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Welcome and Announcements

Centering Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God, we confess that we are caught in the snares of sin and cannot
break free on our own. Throughout human history ungodly things have been
done in your name by people who claim to follow Jesus. We keep score in our
hearts. We turn hurts into hatred. We forget to turn to you in prayer. For all
these things and for the sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life everlasting. Through ✝ Jesus Christ, you are
forgiven. Amen.

Opening Hymn
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Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table ACS

Look who gathers at Christ's table, hear the stories that they bring, some are weeping, some are laughing, some have songs they want to sing. Others ask why they're invited burdened by the wrong they've done. Christ insists they all are welcome, there is room for everyone. Clouds of light surround the table, ancient followers appear. Saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt their doubt and fear. Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight. Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light. Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways but they share one thing in common they all end in thanks and praise. For the host who has invited, north and south and east and west to converge around this table where all life is fed and blest. Bring your joy and bring your sadness and prepare to be surprised by the host whose hands are wounded who will open wide your eyes when he blesses bread and breaks it, truth and manna from above, and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Give us wisdom to draw closer to you in prayer, O God. **Help us to ask hard questions of our faith. Help us to be open to new understandings. Make us impatient with superficial faith and the everyday hypocrisies we have grown used to. Help us to settle for nothing less than wholehearted devotion so that we may walk by faith and not just talk about it. Join us on the journey, Holy One, as we learn to pray again to you in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Children's Message

Centering Song Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus by Salt of the Sound [Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus](#)

Welcome the Word

The glory of these forty days, we celebrate with songs of praise; Through Christ, the Word, all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed. Then grant O God, that we may too, return in fast and prayer to you; Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 16:1-31

The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" Moses also said, "You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord."

Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.'"

While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud.

The Lord said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'"

That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer[a] for each person you have in your tent.'"

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Let Us Break Bread Together LBW 212

Let us break bread together on our knees (2x)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees (2x) When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us praise God together on our knees (2x)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Lord, Listen to your Children Praying WOV

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Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Peace

Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Jesus, we draw close to you in prayer. **You are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

Words of Consecration

“Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, ‘Hold Fast to What Is Good’”

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

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

It is right and good to give you thanks and praise, O God, because from the beginning, you invited us on a journey with you, a journey of wonders and miracles, a journey of healing and joy, a journey of mystery and prayer, a journey full of life and love. And so in thanks and praise we join our voices in the song of the angels and saints, who forever sing to you, as we say these words:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is your son, O God, our Savior Jesus Christ, who joined us on our journey, who was so full of grace and truth that we cannot help but follow him. When his path went back to you, you sent us your Spirit to continue alongside us, to empower and inspire us to continue to be your people. To remind us that on the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, broke it, gave thanks and gave it to his disciples saying “take and eat this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Again after supper Jesus took the cup and gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying “this cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.” Now we pray that the same Spirit will be among us, and among these elements of bread and wine, that our ordinary meal will become our sacred feast, to nourish us for the next part of the journey. As we break bread together, as we drink from the same cup, unite us as people who are grateful for the journey, for each other’s company, and for your guiding presence. Hear us as we are bold to say together the prayer that Jesus taught us

The Lord’s Prayer

First Communion

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Giver of every gift, you are our daily bread. At this table you have fed and nourished us with your grace. Strengthen us to be your prayerful people for a weary yet hopeful world. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Loaves Were Broken Words Were Spoken ACS 966

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore. Jesus Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus feed again your people. Be our host, our life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus feed again your people. Be our host, our life, our Lord.

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here. Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus feed again your people. Be our host, our life, our Lord. By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus feed again your people. Be our host, our life, our Lord.

Blessing

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✝ bless you and remain with you always. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember to pray. God hears you.

Thanks be to God!