



“But I say to you that listen,

*Love*

your enemies,

*do good*

to those who hate you,

*bless*

those who curse you,

*pray*

for those who abuse you.”

Luke 6:27-28, NRSV

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*Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.*

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## GATHERING

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### 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 . . .** *Myrna Emata Diaz*

### WELCOME

Please Stand

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Poor or despairing, come to be blessed.

**All: Hungry or tired, come to be restored.**

L: Sorrowing or sighing, come to discover joy.

**All: Bring your tired, your poor.**

L: Share your hopes, your dreams.

**All: Embrace your doubts, your fears.**

L: Come as you are.

**All: All are welcome here.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us,  
redeems us, and calls us by name.*

**All: Amen.**

*P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one  
another.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

*P: Most merciful God,*

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you and your  
beloved children. We have turned our faces away  
from your glory when it did not appear as we  
expected. We have rejected your word when it made  
us confront ourselves. We have failed to show  
hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept  
our repentance for the things we have done and the  
things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus  
Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that  
we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among  
us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

*P: Rejoice in this good news: In Christ Jesus, your sins are  
forgiven. We are descendants of the Most High, adopted  
into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life.*

**All: We will live as freed and forgiven children of God.  
Amen.**

*freely forgiven*

**OPENING HYMN . . .** “*All Creatures, Worship God Most High!*” vs. 1,4



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and  
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor  
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

**GREETING**

*P:* *Creator God, you know us better than we can know ourselves.*

**All:** **You understand our thoughts, our desires, our joys, and our struggles.**

*P:* *You call to us,*

**All:** **inviting us to listen to your word.**

*P:* *You speak your word,*

**All:** **calling us into a deeper relationship with you.**

*P:* *Open our hearts,*

**All:** **that we may hear you clearly.**

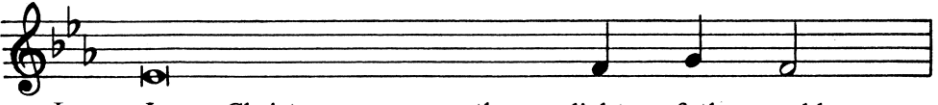
*P:* *Strengthen our spirit,*

**All:** **that we may have the courage to answer your call.**

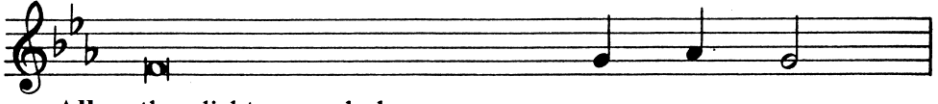
*P:* *Be present in this time of worship*

**All:** **and draw us closer to you.**

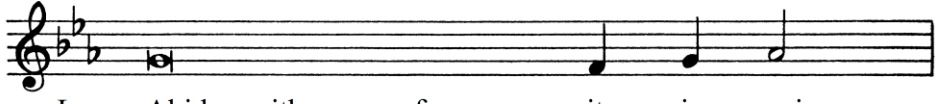
# SERVICE OF LIGHT



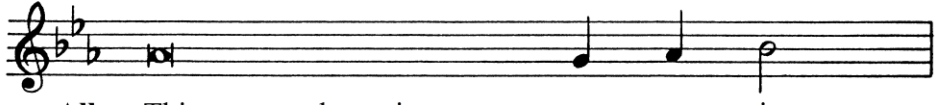
L: Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;



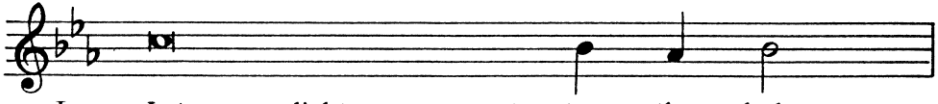
All: the light no darkness can o - ver - come;



L: Abide with us, for it is morning;



All: This new day is your cre - ation;



L: Let your light scat - ter the darkness,



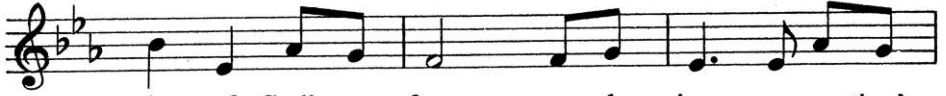
All: and shine within your people here. —



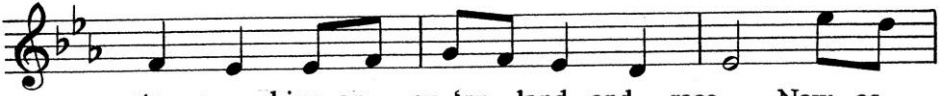
# HYMN OF MORNING PRAISE



All: 1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing  
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the



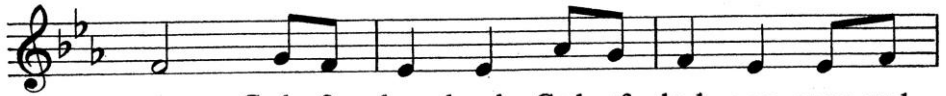
glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and



sto - ry shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as  
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that



we to - ge - ther wor - ship, we shall raise our songs to  
fills the day with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us



light our hearts a - new. \_\_\_\_\_  
free and make us whole. \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that  
where there is hatred,

All: we may sow love,

L: where there is injury,

All: pardon,

L: and where there is despair,

All: hope.

