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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 664 "Heaven Is Singing for Joy"**

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia, for in your life and mine is shining the glory of God.

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia, for your life and mine unite in the love of our God. R

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia, for your life and mine will always bear witness to God. R

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: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING from Jonah 3: 10-4:11

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 145: 1-8

I will exalt you, O God my king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to his greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

**They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

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

SECOND READING from Philippians 1: 21-30

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 congregational acclamation. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff is labeled 'Congregation:' and contains the lyrics 'Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we'. The second staff continues with 'go? You have the words of e - ter - nal'. The third staff concludes with 'life. Al - le - lu - ia!' and is marked 'Optional Repeat' with a repeat sign at the end.

GOSPEL READING from Matthew 20: 1-16

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE – Rev. Aida Muñiz

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW NO. 729 “The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

The church of Christ, in every age beset by change, but Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ’s sacrifice, and clothed in Christ’s humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

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.

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

*** SENDING HYMN ELW NO. 546 “To Be Your Presence”**

To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion’s face and listening ear, to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!

To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold, to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!

To be your presence is our mission blest, to speak for all the broken and oppressed, to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!

We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your people is our call and choice, and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

SHARE THE PEACE OF GOD