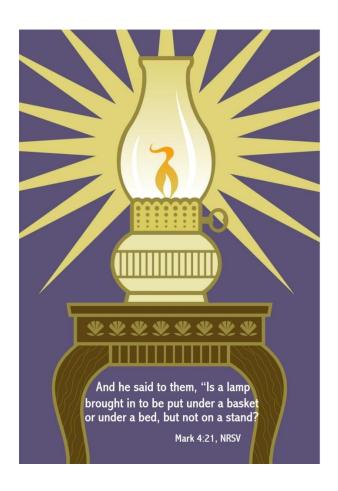
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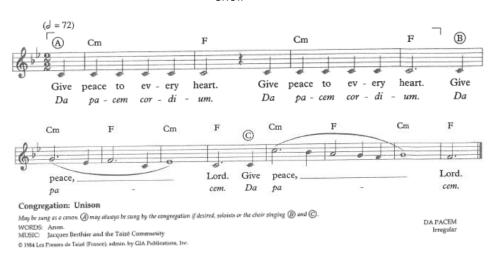
"Christ- Students- Community Coming Together"

#### WELCOME

## **PRELUDE**

## "Give Peace"

Choir



#### INVOCATION

Stand

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## C 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. **C** Amen.

#### WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P 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.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

P 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.

P 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.

## C Amen.

Stand

**GREETING OF PEACE** As you greet others, please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands. Other options while saying "Peace be with you. / And also with you" is to place your hand on your heart, a head nod or to bow.

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**





Sing verse four in unison:

4) Ho-ly and bless\_-èd three, Glo-ri-ous Trin\_\_-i-ty, Wis-dom, love, might!

Bound-less as o-cean's tide, Roll-ing in full-est pride, Through the earth, far and wide, (*Refrain*)

Meter: 664.6664 John Marriott, ca. 1813, alt. Source: LBW 400; TLH 508 Tune: Italian Hymn (Moscow) Felice de Giardini, 1769

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.
- P Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sit

Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.

## SCRIPTURE READING Mark 4:10-12, 21-25

When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. And he said to them, 'To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; in order that

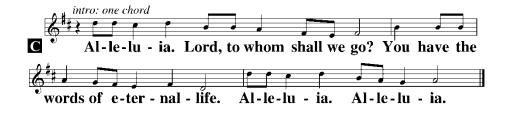
"they may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven."

He said to them, 'Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand? For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light.

Let anyone with ears to hear listen!' And he said to them, 'Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you. For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.'

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Stand



#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

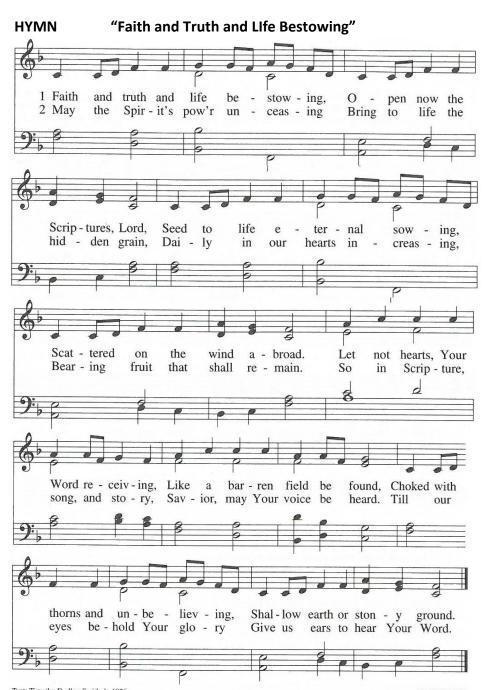
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

MESSAGE "Are you listening?"

Stand



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Tune: Columbian Harmony, Cincinnati, 1825; setting: Margaret W. Mealy, b. 1922

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Matt. 13:3-23; Col. 1:3-6; 2 Cor. 9:10; Luke 4:16-22

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy," to which the congregation responds, "hear our prayer." The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sit

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



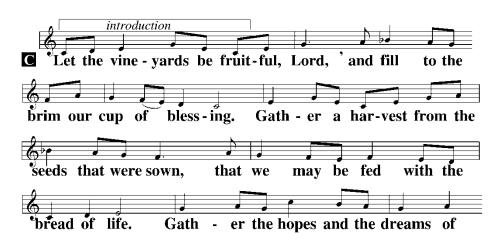
#### OFFERTORY MUSIC

#### OFFERTORY SONG AND PRAYER

Stand

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





#### THE PREFACE





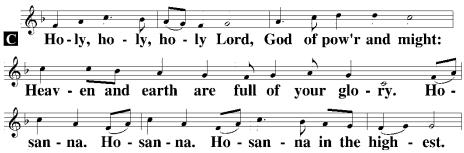
P Lift up your hearts.

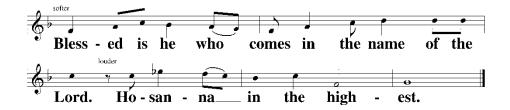


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

P 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.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

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





Sit

**THE DISTRIBUTION** Please approach the altar as space is available. You may receive communion from pre-packaged elements or the common loaf, along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free options are available.

## HYMN "Break Now the Bread of Life"



Sing stanza four in unison:

 Oh, send Your Spir-it, Lord, Now un-to me, That he may touch my eyes And make me see. Show me the truth con-cealed With-in Your Word, And in Your Book re-vealed I see my Lord.

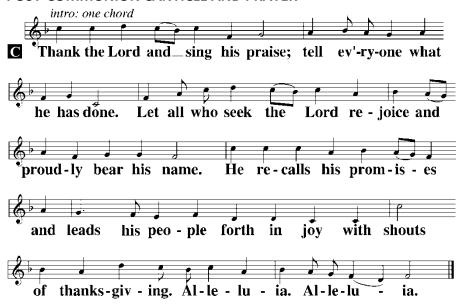


#### Stand

#### THE BLESSING

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

#### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER



P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### **BENEDICTION**

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C Amen.
- P Go in peace; serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.



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#### POSTLUDE

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#### Our Confession about Communion

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- 1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.
- 2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."
- 3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

- a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession:
- b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.