



Not neglecting to meet  
**TOGETHER**  
but encouraging one another

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

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

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*November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.*

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

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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:** "My Lord, What a Morning" – Bell Choir

# 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.**

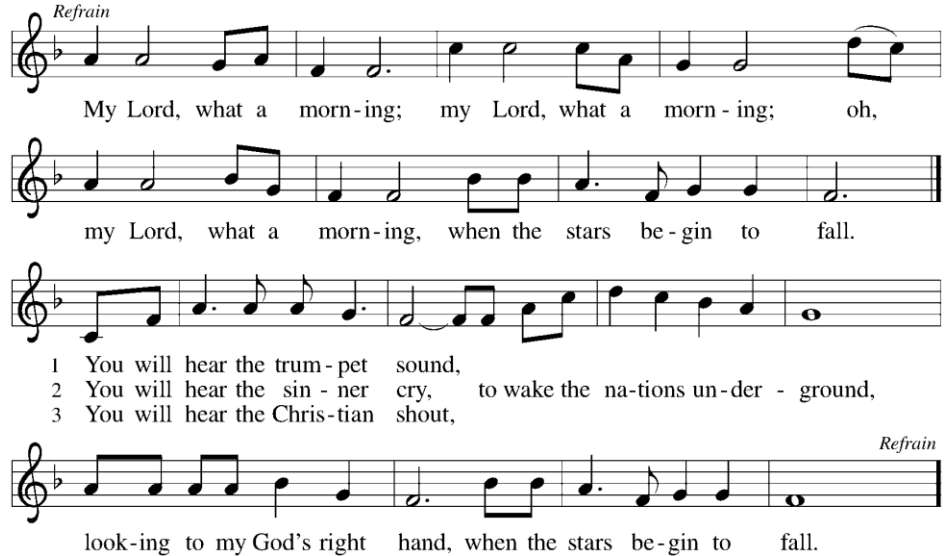
Silence is kept for reflection.

*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: "My Lord, What a Morning" vs, 1-3**

*Refrain*



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,  
my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,  
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,  
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

*Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

## **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*  
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.



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.



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:** Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth.

**All:** Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## Be Seated

**ANTHEM:** “*Indescribable*” – Choir

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### **WE LISTEN AND THINK**

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#### **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 Hebrews, chapter ten, beginning with the eleventh verse.

#### **FIRST READING:** *Hebrews 10:11-25*

Every other priest performs services every day and offers the same sacrifices many times; but these sacrifices can never take away sins. Christ, however, offered one sacrifice for sins, an offering that is effective forever. Then Christ sat down at the right hand of God, and now waits there until God puts all enemies in their rightful place. With one sacrifice then, Jesus has made perfect forever those who are being sanctified.

The Holy Spirit also attests to this, first saying, “ ‘This is the Covenant I will make with them when those days arrive,’ says our God: ‘I will put my laws into their hearts and write them on their minds.’ ”

Then she adds, “I will never again remember their sins or offenses.”

So when sins and evil deeds have been forgiven, an offering to take away sins is no longer needed.

Therefore, sisters and brothers, since the blood of Jesus makes us confident to enter the holy place by the new and living path opened for us through the veil—that is to say, the body of Jesus—and since we have the supreme high priest presiding over the house of God, let us enter it filled with faith



and with sincerity in our hearts, our hearts sprinkled and cleared from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the One who made the promise is faithful.

Let us always think how we can stimulate each other to love and good works. Don't stay away from the meetings of the community, as some do, but encourage one another; and do this all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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 thirteenth chapter.*

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



**GOSPEL:** *Mark 13:1-8*

As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

*P:* *The Gospel of our Risen Savior.*

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

Be Seated

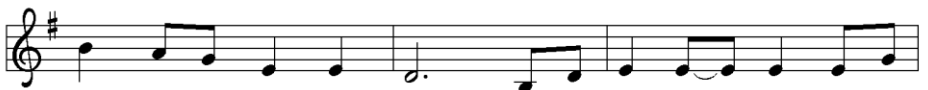
**CHILDREN’S TIME** – Pastor Tim

Please Stand

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** “*Canticle of the Turning*” vs. 1,2



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.



*Refrain*  
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

## Be Seated

**MESSAGE** – Pastor Tim

## WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

### 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.**

# 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: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you

have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

L: With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence. Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

L: In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any mental illness. Bring them healing and wholeness. Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

L: Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

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.**



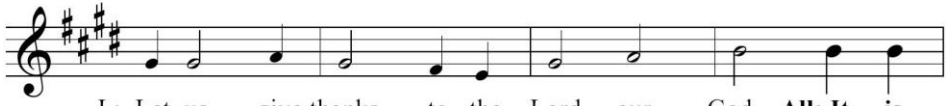
# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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: The bread is ready, the cup is filled, the table is set.*

**All: Let all who are hungry for the love of God, come and be fed.**

*P: Let all who are thirsty for new life, come and share the cup.*

**All: Let all who want to follow Jesus, come and join the feast.**

## 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.

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: “When Peace Like a River”



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.



It is well,  
it is well

with my soul

# COMMUNION HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

## SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

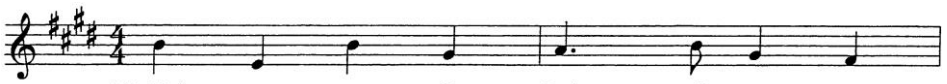
*P:* O God, you are Hospitality. You are Welcome.

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

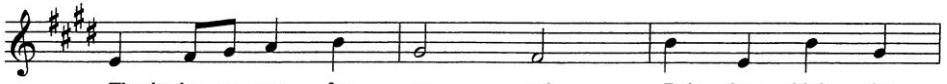
*P:* By your spirit may we learn to receive and offer grace, to share from the sustenance of our lives and not simply its crumbs.

**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

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

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### WE CARRY GOD'S CARING LOVE TO THE WORLD

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#### 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!**

*Grace, Love, Unity, Peace*

# SENDING HYMN: "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" vs. 1,2

*Refrain - sung twice each time*

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our - hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*

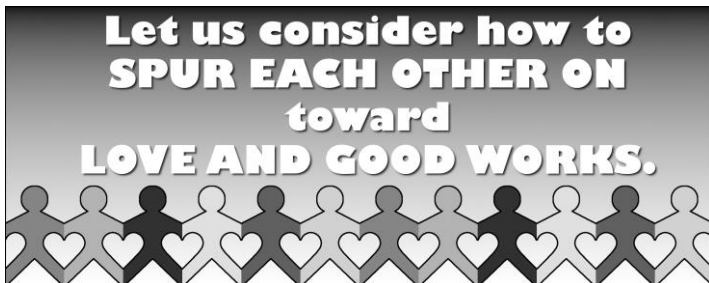
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE



Scripture Readings: Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation - Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. Kindle Edition.

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