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*Welcome to worship – May you experience the Presence of Christ this morning,
and walk through this week with His peace and gentle love.*



WE REALIZE OUR NEED FOR FORGIVENESS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us
and calls us, who unites us and sends us. **C: Amen.**

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection

P: Mighty and loving God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the
body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of
our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN ELW No 556 "Morning Has Broken"**

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise
for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of
the first garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every
morning, God's recreation of the new day!

P: The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the uplifting love of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit be
with you all. **And also with you.**

P: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE TO THOSE ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and celebra-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.

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.

Verse 3

Congregation:

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING from Genesis 50: 15-21

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 103: 1-13

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.**

He forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;

**he redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and lovingkindness;**

he satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**The LORD executes righteousness
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.

**The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

**He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

**As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.**

As a father cares for his children,
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

SECOND READING from Romans 14: 1-12

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord To Whom Shall We Go"

The image shows a musical score for a congregation. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is labeled 'Congregation:'. The second staff continues the lyrics. The third staff is labeled 'Optional Repeat' and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Congregation:
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!

Optional Repeat

GOSPEL READING from Matthew 18: 21-35

P: The gospel of the Lord C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

MESSAGE – Rev. Aida Muñiz

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW NO. 608 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me. See, on the portals he’s waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain

Come home, come home! You who are weary come home. Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling “O sinner, come home!”

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? R

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. R

THE APOSTLES’ CREED -

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

P: Because we are so blessed, we offer our gifts back to God with grateful hearts. We invite you to, if able, mail your envelopes to church or to keep using your bank institutions for your offerings.

GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

*** SENDING HYMN ELW NO. 537 “On Our Way Rejoicing”**

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe. Christ without, our safety; Christ within our joy; who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

Refrain

On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring; unto God the Spirit bow we and adore, on our way rejoicing now and evermore. R

DISMISSAL

P: Go, serve the Lord, and may his peace be with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

SHARE THE PEACE OF GOD