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"Christ- Students- Community Coming Together"

PRELUDE “I Wish God’s Love to be With You”

arr. Lim Swee Hong

Choir

Stand

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

P Most merciful God, **C** Have mercy on us.

C We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Greet others, saying “Peace be with you/And also with you”, along with a head nod, handshake, bow, or placing your hand on your heart.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

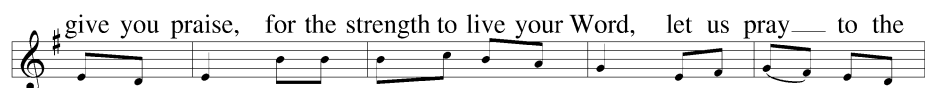
heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** **And also with you.**

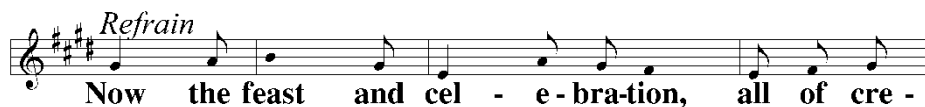
P In peace, in peace, let us pray to the

Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Continue the following without interruption. All sing the Refrain.





1. *Choir or soloist:* Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. *(brief interlude, then all sing the Refrain above)*
2. *Choir or soloist:* Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. *(brief interlude, then all sing the Refrain above)*
3. *Choir or soloist:* For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. *(brief interlude, then all sing the Refrain above)*

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

[P] The Lord be with you. **[C] And also with you.**

[P] Lord God, heavenly Father, from Your hand we receive all good gifts and by Your grace we are guarded from all evil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that, acknowledging with our whole heart Your boundless goodness, we may now and evermore thank and praise You for Your loving-kindness and tender mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **[C] Amen.**

Sit

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

SCRIPTURE READING **1 John 2:12-14**

In today's lesson, John poetically addresses all his readers; the young, the old, the new, the veterans. He encourages them with the message that their sins are forgiven, they know (and are known) by God, and in Him they have conquered evil. His message resonates with us as well, at whatever point we happen to be in our faith life – we are God's people, and that gives us strength for every day.

NRSV version

[R] I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins are forgiven on account of his name.
I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.
I am writing to you, young people,

because you have conquered the evil one.
 I write to you, children,
 because you know the Father.
 I write to you, fathers,
 because you know him who is from the beginning.
 I write to you, young people,
 because you are strong
 and the word of God abides in you,
 and you have overcome the evil one.

The Message version

I remind you, my dear children: Your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name.
 You veterans were in on the ground floor, and know the One who started all this;
 you newcomers have won a big victory over the Evil One.
 And a second reminder, dear children: You know the Father from personal
 experience.
 You veterans know the One who started it all; and you newcomers - such vitality
 and strength! God's word is so steady in you.
 Your fellowship with God enables you to gain a victory over the Evil One.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA

| - - - - Introduction - - - - - |

C  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! *(Repeat, starting after intro.)*

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.

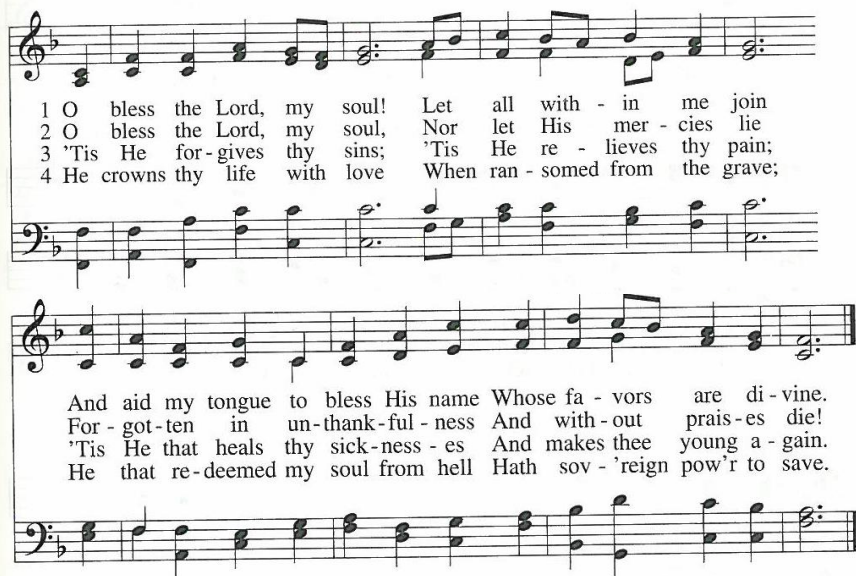
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

