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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In celebration of our baptism, we worship
In the name of God: Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

**Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts,
let us confess our sin.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.

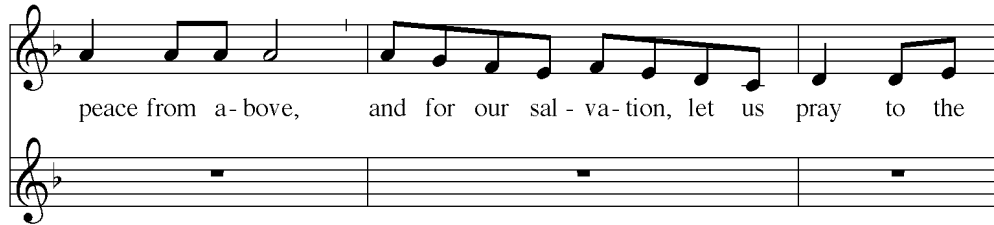
God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In † Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.
Amen.

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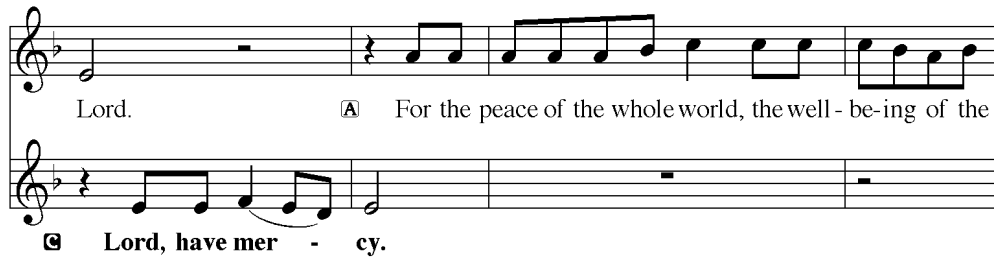
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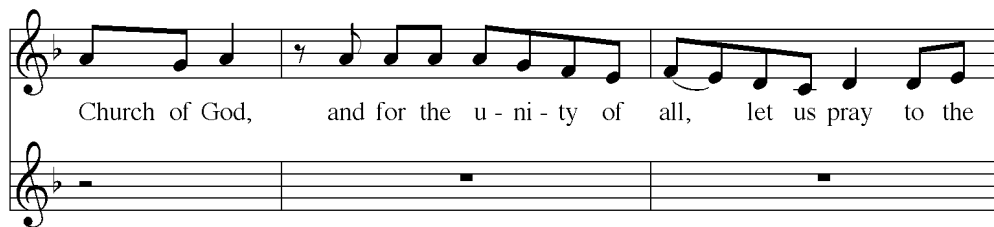
Ⓐ In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. Ⓐ For the
ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



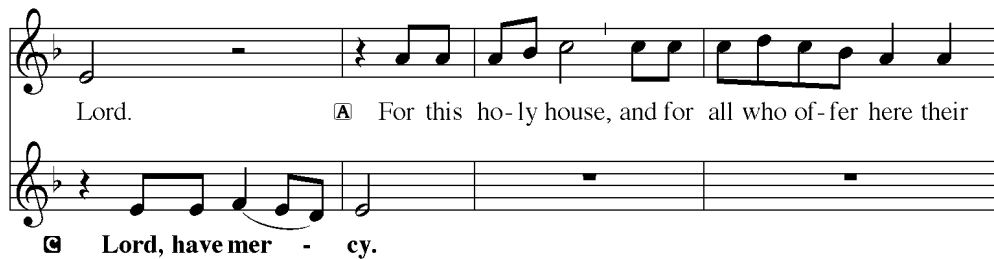
peace from a-bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the



Lord. Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the
ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the



Lord. Ⓐ For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their
ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
A - men

CANTICAL OF PRAISE

WOV 15

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of
all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and
might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

WOV15

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I
II For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST READING FROM ISAIAH 43:1-7

- ¹ But now thus says the LORD,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
- ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.
- ³ For I am the LORD your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
- ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.
- ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;
- ⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
 and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end of the earth—
- ⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING FROM ACTS 8:14-17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

WOV 17



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

GOSPEL

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the 3rd Chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Orin Cummings

SERMON

Pastor Orin Cummings

HYMN OF THE DAY

Crashing Waters at Creation

ELW 455



- 1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
- 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
- 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
- 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age— chan - nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: STUTTGART, attr. Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876
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APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed:

**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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and open our hearts to the will of God.