L: Grant, O Divine Master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name,

**All: for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Be Seated

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**WORD**

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Reader: Holy God, you speak to us in Scripture and in prayers, in sunrises and sunsets, in friends and in strangers, in dreams and in songs.

**All: You are speaking all the time, and how often do we miss it?**

Reader: Still our minds so that we can listen with a depth that we have not heard before.

**All: Still our hearts so that we can receive with open arms what it is you are offering us today.**

Reader: We know you are speaking,

**All: so we are listening.**

Reader: The reading for today is from First Corinthians, chapter fifteen, beginning with the thirty-fifth verse.

**READING . . . 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a

spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader: Word of God, word of light.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

### ALLELUIA VERSE

*All:*

My — soul pro - claims your

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in

you, You have looked with love on your

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.

*fine last time*



Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,  
 strong is your jus - tice strong your love,  
 As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,  
 kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

*P:* The holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter six,  
 beginning with the twenty-seventh verse.

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

**GOSPEL . . . Luke 6:27-38**

[Jesus said:] “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to

sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

*P: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY . . . “Blest Are They” vs. 1,3**

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
 3 Blest are they . . . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy

king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 pure of heart; they . . . . . shall see God.

*Refrain*  
 Re - joice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!

Re - jice and be glad!

Yours is the king-dom of God!

## Be Seated

**MESSAGE . . .** *Pastor Tim*

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## MEAL

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### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**L:** The Divine Deliverer of compassion and care is calling us to serve, and to share our talents and treasures for the good of God's realm.

**All:** **No matter how we have fallen short in the past, God's grace assures us a variety of gifts to contribute.**

### OFFERING

Please Stand

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

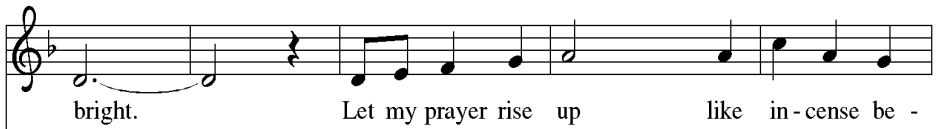
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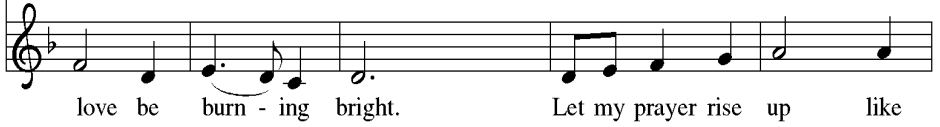
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

Leader or Group One





bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -



love be burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise up like



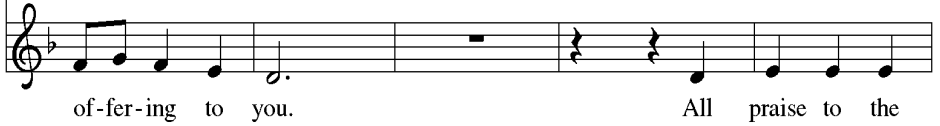
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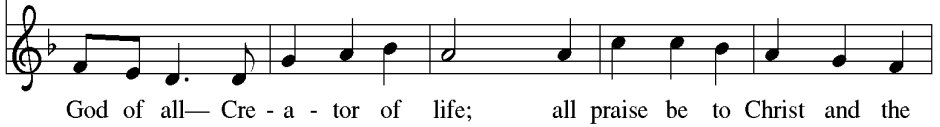
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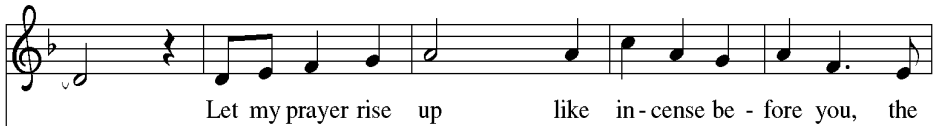
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life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.



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lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.  
 fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

Please Stand

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**L:** Blessed God, with these gifts, bring food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and comfort to the sorrowful.

