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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: The Love of Jesus Calls Us

**The love of Jesus calls us, our joyous praise to sing;
Our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,
For all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,
And for the generations who faithfully believed.**

**The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be
Companions on a journey, where all the world may see
That serving Christ is freedom, which time does not destroy;
Where Christ's command is duty and every duty joy.**

**The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,
To challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,
To know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;
For those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.**

**The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,
To be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;
That God with men and women may so transform the earth,
That love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.**

Gathering of the Community

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

And also with you.

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Guardian of the weak,
turn the places we live
into strongholds of your grace,
temples of your presence,
and citadels of your justice,
so that the most vulnerable and most powerful
may find peace in the strong name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Second Letter of Corinthians

On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in

me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:5-10

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

MARK 6:1-13

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Silence

Apostles Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the
Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again
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

In your grace and mercy:

Lord, strengthen us.

Confession & Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
welcoming sinners and inviting them to this table. Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn: You Call Us, Lord, To Be

**You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,
To feel with thoughtful mind and think with tender heart.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
For faith in your unfailing grace
To make us equal to the task.**

**You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,
To take the risk, and dare to show what love can do.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
For faith in your unfailing grace
To make us equal to the task.**

**You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;
To tend it as a place of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
For faith in your unfailing grace
To make us equal to the task.**

**You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,
To know we best receive when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
For faith in your unfailing grace
To make us equal to the task.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be With You.

And also 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.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through prophets, sages, poets, artists and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,

We are bold to say,

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,

the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread #2

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All

Refrain:

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless –
And we, though, many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.***

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more. *Refrain***

**Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all. *Refrain***

**Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one for all. *Refrain***

***Glory to God,
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or
imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the church
and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.***

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn: Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue,
Thee, only thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.**

**The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil,
In all my works thy presence find,
And prove thy good and perfect will.**

**Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labour on at thy command
And offer all my works to thee.**

**Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to thy glorious day;**

**For thee delightfully employ
Whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heaven.**