

For all who
exalt themselves
will be humbled,

Luke 14:11, NRSV

and those who
humble themselves
will be exalted.

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WELCOME TO THE STORY

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ’s banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

A Story that Invites Us

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

WELCOME

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: As we exchange signs of peace and love with one another, let us first look for the stranger who might one day be our friend.

All: Let us offer signs of peace and love beyond the familiar friends we so often greet.

P: The peace of Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*P: God of love and grace, flow through our messy lives
with your abundant grace.*

**All: When we would close our hearts and doors, open us
to share your grace with others.**

*P: When we would neglect the needs of your world, forgive
us so abundantly that we might be moved to give as
abundantly as we have received.*

**All: When we let pride and self-interest rule our days,
forgive us so miraculously that we might live with
humility and selflessness.**

*P: In your abundant love and miraculous grace, may your
world come to know your ways. Amen.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

*P: Like honey from a rock, Christ's love flows within us
with the sweetness of God's grace.*

**All: Like finest wheat, the Spirit's sustenance feeds us
with mercy and hope. Thanks be to God!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Creator God, you call us to hospitality; to give as
generously to others as you have given to us.

All: For there are angels among us.

L: Loving God, you call us to give you glory in the
compassion we show to one another.

All: To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.

L: We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way you
have set for us.

**All: We gather as one Body, to worship the one who is
Love.**

OPENING HYMN – “Gather Us In” vs. 1,2



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream - ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.

GREETING

P: The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace is with you all.

All: And also with you. Amen.

L O R D H A V E M E R C Y
Christ have mercy
L O R D H A V E M E R C Y

KYRIE ELEISON – “*Lord, Have Mercy*”

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

L: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain

L: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain

L: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain

L: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain

HYMN OF PRAISE – “*Glory to God*”

Refrain

All: Glo-ry to God in the high-est, the high-est, and

peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,
 we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you
 for your glo - ry. *Refrain* Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
Refrain Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet where the last may be first, and the humble and the mighty trade places.
- All: **Let us share your abundance with no fear of scarcity; let us greet strangers as angels you have sent!**
- L: Send your Spirit now so that we may find a place at your table
- All: **and welcome others with radical hospitality. In the name of Jesus, Guest at all our tables, we pray. Amen.**

Be Seated



The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: Listen for the word of God. Strive to understand Christ's teachings.

All: For this indeed is our treasure. May it light our paths and make us ready to take action.

Reader: Today's reading is from Jeremiah, chapter two, beginning with the fourth verse.

READING – *Jeremiah 2:4-13*

Hear the word of Yahweh, House of Jacob,
all you tribes of the house of Israel!

Thus says Yahweh:

What fault did your ancestors find in me,
to make them wander so far astray?

They pursued hollow idols
and became hollow themselves.

They did not ask, 'Where is Yahweh,
who brought us up out from Egypt
and led us through the desert,
a barren and desolate country,
a land of drought and darkness,
a land no one passes through,
a land where no one dwells?'

I brought you into a land of plenty
to eat its fruits and other good things.

But once you entered my land you defiled it
and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests never asked themselves, 'Where is Yahweh?'

The administrators of the law ignored me.

The shepherds of the people rebelled against me.

The prophets prophesied in the name of Ba'al
and pursued the Worthless One.

So once more I accuse you,
says Yahweh—

I accuse you and your children's children!

Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look closely,
send envoys to Kedar and examine carefully.
see if there has ever been anything like this:

Has a people ever changed its gods,
even though they aren't gods at all?

But my people exchanged their Glory
for Worthlessness.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked and stupefied!
says Yahweh.

For my people committed two sins:
they abandoned me,
the fountain of living water;
and they dug deep cisterns for themselves,
broken cisterns that hold no water.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: God, you come to us at unexpected times and in
unexpected places.

All: With our lamps lit, we will walk by faith. Amen.

Please Stand



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: *The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourteenth chapter.*

All: Glory to you, O God.

GOSPEL – *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

One Sabbath, when Jesus came to eat a meal in the house of one of the leading Pharisees, the guests watched him closely.

Jesus went on to address a parable to the guests, noticing how they were trying to get a place of honor at the table.

“When you’re invited to a wedding party, don’t sit in the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished has been invited. Otherwise the hosts might come and say to you, ‘Make room for this person,’ and you would have to proceed shamefacedly to the lowest place. What you should do is go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your hosts approach you they’ll say, ‘My friend, come up higher.’ This will win you the esteem of the other guests. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Then Jesus said to the host, “Whenever you give a lunch or dinner, don’t invite your friends or colleagues or relatives or wealthy neighbors. They might invite you in return and thus repay you. No, when you have a reception, invite those who are poor or have physical infirmities or are blind. You should be pleased that they can’t repay you, for you’ll be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

P: The Gospel, the good news of God.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

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CHILDREN’S TIME – *Pastor Tim*

Please Stand

HYMN – “*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*” vs. 1,2



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: Jesus says, “Take nothing for the journey—no bread, no bags, no money.” Rather, bring yourselves, totally and completely. Bring your love, your gifts, your service, your leadership.

