in mortars, then boiled it in pots and made cakes of it; and the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. When the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna would fall with it.

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself. And say to the people: Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wailed in the hearing of the Lord, saying, ‘If only we had meat to eat! Surely it was better for us in Egypt.’ Therefore the Lord will give you meat, and you shall eat. You shall eat not only one day, or two days, or five days, or ten days, or twenty days, but for a whole month—until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you—because you have rejected the Lord who is among you, and have wailed before him, saying, ‘Why did we ever leave Egypt?’” But Moses said, “The people I am with number six hundred thousand on foot; and you say, ‘I will give them meat, that they may eat for a whole month’! Are there enough flocks and herds to slaughter for them? Are there enough fish in the sea to catch for them?” The Lord said to Moses, “Is the Lord’s power limited? Now you shall see whether my word will come true for you or not.”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Then a wind went out from the Lord, and it brought quails from the sea and let them fall beside the camp, about a day’s journey on this side and a day’s journey on the other side, all around the camp, about two cubits deep on the ground. So the people worked all that day and night and all the next day, gathering the quails; the least anyone gathered was ten homers; and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp. But while the meat was still between their teeth, before it was consumed, the anger of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord struck the people with a very great plague. So that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had the craving.

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*

MESSAGE . . . *Pastor Tim*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: We become a flavorful and peaceful community by sharing the gifts of our lives with the world.

All: We are a compassionate and generous people, so let us give joyfully.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Jesus, make us and our gifts salt for the world.

All: Make us and our gifts the source of comfort and relief to the suffering, joy and courage to all.

L: Bless our gifts of presence and treasure,

All: that people may recognize you, Life-Giver, in our lives and in our world. 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. We pray for natural wonders of your creation. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation: musicians, readers, acolytes, and ushers. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. 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 with which we are most comfortable:

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.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: Go forth with care and compassion. Go forth to serve and to love.

All: We go forth as children of God!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE . . . “Oh, Sing to the Lord” vs. 1,2,3

SINGING BOWL

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