

She bought it so that  
she might keep it for  
the day of my burial.

John 12:7, NRSV



**Full** { *Brazen*  
*acts of*  
*beauty*  
to the **Brim**

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*Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.*

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## **GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING**

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All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

### **SINGING BOWL**

With the help of the Spirit, look within. See what burdens  
may be lifted, what obstacles may be removed,  
what new life and promise await us.

**PRELUDE . . .** *Myrna Emata Diaz*

### **WELCOME**

Please Stand

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: May we find courage here—

**All: courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.**

L: May we find hope here—

**All: hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.**

L: May we find truth here—

**All: truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.**

L: May we find all that we seek.

**All: And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*P: In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.*

**All: Amen.**

Silence for Reflection.

*P: Holy One,*

**All: we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

*P: Have mercy on us!*

**All: Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

*P: Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In Jesus' name, our sins are forgiven.*

**All: God journeys with us and teaches us how to live in love. Amen.**

## HYMN . . . “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” vs. 1,4



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



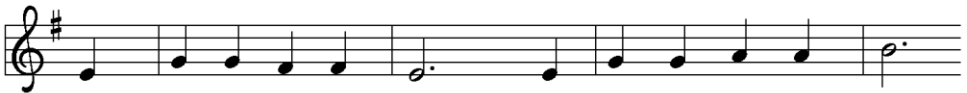
sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bid.

## GREETING

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.*

**All: Amen.**

## KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness,  
and your grace waters our desert.

**All: Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing  
you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the  
extravagance of your love given to all through your  
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savio, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever. Amen.**

Be Seated

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GATHERING . . . **WORD** . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: Loving Creator, we are here, telling stories of dust.

**All: We are here, trying to shake the dust out of our  
ears so that we might hear you clearly.**

Reader: We are here, hoping that showing up is the first step  
in returning to you.

**All: Scoop us up in your embrace and carry us to a  
place of truth.**

Reader: Clear the smog that makes it hard to see. Clear the  
dust that makes it hard to hear.

**All: We are at the edge of our seats. We are listening  
for you. Amen.**

Reader: The first reading is from Isaiah, chapter forty-three,  
beginning with the sixteenth verse.

## READING . . . *Isaiah 43:16-21 (The Inclusive Bible)*

Thus says Yahweh,  
who made a road through the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
who led chariots and warriors to their doom,

a mighty army fallen, never to rise again,  
snuffed out and extinguished like a wick:  
“Forget the events of the past,  
ignore the things of long ago!  
Look, I am doing something new!  
Now it springs forth—can’t you see it?  
I’m making a road in the desert  
and setting rivers to flow in the wasteland.  
Wild beasts will honor me—  
the jackals and the ostriches—  
for I will put water in the desert  
and rivers in the wasteland  
for my chosen people to drink,  
these people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.”

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

*P:* The holy Gospel according to John, chapter twelve,  
beginning with the first verse.

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

**GOSPEL . . . *John 12:1-11 (The Inclusive Bible)***

“Six days before Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, the village of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they gave a banquet in Jesus’ honor, at which Martha served. Lazarus was one of those at the table. Mary brought a pound of costly ointment, pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, wiping them with her hair. The house was full of the scent of the ointment.

Judas Iscariot, one of the disciples—the one who was to betray Jesus—protested, “Why wasn’t this ointment sold? It could have brought nearly a year’s wages, and the money been given to poor people!” Judas didn’t say this because he was concerned for poor people, but because he was a thief. He was in charge of the common fund and would help himself to it.

So Jesus replied, “Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial. You have poor people with you always. But you won’t always have me.”

Meanwhile a large crowd heard that Jesus was there and came to see not only Jesus, but also Lazarus, whom he raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to kill Lazarus as well, since it was because of him that many of the people were leaving them and believing in Jesus.

*P: The Gospel of our Living God.*

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

Be Seated

**CHILDREN’S TIME . . . *Carmen Blair***

Neither the children nor the congregation will be filmed during Children's Time - graphics will be shown on the livestream instead.

Please Stand



# HYMN . . . "Holy Woman, Graceful Giver" vs. 1,2,4



1 Ho - ly wom - an, grace - ful giv - er, proph - et,  
2 How the fra - grance filled the dwell - ing! How the  
4 Though dis - dained or though con - test - ed, acts of



ser - vant, and be - liev - er, Mar - y with the oint - ment  
act of beau - ty well - ing blest all those with - in the  
love are nev - er wast - ed: beau - ty is a face of



jar, sought by Christ, by scorn un - daunt - ed, knelt in  
place! How the act of pure de - vo - tion, whis - p'ring  
God. Grace - ful Mar - y, by your giv - ing, you have



love, his feet a - noint - ed for his com - ing bur - ial  
of his com - ing pas - sion, blest the heart of Christ with  
shown a way of liv - ing: acts of beau - ty, love, and



hour, for his com - ing bur - ial hour.  
grace, blest the heart of Christ with grace!  
good, acts of beau - ty, love, and good.

Be Seated

HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

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GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

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Please Stand

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**L:** Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' 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.**

## **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**L:** With grateful hearts, let us share a portion of the bounty God has given us.