A brief silence.

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. God of grace, receive our prayer.

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and the creatures they nourish. God of grace, receive our prayer.

You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace, receive our prayer.

You are with us in good and challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery especially Tony, Bob, John, Tommy, Don, Cheryl, Richard, Karl, Chris, and Beverly. Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges, and uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace, receive our prayer.

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace, receive our prayer.

You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve especially the families of Joan Grossman, Laurel Scott, Carolyn Roderique, and Norma Wiemer. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace, receive our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

WOV pg. 22

☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.
men.

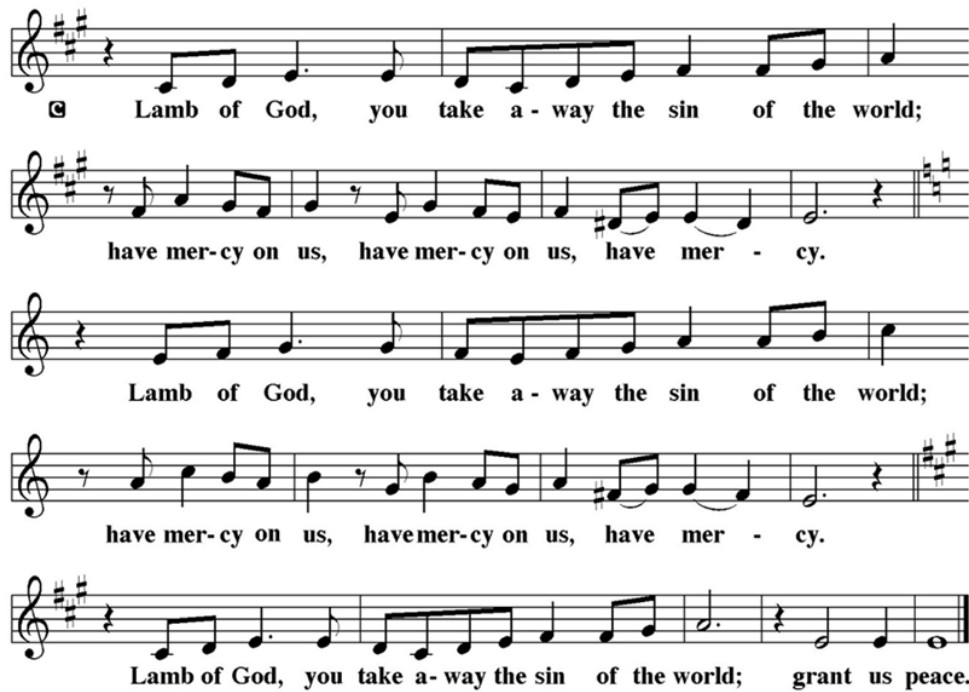
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Lamb of God

WOV pg. 25



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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW 423



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain
Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;
gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I've Just Come from the Fountain

TFF 111

Refrain

I've just come from the fountain, I've just come from the fountain, Lord, I've
just come from the fountain, his name's so sweet. O Lord, I've sweet.

1 O broth - er, do you love Je - sus? Yes, yes, I do love my Je - sus.
2 O sis - ter, do you love Je - sus? Yes, yes, I do love my Je - sus.
3 O sin - ner, do you love Je - sus? Yes, yes, I do love my Je - sus.

Refrain
Broth - er, do you love Je - sus? His name's so sweet. O Lord, I've
Sis - ter, do you love Je - sus? His name's so sweet. O Lord, I've
Sin - ner, do you love Je - sus? His name's so sweet. O Lord, I've

Text: African American spiritual
Music: HIS NAME SO SWEET, African American spiritual

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God,
the Father, ✠ the Son, and Holy Spirit
bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by the Gospel, we:
Welcome all to worship;
Make disciples;
Hunger for ministry;
Nurture youth;
Gather resources for growing ministries;
Offer healing and care to all in need.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

OFFERING

(Please place gifts in the plates as you leave)

POSTLUDE