

**“HAVE SALT IN
yourselves,
AND BE AT
PEACE WITH
one another.”**

MARK 9:50, ESV

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Welcome! Enter with Prayer, Worship in Awe, Leave to Serve.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and our website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

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

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

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.

BELL PRELUDE: *"The Angelus"*

WELCOME

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: In a spirit of humility, recognize the ways we are called to grow with God and neighbor. May we greet one another as God's children with the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.

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: O God, you are our help and our hope. In times of trial,

All: keep us from falling into temptation.

P: In times of need,

All: help us reach out for aid and lean on prayer.

P: Show us that others need our help, our hope, and our prayers.

All: Strengthen our resolve to offer those gifts where they are most needed.

P: When we become lost,

All: welcome us home with mercy and grace,

P: that we may do the same for others.

All: In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God is for us, our help and our hope. In God's mercy and grace, we are welcomed with love and forgiven with compassion.

All: Thanks be to God for helping us along the way.

OPENING HYMN: "You Are Holy" (sung three times)

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the remaining four lines, starting with a '2' above the first note of the fifth line, indicating a second ending. The final line of the score ends with a double bar line.

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.
2
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

GREETING

P: Faithful God, inspire us to be faithful to one another.

All: Open our hearts to meet the needs in our midst and in the wider world.

P: Open our minds to notice the beauty and gift of your creation.

All: Open our mouths to sing your blessings, joyfully and gratefully.

P: Open our lives to welcome the stranger, seek the lost,

All: and create peace in a troubled world. Amen.

KYRIE

L: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

L: For the reign of God, and for mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. L: For your

All: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

L: Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. **All: A - men.**

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

Refrain

All: Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo-ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new.

Refrain

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

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. Amen.

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: “*Christ Has Made the Sure Foundation*”

WE LISTEN AND THINK

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

R: Your Word is our salt; without it, we lose our being, our joy, and our ability to endure.

All: Open our hearts and our minds to listen, to really listen, to your Word today.

R: The first reading is from Numbers, chapter eleven, beginning with the fourth verse.

READING: *Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29*

Soon the riffraff among them started complaining and whining, and Israelites said, “Who will give us meat to eat? We remember the fish we used to eat freely in Egypt, and the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic! But out here we’re wasting away; there is nothing here but manna for us to look at!”

Moses heard the people, family after family, wailing at the entrances of their tents, so much so that Yahweh's anger flared up again. Moses was aggrieved, and said to God, "Why do you treat me this way? Are you so displeased with me that you must burden me with this whole nation? Was it I who conceived these people, was it I who gave birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them at your bosom, like a nurse with a baby at the breast, to the land that I swore to give to their ancestors?' Where am I to find meat to give to these people, when they come to me weeping and saying, 'Give us meat to eat'? I cannot carry this nation alone! The weight is too much for me. If this is how you will deal with me, just allow me this one favor and kill me now! Spare me from seeing such misery as this!"

Yahweh said to Moses, "Gather together seventy of your elders, those you know to be leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting and take their place there with you.

So Moses went and told the people what God had said. He gathered seventy elders and had them surround the Tent. Yahweh came down in a cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the Spirit that was in Moses, God bestowed it on the seventy elders whom Moses had gathered there; and as the Spirit came to rest on them, they were seized with prophesying, and did not stop.

Now two other elders, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had stayed behind in the camp. They had been summoned to the tent, but had not gone; yet the Spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. When a youth came running to tell Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, ben-Nun, who from youth had been Moses' aide, cried, "Moses, stop them!"

But Moses answered, "Are you jealous for my sake? If only all of God's people were prophets! If only Yahweh would bestow the Spirit on them all!"

R: Here ends the reading.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

R: By the word, God calls us into covenant.

All: May the divine word work within us.

R: May we be receptive students of it.

All: May it show us the call of service in Christ's holy Church.

Please Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Creator.

GOSPEL: *Mark 9:38-50*

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone using your name to expel demons, and we tried to stop it since this person was not part of our group.”

Jesus said in reply, “Don’t try to stop it. No one who performs a miracle using my name can speak ill of me soon thereafter! Anyone who is not against us is with us. The truth is, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not go without a reward.

“Rather than make one of these little ones who believe in me stumble, it would be better to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around your neck.

“If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It would be better to enter Life crippled than to have hands and go into Gehenna, where the fire never goes out. If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better to enter Life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It would be better to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be drawn into Gehenna, where ‘the worm never dies and the fire never goes out.’

“Everyone will be salted with fire.

“Salt is good. But if salt loses its flavor, how can you make it salty again?

“Have salt in yourselves, and live in peace with one another.”

P: The Gospel of our Risen Savior.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S TIME – Pastor Tim



Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

vs. 1,4



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Be Seated

MESSAGE – Pastor Tim

WHOEVER
“ is not against us ”
IS FOR US.

Mark 9:40

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

L: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's 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 OFFERING

L: Today and every day, we see signs of God's grace and abundance.

All: But we also know that there is suffering and need in the world.

L: Give freely of what you have been given.

All: We will as a witness to God's actions in the world.