**All:** **We do so as an act of faith, and in support of God's work in this congregation and the world.**

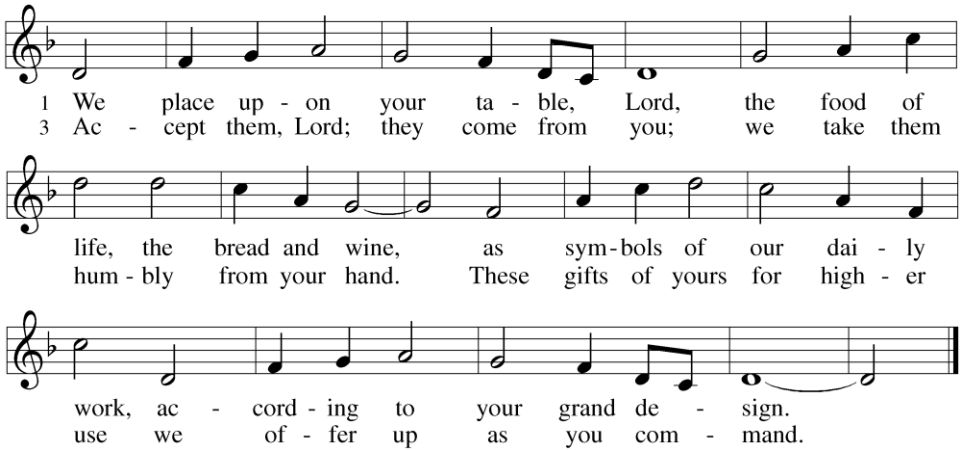
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## **THANKFUL OFFERING**

Please Stand



## OFFERTORY RESPONSE



1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of  
3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them  
life, the bread and wine, as sym-bols of our dai - ly  
hum - bly from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er  
work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.  
use we of - fer up as you com - mand.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land,  
and you provide for our every need.

**All: Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor,  
and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in  
Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

L: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers  
for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Do a  
new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate  
change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats  
already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the  
voices of climate scientists and researchers working to  
chart a new course. Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

L: Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent  
political enemies from working together for the well-  
being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration  
among the nations. Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

L: Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick. Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

L: Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued. Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism. Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

L: God of all, hear the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

L: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

L: The God of the everlasting covenants is with you!

**All: And also with you!**

L: Lift your thirsty hearts to God.

**All: We long for the waters of grace to fill us.**

L: Sing praises to the One who feeds us with wonder.

**All: Our mouths praise God with joy on our lips.**

*P: Your ways were not the ways of chaos, God of Wonder and Delight, and so with thoughts beyond understanding you spoke, and waters rushed through the weary lands; you listened, and songbirds composed anthems for you. You crafted humanity in your image, your steadfast love a promise to us for all time, but we did not listen*

*carefully to all you spoke, and so spent your blessings on those temptations which never could keep us satisfied. So we would not be unaware of your continued love for us, prophets came, calling us to stop and listen to your longing heart. When we would not forsake our foolish ways, Jesus came, your eternal covenant of salvation.*

*Holy are you, O God, our God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your song of joy. When we had lost our way in the weary land of sin,*

**All: Jesus came to lead us to the waters of hope.**

*P: When we could not hear your voice amid the jumbled thoughts of temptation,*

**All: Jesus came to witness of the good news first sung in the broken places of your heart.**

*P: When our ways, fertilized by fear and doubt, were unable to produce any life for us,*

**All: Jesus dug up the roots of death, that resurrection might be planted deep within us, blooming forever.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*P: In the night in which he was betrayed, 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." With this bread and cup we remember our Savior's Passover from death to life.*

*As we draw closer to that week we call Holy, as we remember the One we call Savior, we speak of that mystery we call faith:*

**All: Christ died, witnessing to the world; Christ rose, destroying the destroyer; Christ will come, blessing us forever.**

*P: From the generosity of your heart you provide the gifts of the bread and the cup, charging us nothing, as your Spirit pours out love and grace on all who gather at the feast of remembrance.*

**All: Here, we are fed with that which is not bread, but the very life we need, so we can go forth to serve your people.**

*P: Here, our thirsty souls are refreshed by the taste of peace and hope, so we might speak out for all who are ignored by the world.*

## **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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*P: Jesus has always been one to invite. He said, "Drop your nets and follow me." And, "Let the little children come."*

**All: Jesus has always been one to invite, and that has not changed. Each and every one of us—with our doubts, our fears, our scars, our joy, our dreams, our hopes, our questions—we are invited to God's table.**

*P: And here we will be met. Here we will be fed.*

**All: Here we are given a taste of an expansive life that is full to the brim with love, overflowing with joy.**

*P: So come. Not because you must, but because you can.*

**All: All are invited to this Table.**

## Be Seated

### LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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 . . . “Jesus, the Very Thought of You”



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;  
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call  
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,  
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.  
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!  
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!  
grant us at last to hear you say: “Come, share my home a - bove.”

## COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Wait for the Lord”

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The second line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

## SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*P:* Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy.

**All:** Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation,

*P:* mending broken hearts, working for justice,

**All:** and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**L:** We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike.

**All:** As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please Stand

**WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY**

*P: As we leave this place, may we be awestruck by the beauty of this world. May we laugh, and may it be contagious.*

**All: May we overflow with love for those around us.**

*P: May we be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy. And in all of our living, and breathing, and being, may we find ourselves full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit, and may it change our life.*

**All: In the name of the Beloved, and Love itself— we go in peace, full to the brim. Amen.**

**Full**  
to  
the **Brim**  
*An expansive lent*

## SENDING HYMN . . . “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” vs. 1,3



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

## DISMISSAL

L: You are marked with the cross of Christ.

All: **We go forth to love and serve.**

## POSTLUDE . . . *Myrna Emata Diaz*



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