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Welcome & Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: We gather this morning in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

A: **Amen.**

L: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. So, let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Most merciful God,

A: **We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we might love and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

L: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

GATHERING

+ **Greeting**

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

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Now the Feast

see next page

Refrain

Congregation:

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!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

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.

to Refrain

+ Please stand as you are able.

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *to Refrain*

Hymn of Praise

Now the Feast

+ Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

L: God of community,

A: **You call us into loving and supportive relationship with one another in our church family. Through the Holy Spirit, unify our hearts and**

minds, that together we might strive to bring your healing grace into the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Choir Anthem

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place

Gospel

Mark 9:34-35

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

L: This is the gospel of our Lord.

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

Hymn

Christ Over Death Has Won

Teaching Lesson 1

Acts 18:1-4

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

L: Word of God, word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Teaching Lesson 2

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of

Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

L: Word of God, word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Arise, Your Light Has Come

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+ **Apostles' Creed**

A: 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.

+ **Prayers of the People**

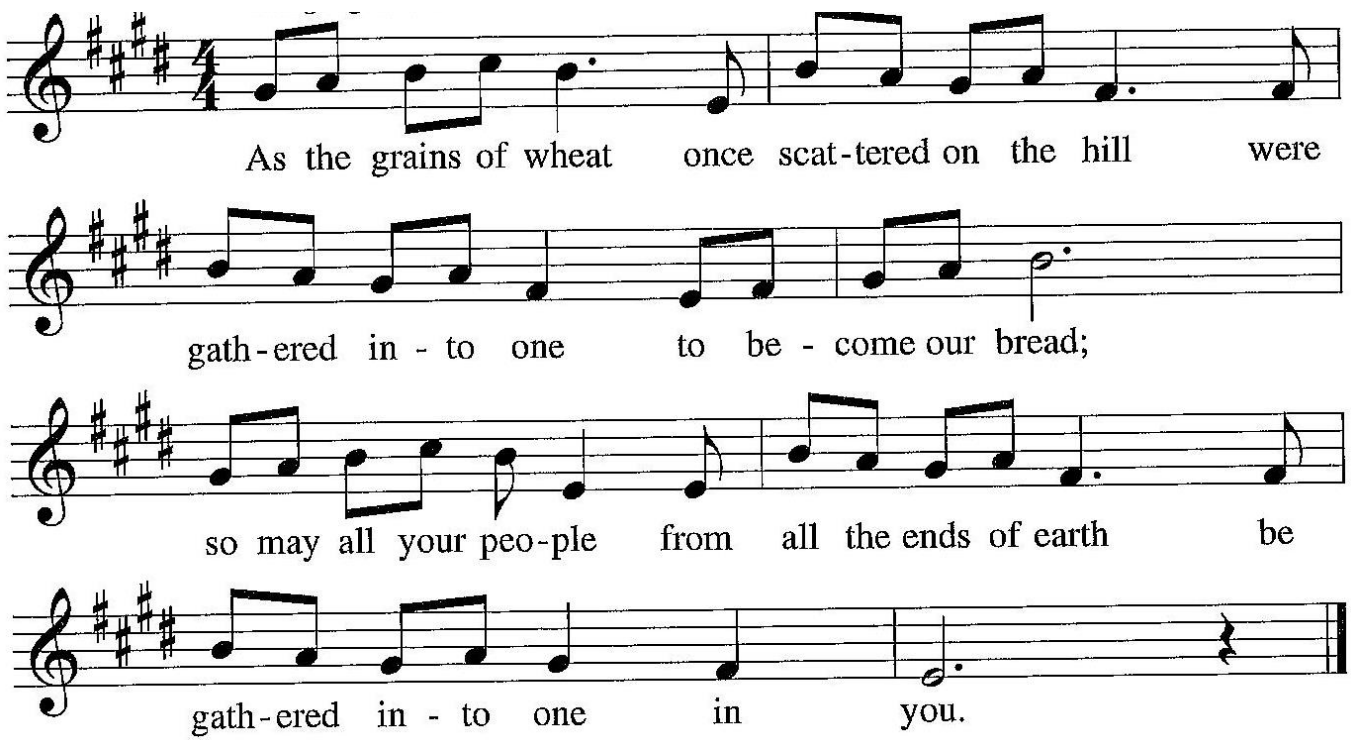
Each petition will end with "God of new life," to which the congregational response is "**In mercy, hear our prayer.**"

+ **Sharing of the Peace**

MEAL

+ **Offertory**

As The Grains Of Wheat



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.

Verses



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

to Refrain

+ Offering Prayer

L: Generous God,

A: You provide each of us and our church family with abundant resources. Accept these gifts out of what you have first given us, that we might work for the good of all that you have made. Amen.

+ The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

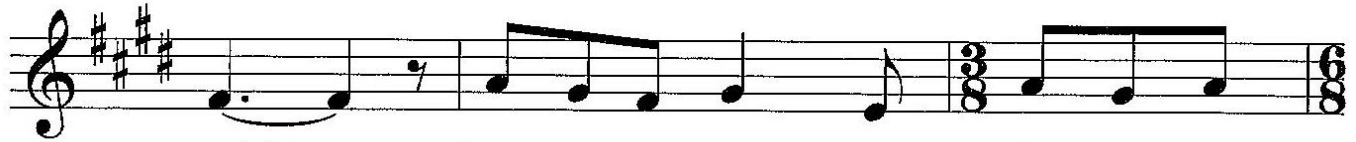
L: It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

Holy, Holy, Holy

Congregation:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -



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

+ Words of Institution

+ Lord's Prayer

A: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

+ Invitation to Communion

P: Jesus, our brother, invites you to experience his presence fully in this holy meal of bread and wine. Come and be nourished for a life lived in his name. All is prepared for you.

Communion Distribution

Lamb of God

Congregation:

Congregation or Assistant:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.

+ Post Communion Blessing

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever.

+ Post Communion Hymn

Thanks Be To You

+ Please stand as you are able.



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
you have taught us: 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. 3. 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