MESSAGE "A Good Reminder"

Stand

HYMN "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
 3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
 4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;

And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
 For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
 'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
 He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

5 He fills the poor with good;
 He gives the suff'rers rest.
 The Lord hath judgments for the proud
 And justice for th'oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways
 He made by Moses known,
 But sent the world His truth and grace
 By His belovèd Son.

PRAYERS:

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.

C Amen.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

OFFERING

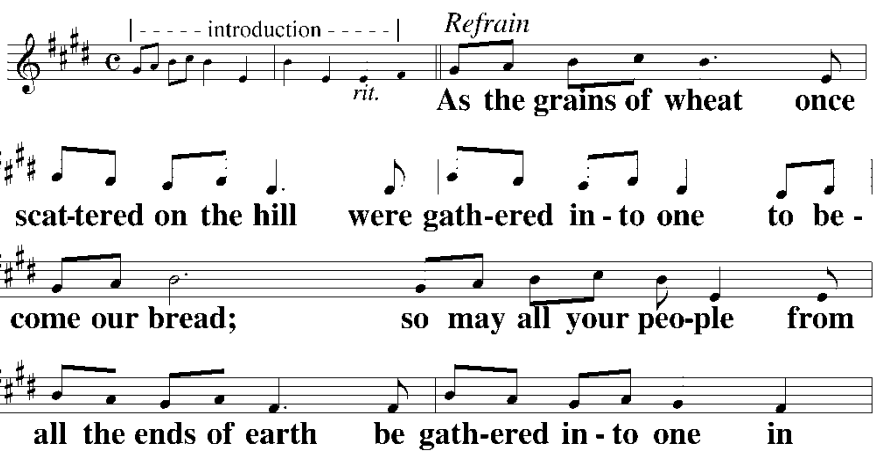
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OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERTORY SONG *Stand*

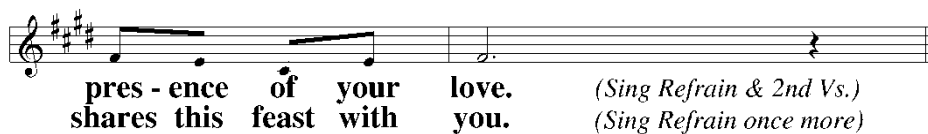
C  introduction ----- | *rit.* *Refrain* As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in

Verses

(1st & 2nd times: go to verses; 3rd time: end)

1. As this cup of bless-ing is
2. Let this be a fore-taste of

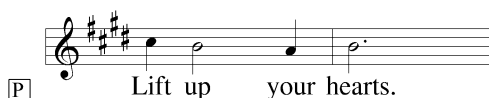
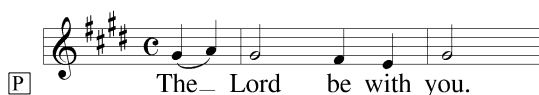
shared with - in our midst, may we share the
all that is to come when all cre - a - tion



[P] Let us pray. Merciful Father,

[C] we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first 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 GREAT THANKSGIVING



[P] It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C |--Introduction - |

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of
 pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are
 filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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.

