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THE GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together a people of God.

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forms the Earth,
redeems all Creation,
and sustains all life.

Amen.

God of tempest, God of whirlwind, in the beginning when the Earth was
formless, your Spirit swept over the waters.

You spoke, and the wind of your Word fashioned order:
darkness and light; sea and sky and soil;
sun and moon; birds and fish; creatures, plants, and people;
and with a word, you took delight.

You looked upon your Creation and called it good.

After you poured out the floods of judgment,
you set your bow in the clouds,
a promise to every living creature that water is life.
You spoke, and the sky sang with all the colors of your covenant:
for cardinals and foxes, bumblebees and tortoises, Noah and his family,
and all descendants of your first act of redemption.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

We marvel at your Creation, for it is good!

At Jacob's well, the woman from Samaria
witnessed the water of eternal life from your beloved Son.
In baptism, your Spirit brings water to life.

You speak, and your children are born
from the womb of your mercy.

You wrap us in the grace of your never-ending love
and raise us to share that love with all you have made.

You look upon your Creation and call us good.

Forgiven in the waters of baptism,
We praise you, Creator of all things.
We worship you, Redeemer of all that lives.
We serve you, Sustainer of your people in every land. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

BAPTIZED & SET FREE (ELW 453)

As you are sprinkled with water, give thanks to God for the gift of your baptism.



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to bring peace to the world, breaking down the walls of hostility that divide us. Pour out your Spirit upon us, guide us to hear your word, that we may be peacemakers in our homes, communities, and nations. Strengthen us to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, until that day when your peace reigns over all the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

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

READING

A reading from Deuteronomy 31:7-8

7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and bold, for you are the one who will go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their ancestors to give them, and you will put them in possession of it. 8 It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,*

*a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!*

The holy gospel according to Luke the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6 The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

7 "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? 8 Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? 9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW860

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

RENEWAL OF ORDINATION VOWS

The rostered ministers stand facing the bishop. They are exhorted and then questioned:

... do you recommit yourself to the various ministries of our Lord Jesus Christ which you have been called under the pastoral oversight of your bishop?

I do, with God's help.

*The bishop addresses the Ministers of **Word and Sacrament**:*

Will you who are ministers of Word and Sacrament continue to preach and teach the Word of God in accordance with the Confessions of our Church, and to administer the Holy Sacraments after the ordinance of Christ, and to serve all people.

I will, with God's help.

*The bishop addresses the Ministers of **Word and Service**:*

Will you who are ministers of Word and Service continue to proclaim the gospel through word and deed in accordance with the Confessions of our Church, and to serve all people?

I will, with God's help.

*The bishop continues, addressing **All the Rostered Ministers**:*

Will you adorn the teaching of our God and Savior by a holy life and conversation?

I will, with God's help.

Will you bear faithful witness before the world, that God's love may be seen in all of you?

I will, with God's help.

The bishop then rededicates himself to the service of God's people

All the rostered ministers together then say:

Almighty God, who has given us the will to do these things, bless us with the faith, strength and determination to accomplish them.

Amen.

The bishop concludes the renewal of vows

...through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

... We pray and sing.

Christ, Our Peace

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Christ, Our Peace'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system of music corresponds to the lyrics 'Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;'. The second system corresponds to 'Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.'.

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Music: CHRIST, OUR PEACE, Marty Haugen

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THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Share a sign of that peace with one another.

The offering today goes to support Latino Ministries in the Florida Bahama Synod.

LOVING

By Victor E. Jortack

1. Lov - ing. Lov-ing and car -
 2. Serv - ing. Serv-ing and shar -
 3. Prais - ing. Prais-ing and sing -
 4. Pray - ing. Pray-ing and help -

ing. Lov-ing and car -
 ing. Serv-ing and shar -
 ing. Prais-ing and sing -
 ing. Pray-ing and help -

ing. We be - come the church. We

be - come the church. *Refrain* In - side and out -

side. A - bove and be - low. And all a - round. We are

chil - dren. Chil-dren of God. We are chil -

dren Chil-dren of God. We are the Bod - y.

We are the bod - y of Christ. (*Em Am D7 Except fine: C G*)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,
We return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
But on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

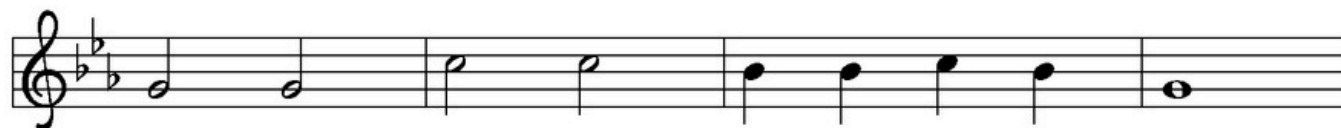
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

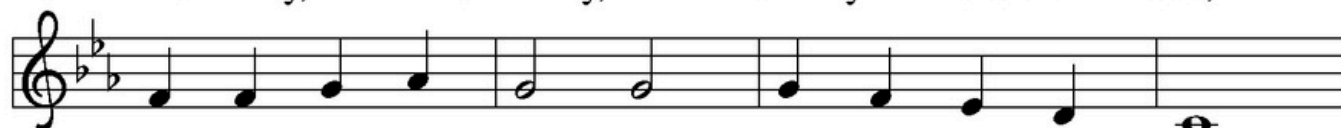
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and our greatest joy,
to give you thanks and praise, O God of comfort and peace.
From the beginning, you spoke light into chaos,
and your Spirit hovered with gentle strength over the deep.
You called forth prophets to speak courage into trembling hearts,
and through your covenant, you promised peace that passes understanding.
In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,
who calmed storms with a whisper,
and lifted the weary with words of life.
He bore our burdens, healed our wounds,
and breathed peace upon his disciples, saying,
"Let not your hearts be troubled."
By his death and resurrection,
he has reconciled all things to himself,
breaking down every dividing wall,
inviting us to walk together your divine journey.
Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we lift our voices in joyful praise,
to sing the unending hymn:

SANCTUS/HOLY, HOLY



San - to, san - to, san - to_{es} el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to_{es} el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to_{es} el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,



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Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the



nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
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Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, God of our ancestors, friend in our midst,
your people hear you calling.