All: **May this be so as we share our offerings of monetary gifts in this time together.**

THANKFUL OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE – “*Accept, O Lord the Gifts We Bring*” vs. 1,3



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Touch these gifts, O God,

All: **with your manifold blessings.**

L: Touch our very lives,

All: **that we may be instruments of your hope.**

L: May our gifts and our lives,

All: **bring your healing, love, and compassion to a world in need. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

L: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry directors for a new year of learning. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

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

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayers.

L: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: God is with you.

All: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to God.**

L: Let us give thanks to God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

P: Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be;

All: **from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity;**

P: in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life.

All: **You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world;**

P: he fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us;

All: **his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death.**

P: Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished, and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -

est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.' In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.' As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith.

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

P: Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ;

All: we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

P: Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.

All: We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.

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

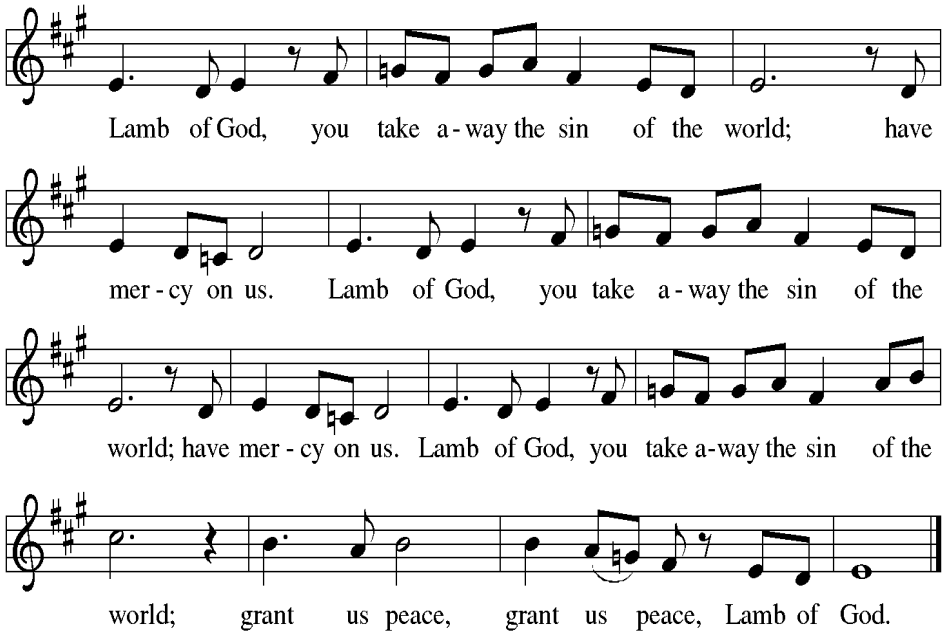
P: Here is food that satisfies, the taste of communion. Here is wine pouring free, the washing away of fear. Here is life abundant, a table of peace for all.

All: May this peace be in us and among us, a sign of hope for a world renewed.

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LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Holy Communion is open to all.
If you need communion brought to you,
please let an usher know.

For communion at the altar rail:

You may come up the center aisle to the altar rail as space allows, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the wafer into. Then take a cup of grape juice (white) or wine (red) from the assistant, partake, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your disposable cup in the provided bowls.

For communion at your seat with pre-packaged kit:

You may come to altar rail as above, take a communion kit from the assistant, and return to your seat to partake. Or you may remain seated and partake of the communion kit you picked up at the entrance. The ushers will come around to collect empty kits.

COMMUNION HYMN – “Now We Join in Celebration”



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

COMMUNION HYMN – “Ubi Caritas”



U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
 Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,



u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.
 God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.



SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.

All: Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.

All: May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

COMMISSIONING

P: It's time to go.

All: Time to re-engage with the secular world.

P: Time to put the faith into deeds.

All: Time to practice uncalculating love.

P: Time to meet the Christ who waits for you.

All: Time to share his boundless hope.

P: You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. With the blessing of God, in your mind and heart, let each morning be a joy to you, each path be a joy to you, each neighbor be a joy to you.

All: Now and always. Amen!

SENDING HYMN – “The Spirit Sends Us Forth” vs. 1,3,4



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



Love. Grow. Serve.