C 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

AGNUS DEI

----- Introduction -----

1) Lamb of God, you take a -
2) Lamb of God, you are the

way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us,
way of mer-cy and love: have mer - cy on us,

(hold) mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us. (Sing vs. 2 above)
mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us. (Sing vs. 3-->) 3) Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

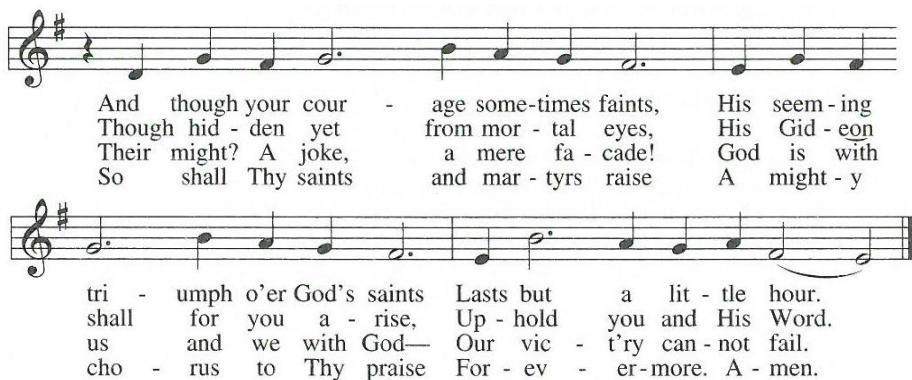
Sit

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

HYMN "O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"

1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly
2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who
3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor
4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,

seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.
can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.
hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.
now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing
 Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon
 Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with
 So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y

tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.
 shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.
 us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.
 cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er-more. A - men.

HYMN "Father Welcomes"

Refrain



Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil-dren To His fam - 'ly
 through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
 Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil-dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

Refrain

Mer - cy — for your sin.
 Shall be — born a — gain.
 Live in the peace of God.

Text: Robin Mann, b. 1949
 Tune: Robin Mann, b. 1949

FATHER WELCOMES
 Irregular meter

Stand

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

C



1) Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to
2) From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to
you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and
you for - ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have
low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er! (*sing vs. 2*)
taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er! (*cont.-->*)
Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -
mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of life with us.
Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for -
ev - er! Rais-ing high the weak and low-ly: Thanks be to
you for - ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

P Let us pray. We give 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 towards you and in fervent love towards one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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. **C** Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see . . . the bright - ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run . . . with pa - tience the race,

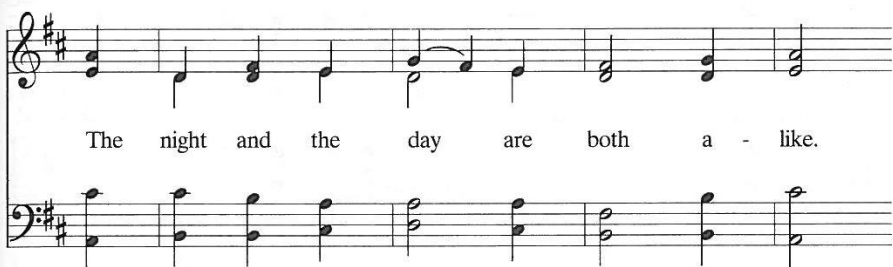


The star of my life . . . is Je - sus.
and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
we shall know the joy . . . of Je - sus.

Refrain



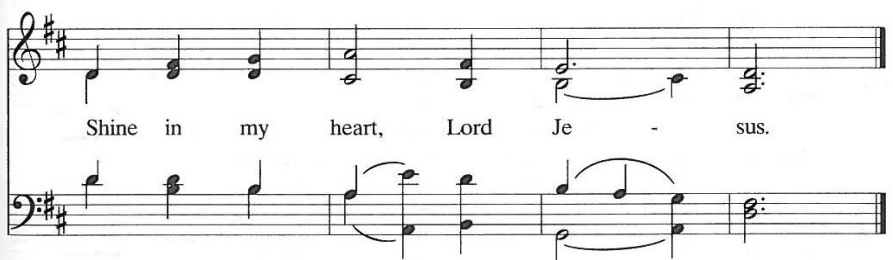
In him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

POSTLUDE

----- *The liturgy is ended; let the service begin* -----

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Our Confession about Communion

Our Confession

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.
