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Confession and Forgiveness based on Isaiah 58

Gathered in the shared space of this sanctuary let us now turn back to God, confessing the thoughts and actions which strain that most sacred relationship

Silence for reflection

God our creator, you have raised up the foundations of many generations through giving each a share of your grace. Forgive us

when we forget that your grace is a gift. Though we are called to share it with others, to loose the bonds of injustice, too often we point the finger and speak evil rather than love. Help us fast from greed, hubris and mockery, yoking our lives instead to generosity, humility and mercy. Forgive us when the Sabbath is trampled by our selfish ways. Guide us to share your grace once again so that we might become repairers of the breach and restorers of the streets we live in.

You have cried for help and God has said, Here I am. Showered by God's grace you are forgiven. God has satisfied the parched places of your soul, freeing you to share that grace with others in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Let us delight in the Lord! Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

**In the name... Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.**

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

**Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus,
the Crucified and Risen One. Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light ELW 715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. (refrain) Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your world alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. (refrain)

Longing, for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (refrain)

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (refrain)

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. (refrain)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Generous God, as your people, we are called to be one. Keep us committed to living in community, especially when our fears threaten to falter our faith. We give you thanks for this life we share, empowered by the Holy Spirit, striving always to follow the way of Jesus. Lead us into your Word. Give us willing hearts to share our stories, our faith and our resources with any who have need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song [Steffany Gretzinger - Open Our Eyes \(Official Lyric Video\)](#)

Welcome the Word

We were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized in his death; that as Christ was raised victorious we might live a brand new life. As we hear the Word and wonder what to us it longs to say make us ready to receive it day by day

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:17-32

Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer walk as the gentiles walk, in the futility of their minds; they are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. That is not the way you learned Christ! For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbor, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labor, doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day
(refrain)

Bind Us Together WOV 748

Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken

Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord, bind us together in love

There is only God there is only one King

There is only one body that is why we can sing (refrain)

You are the family of God You are the promise divine

You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine
(refrain)

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, Receive our prayer

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread, in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead, God has made a new beginning, from the ashes of our past; in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

Offering Prayer

God of abundant grace, you provide for us in so many ways. Out of your faithfulness to us we return a portion of what you have so freely given. May it be shared with those who seek to know and be known by your love. As we prepare to receive your grace at this table we humbly name how much we need it. Thank you for loving us through this sacred meal. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Consecration

As we gather around this ever-expanding table where God's grace is so freely shared we remember that this holy meal was first shared by Jesus with his beloved disciples. On the night of his betrayal Jesus sat with his friends around a table, he took bread...who taught us to pray

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

God of a bigger table, you have set a place for each of us at this holy meal. May Christ's bread and cup give us the strength and courage to share your boundless love with all who hunger for your mercy. Let us practice a faith that is always willing to pull up another chair for anyone who seeks unconditional welcome. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Blessing

May your share of God's love lift you up
May your share of Jesus' compassion comfort you
May your share of the Spirit guide you toward hope
And may you generously share that love, compassion and hope with others in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

For All the Saints LBW

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Vs.1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, all who by faith before the world confessed, Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Vs.2 You were their rock, their fortress, and their might, You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight. You in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Vs.4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,
they in glory shine; yet all are one within your great design.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Vs.7 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints
triumphant rise in bright array; The King of glory passes on his
way. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Dismissal We go into the world ready to share the Good News.
Thanks be to God!