Here is food! Here is drink!

These things are yours before they are ours.

We are coming here to a feast of thanksgiving and song:

With our ancestors in faith and all the hosts of heaven,

Holy One, we thank you and rejoice.

This food—we shall eat it in your honor, by your word.

This drink—we shall drink it in your honor, by your word.

We thank you for giving us life.

We thank you!

We thank you for giving us freedom.

We thank you!

We thank you for bringing us peace.

We thank you!

We thank you for the one who proclaimed your Reign and forgives our sins.

We thank you!

We thank you for the one who brought us over from death to life.

We thank you!

Gracious and almighty, send the Spirit of life,
the Spirit of power and fruitfulness.

With the Spirit's breath, speak your Word into these things.

Give us who eat and drink the living body and the lifeblood of Jesus, our
brother,

life and power and fruitfulness of heart and body.

Make us one with Him; make us one with each other.

On the night of his suffering,

he gave thanks for the bread that he held in his hands.

This bread he shared among his followers, saying:

All of you, take this, eat this;

it is my body, handed over for you.

Do this and remember me.

Then he shared drink with them, saying:
All of you, take this, drink this;
it is my blood, the blood of the new covenant
that begins now and lasts forever.
This blood is poured out for you and for all people
so that sin may be taken away;
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this and remember me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
Jesus has died. Christ is risen. Jesus Christ will come again!
Lord, you are resurrection and life.
You, Crucifixion, are here!
You, Resurrection, are here!
You, Ascension, are here!
You, Spirit—empowerment, accompaniment—are here!
Holy One, bring us life;
give us kinship, fellowship, and encouragement
with Mary, the mother of our Lord,
with all our Lord's disciples and friends,
with the Reformers of yesterday and today,
with all the elders and ancestors of your people,
and with all your children.
Through Christ, in Christ, with Christ,
in the Spirit's oneness,
all glory and honor is Yours, Holy One,
today, tomorrow, and forever.
Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Emboldened by the seamless choir of voices that have told the story and carried us to this place, gifted with faith by the Spirit of God, we pray the prayer the Lord, our brother, shared with us:

**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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so - tros,
have . . mer-cy up - on us,

ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
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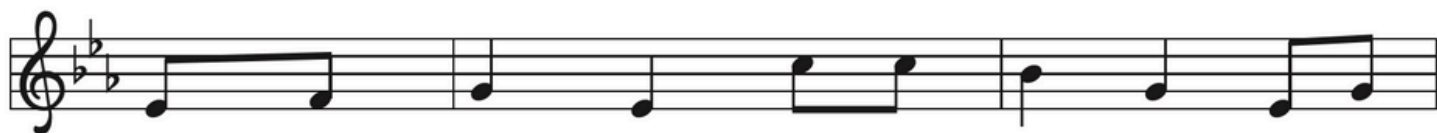
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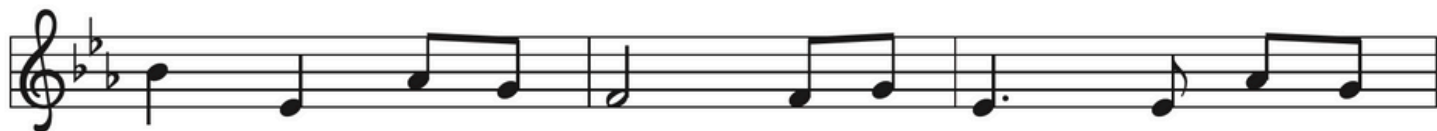
da - nos tu paz,
grant us your peace,

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grant us your peace.

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

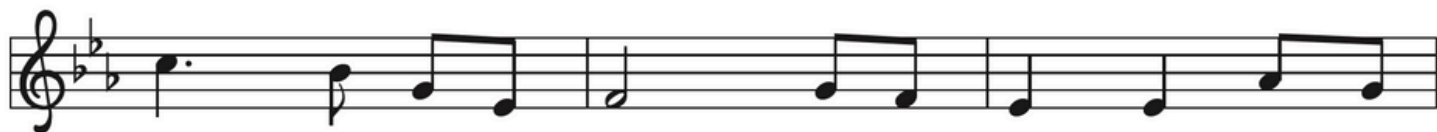


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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THE SENDING

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

CONSECRATION OF SACRED CHRISM

The oil of Chrism is presented to the bishop who addresses the assembly. After a brief silence, the bishop extends his hands over the oil and prays. At the conclusion the assembly responds:

Amen.

BLESSING (SPOKEN)

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and forever.

God, whose glory fills the heavens, cleanse you by God's holiness and send you to proclaim his word.

Amen.

Jesus Christ, who has ascended to the heights, pour upon you the riches of his grace.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

Amen.

The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Guide My Feet

Leader

All

1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Take a moment to quiet your hearts as you prepare for service outside these doors.

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