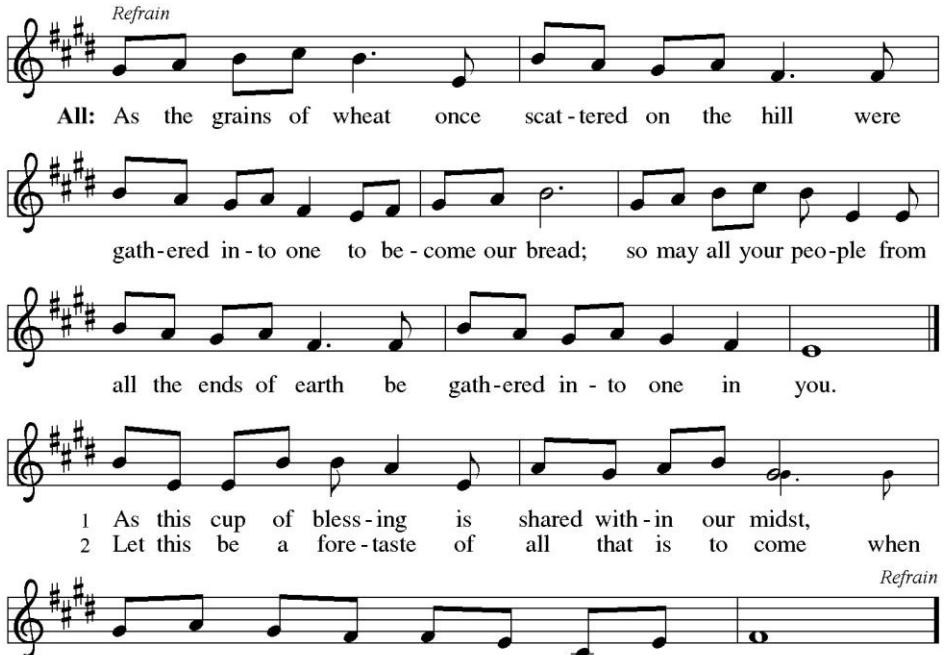
Be Seated

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY

Refrain



All: As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need. We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

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

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



L: The Lord be with you. All: And al - so with you.



L: Lift up your hearts. All: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

All: You created us, unique, human creatures, created to love and be loved, created to seek relationship with you and each other.

P: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus the Christ. Through him, you showed us a new way to be in relationship with you and with each other, to care for one another and the stranger, and to see you in different ways.

All: Through him, you showed us a new level of acceptance and new ways to worship you.

P: By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Through this community which you have called together through our concern, our passion, and our seeking to know you,

All: we learn more about you, your sustaining love, and your own passion for justice and liberation for all.

P: On the night in which he gave himself up for us Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you

and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

All: Strengthen us for our witness and service in your name. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.

P: Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Creator, now and forever.

All: 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: Bread for each day, manna in the wilderness, these are the gifts of God.

All: Strength for the journey, water in the desert, these are the blessings of Christ.

P: Come to the table, and eat your fill.

All: Christ's love will sustain us all.

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to God's Table
after the Lamb of God is sung.

LAMB OF GOD



All: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

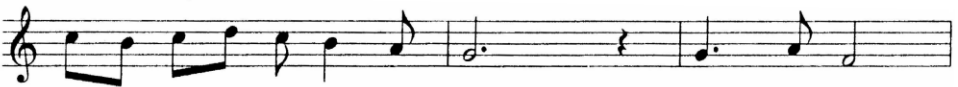


world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,



mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center of the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

For communion at the altar rail:

When directed by the ushers, you may come up the center aisle to the altar rail, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the host into. Eat. Then take a cup of wine (red), grape juice (light yellow), or water (clear) from the assistant. Drink. Then place your empty cup in the tray that follows. Rise and return to your seat via the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMN: "We Come to the Hungry Feast"



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.



COMMUNION HYMN: "By Your Hand You Feed Your People"



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed;
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

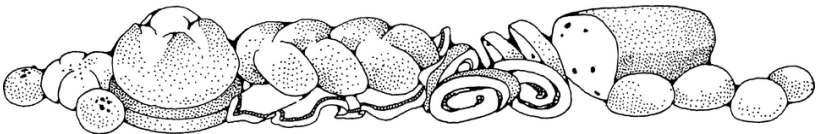
POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: O God, you are Hospitality. You are Welcome.

All: You are the Invitation, the Table, the Feast.

P: By your spirit may we learn to receive and offer grace, to share from the sustenance of our lives and not simply its crumbs.

All: Embolden us as we serve as the voice of those who continue to ask the church for justice and bread. In Christ we pray. Amen.



POST COMMUNION THANKS

All: Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.
From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to you for
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us.
Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Be Seated



Please Stand

WE CARRY GOD'S CARING LOVE TO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

P: In Christ we experience our wholeness,

All: We are a new creation.

P: As you have received God's grace, go now and dare to reach out to others, to help others reconcile and make new.

All: And the presence of God, who is our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, will go with us!

SENDING HYMN: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

vs. 1,3



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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