

--WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L. Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

--SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION "Come As You Are"

(Psalm 55:22; Matthew 11:28; James 5:19-20; Hebrews 6:19a; 1 Timothy 4:10)

Verse 1... Come out of sadness from wherever you've been, come brokenhearted; let rescue begin. Come find your mercy, oh sinner come kneel, earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Chorus... So lay down your burdens; lay down your shame. All who are broken lift up your face. Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart; come as you are.

Verse 2... There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed. Come sit at the table; come taste the grace. There's rest for the weary, rest that endures; earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure. Chorus...

Bridge... Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.

Verse 3... There's joy for the morning, oh sinner be still earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Chorus...

Tag... Come as you are. Come as you are.

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"We Fall Down" (Revelation 5:8b)

Verse... We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus, the greatness of His mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.

Chorus... And we cry holy, holy, holy, and we cry holy, holy, holy, and we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

Repeat all twice, then... Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

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--COMMUNION DISMISSAL

L. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

--BENEDICTION

L. The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make His face shine on us
and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

(Please sit)

--CLOSING SONG "Our God" (Romans 8:31; Psalm 135:5)

Verse 1... Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind; there's no one like You, none like You.

Verse 2... Into the darkness, You shine; out of the ashes, we rise. There's no one like You, none like You.

Chorus... Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God, You are higher than any other. Our God is healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

Bridge... And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us, and if our God is with us then what could stand against? And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us, and if our God is with us then what could stand against? Then what could stand against?

Chorus twice...

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L. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God!

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THE CONNECTION

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--PRESERVICE SONG "Here I Am to Worship"

--ANNOUNCEMENTS

--WORSHIP SONG "Only Your Mercy" (Titus 3:4-7; Ephesians 2: 1, 4-5, 8-9)

Verse 1... Only Your mercy, only Your grace, only Your Spirit brings us to faith; O what a wonder that You chose us first, not by our merit, but Your perfect work.

Verse 2... Only Your goodness, only Your love, only Your pardon poured out in blood; Your righteousness exchanged for our sin, O what a Savior, O what a Friend!

Chorus... Jesus, we long to worship You, and give You all glory and praise; All that You are, all that You have, we have received by faith. All that You are, all that You have, we have received by faith.

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(Please stand)

INVOCATION

L. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C. Amen

--CONFESSION OF SINS

L. Let us confess our sins to God and ask for His forgiveness.
C. Almighty God, we live in the light of our Savior, but we are tempted by the darkness of sin. We follow our selfish desires. We turn from Your Word to listen to the temptations of the world. We fail to love others as we should because we do not let Jesus' light shine through our lives. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and turn our hearts and minds to the light of Jesus.

--FORGIVENESS OF SINS

L. God has had mercy on us. By His death and resurrection, Jesus, the Light of the world, has overcome the darkness of sin, death, and Satan. Because of this, we have the assurance that our sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen. Lord, lead us to live as children of light.

--STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostle's Creed*
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker 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 to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

(Please sit)

--FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 56:1,6-8*

¹Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

⁸The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

L. Here ends the first reading.

--SECOND LESSON *Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32*

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them.

¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

(continued...)

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

L. Here ends the second reading.

(Please stand)

--GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 15:21-28*

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

L. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

(Please sit)

--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG *“I Will Lift My Eyes”*

(Psalm 121:1-2)

Verse 1...God, my God, I cry out. Your beloved needs You now. God, be near, calm my fear, and take my doubt. Your kindness is what pulls me up. Your love is all that draws me in.

Chorus...I will lift my eyes to the Maker of the mountains I can’t climb. I will lift my eyes to the Calmer of the oceans raging wild. I will lift my eyes to the Healer of the hurt I hold inside. I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You.

Verse 2...God, my God, let mercy sing a melody over me. God, right here, all I bring is all of me. Your kindness is what pulls me up. Your love is all that draws me in. Chorus...

Bridge...‘Cause You are and You were and You will be forever the Lover I need to save me! ‘Cause You fashioned the earth, and You hold it together, God. So hold me now.

(continued...)

Repeat Chorus, then...I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You. God, my God, I cry out. Your beloved needs You now.

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--MESSAGE OF THE DAY *The Rev. Matthew Lane*

(Please stand)

--PRAYERS

(Sung at beginning of prayers)

“The Spirit Intercedes For Us” (*Romans 8:26*)

The Spirit intercedes for us,
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

The leader will conclude the prayers with:

“Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray...”

(Sung at end of the prayers)

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With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

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--THE LORD’S PRAYER---*Caribbean* (*Matthew 6: 9-13*)

Verse 1... Our Father who art in heaven.

Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 2...As in heaven, so on the earth.

Hallowed be Thy name. Give us this day our daily bread.
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 3... And forgive us, Lord, our trespasses.

Hallowed be Thy name. As we forgive those who
trespass against us. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 4...And lead us not into temptation.

Hallowed be Thy name. But deliver us from all evil.
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 5... For Thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory. Hallowed be Thy name.

Forever and forevermore. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 6...Amen, amen, it shall be so.

Hallowed be Thy name. Amen, amen, it shall be so.
Hallowed be Thy name.

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