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## GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSİON AND ABSOLUTİON (LBW p. 56) *Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.*

We gather to worship the One true God – the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN: “God! When Human Bonds are Broken” WOV #735

1 God! When hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill  
 2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in - to our world of stress,  
 3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re - lease  
 4 Send us, God of new be - gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in - to life.  
 5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,

to re - store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.  
 for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing all the fail - ures we con-fess.  
 from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing; set us free and grant us peace.  
 Use us as a means of bless-ing: make us stron-ger, give us faith.  
 give us love to go on learn-ing: God! En-cour-age and re - new!

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 Music: William H. Monk, 1823–1889  
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*alt. tune: OMNI DIE*

AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.

**We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus’ name.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57) *2 Corinthians 13:14*

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW pp. 58-59)

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 8:1, 12:2*



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

#### SALUTATION (LBW p. 62) *Ruth 2:4*



P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. O God, you know our fears and lack of confidence. Forgive our willful ways, and defend our faith through the teaching of your Christ, through whom you gather saints to give you glory without end. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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**GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD**

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-15

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. <sup>4</sup>So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. <sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:1-13 - *Sung responsively with the cantor.*

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, | O my soul,\*  
 and all that is within me, bless his | holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the Lord, | O my soul,\***  
 and forget not | all his benefits.

<sup>3</sup>He forgives | all your sins\*  
 and heals all | your infirmities;

<sup>4</sup>**He redeems your life | from the grave\***  
 and crowns you with mercy and | lovingkindness;

<sup>5</sup>He satisfies you | with good things,\*  
 and your youth is renewed | like an eagle’s.

<sup>6</sup>**The Lord ex- | ecutes righteousness\***  
 and judgment for all who | are oppressed.

<sup>7</sup>He made his ways | known to Moses\*  
 and his works to the chil- | dren of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord is full of compas- | sion and mercy,\***  
 slow to anger and | of great kindness.

<sup>9</sup>He will not al- | ways accuse us,\*  
 nor will he keep his an- | ger forever.

<sup>10</sup>**He has not dealt with us according | to our sins,\***  
 nor rewarded us according | to our wickedness.

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,\*  
 so is his mercy great upon | those who fear him.

<sup>12</sup>**As far as the east is | from the west,\***  
 so far has he removed our | sins from us.

<sup>13</sup>As a father cares | for his children,\*  
 so does the Lord care for | those who fear him.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>30</sup>Why are we in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup>I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup>What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” <sup>34</sup>Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. <sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” <sup>36</sup>You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup>For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup>There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup>There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. <sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

VERSE (LBW p. 62) *John 6:68*

Musical notation for the verse "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." The music is in common time, G major, with a basso continuo staff below the vocal line.

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 63)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the sixth chapter.

Musical notation for the gospel acclamation "Glo - ry to you, O Lord." The music is in common time, G major, with a basso continuo staff below the vocal line.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:27-38

<sup>27</sup>{Jesus said,} “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup>And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. <sup>32</sup>If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

<sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup>Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 63)

A musical staff in G major, common time. The lyrics are: "Praise to you, O Christ." Below the staff, it says "Please be seated."

SERMON

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**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" LBW#307**

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff starts in Dm, moves to C, then F, then Dm, then Gm, then Dm. The middle staff starts in Bb, then F, then Am, then Dm, then Am, then Bb, then Dm, then C. The bottom staff starts in F, then Dm, then Am, then F, then Gm, then Am7, then Dm. The lyrics are:

1 "For - give our sins as we reach for - give," You  
2 How can your par - don reach and bless The  
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals The  
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with in our souls And

taught us, Lord, to pray; But you a - lone can  
un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and  
truth we dim - ly knew: How tri - fling oth - ers'  
bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, by your mer - cy

grant us grace To live the words we say.  
will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
debts to us; How great our debt to you!  
rec - on - ciled, Our lives will spread your peace.

APOSTLES' CREED (LBW p. 65)

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**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 into hell.**

**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**

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people as they have need...

*Each petition ends with these words: Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.*

*The prayers conclude with these words: ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

OFFERING OF PEACE (LBW p. 66) *John 20:19-21*

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

*Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.*

*Please be seated.*

OFFERING OF TITHES, ADDITIONAL GIFTS, & SPECIAL MUSIC

*We offer our time, talents, and treasures in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERTORY HYMN (LBW p. 66)

C Let the vine - yards be fruit- ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

*Continued on next page.*

Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)

Let us pray... Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 68)

P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.  
 P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.  
 P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

#### PREFACE (LBW p. 68) Sung or spoken by the pastor.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give away to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### SANCTUS ("Holy" LBW p. 69) Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav- en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW p. 69)

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,

gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71) *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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.

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

COMMUNION HYMN ("Lamb of God..." LBW p. 72) *John 1:29*

G Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

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## GOD COMES TO US IN HIS HOLY MEAL

All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may commune. The usher will direct you. Use the side aisle to return to your seat.

- If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.
- To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.
- If you abstain from the Sacrament, trust that you have full forgiveness by God's Word alone.

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

*After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (LBW p. 72)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (LBW pp. 72-73)



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proudly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with

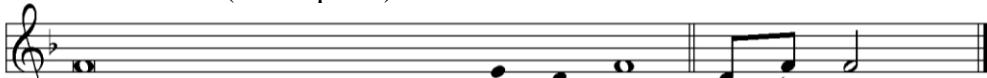


shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 74)

Let us pray... We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### BENEDICTION (LBW p. 74)



P Almighty God, Father, + Son,  
and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever.

C A - men

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## GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

SENDING HYMN: "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" LBW #368

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are:

1 I love your king - dom, Lord, The place of your a - bode;  
2 I love your Church, O God! Its walls be - fore you stand,  
3 Be-yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,  
4 Sure as your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n

The bottom staff continues the musical line.

*Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752-1817, alt.  
Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731-1776*

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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the light of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

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