**All:** **Bless these gifts and our very lives, that we may be blessings of hope for your world.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**L:** The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made. You teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. God of grace,

**All:** **hear our prayer.**

**L:** Look upon our world with mercy, that we delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Release political prisoners and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. God of grace,

**All:** **hear our prayer.**

**L:** Your people cry out for mercy. Console hearts that long for forgiveness. Mend broken relationships. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled. God of grace,

**All:** **hear our prayer.**

L: You bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes, and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. God of grace,

**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: God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All: Amen.**

## **THE EUCHARIST**

L: God of wisdom, with gratitude and love

**All: we remember your mighty acts.**

L: You created a world that was good.

**All: You gave us this earth to enjoy.**

L: You trusted us to share with you in caring for it.

**All: And when we sinned, you still did not abandon us but made covenant with our ancestors.**

*P: Shame has chained us, holding us back from inclusive tables.*

**All: Shame has driven us from sanctuaries and gatherings.**

*P: No longer. Guilt will not prevent us from seeing God's grace.*

**All: In this space, all are welcome.**

*P: At this table, no lips are too unclean, no hearts are too tarnished, no past too corrupt to receive the gift of God's grace. Through this table of bread and cup, we look toward the future with hope. We are reminded that our past lies behind us, that the grace of God has overcome our fears and our indiscretions. Through Christ's great*

*love, we are no longer afraid of the future. Through Christ's gracious meal, we are provided a second chance.*

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord 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 for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he 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."*

*Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*P: We recall the words and blessings of Jesus each time we unite at his table.*

**All: We remember the gifts of Jesus the Christ each time we wake to a new day and step into his renewed future.**

*P: May the Spirit of God bless the great table of Christ. May the Spirit of God help us recognize God's grace in the breaking of the bread and in the pouring of the cup.*

**All: May the Spirit of God encourage us to embrace our divine callings, as we all work to create God's realm here on earth.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation which is most familiar to each of 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

*P:* We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

**All:** For this meal we give thanks!

## Be Seated

Holy Communion is open to all.

Come forward up the center aisle to receive the individually packaged elements from Pastor Tim, then return to your seat down the side aisles before opening them. Separate and remove the clear top seal to access the wafer, then remove the foil layer to access the grape juice. The ushers will come around to collect the empties.

## COMMUNION HYMN . . . "Come, Let Us Eat



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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# COMMUNION HYMN . . . “One Bread, One Body”

*Refrain*



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



*Refrain*

wom-an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath-ered to one for all.

## SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*P:* May the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you unto eternal life. Live in forgiveness. Claim your wholeness. Dwell in peace.

**All: Amen.**

Be Seated

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

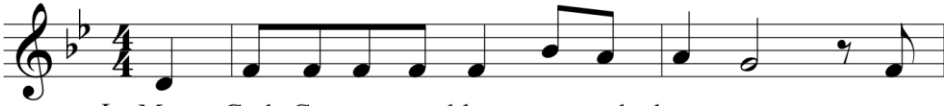
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# Sending

## FINAL BLESSING



L: Let us bless our God: **All:** praise and thanks to you.



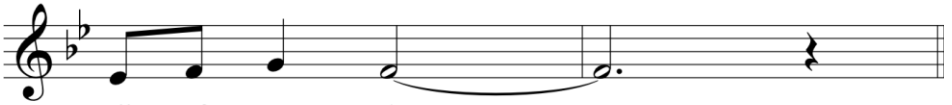
L: May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the



Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days. \_\_\_\_\_



**All:** A - men.



# Benediction+

**SENDING HYMN . . .** “*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*” vs. 1,2



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.



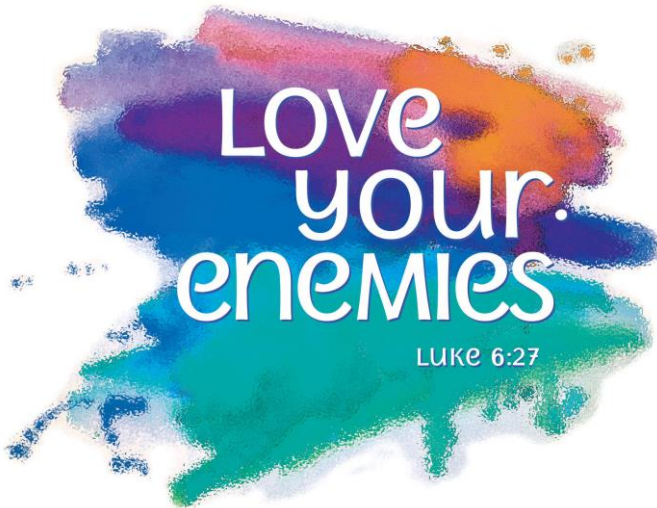
Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.

**SENDING**

**L:** Go in peace. Be the light of God.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE . . .** *Myrna Emata Diaz*



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