

PREWORSHIP MUSIC

*“The Lamb of God”*¹
*“Let Us Break Bread Together”*²
*“In Remembrance”*³

PRELUDE

*We Place Upon Your Table Lord*⁴ (Johnson)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

Ms. Carol Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy*⁵

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee:
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in Three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in Three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A-MEN.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 10:2-16

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION ⁶

Liturgist: Having heard the Good News, we know that we all fall short of God's glory. Even so, greater than our sin, is God's mercy in Christ Jesus. Let us confess together:

All: Lord Jesus Christ, on the cross you let your body be broken and your blood be shed. So often when we celebrate communion, we fail to remember our promise to follow you to the cross and the empty grave - to live humbly and sacrificially as well. Help us to live in ways that glorify you. Sometimes we simply go through the motions with the bread and cup. Other times we think your gift comes only to us, rather than people, everywhere. We might think we can't come to the table because we don't deserve your love. We might pretend we are such good people we don't need your grace. Today on World Communion Sunday, we pause to pray in silence, asking that you forgive us for our sins – those we commit knowingly and unknowingly, those we commit as individuals and those we commit in community...

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS ⁷

Liturgist: Beloved People of God, return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption. Let bitterness and sorrow be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Great is God's faithfulness! Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

"We Come Together Here" ⁸

Chancel Choir

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Liturgist: And so, we gather now...So come, children of God, just as you are.

Preacher: Wherever you are on this journey of life...the Story of God's Great Faithfulness in Christ.

Liturgist: We remember the stories of Jesus...stories of unlikely guests revealing the face of the sacred.

Preacher: It was on a night of both celebration and betrayal...when we eat this bread, we become one with one another.

Liturgist: After supper, Jesus then took the leftover cup on the table...we become one with the Source of Life itself.

Liturgist: Let us pray together:

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might be open, that we might recognize the Risen Christ in our midst, indeed in one another. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Preacher: The body of Christ broken for you.
Take and eat.

⁶ Hardwick, Chip. Confession. *A Pastor's Workshop*. <https://thepastorsworkshop.com/prayers-of-confession-on-communion/>

⁷ Bracken-Long, Kimberly. Assurance of Forgiveness, *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1*, Westminster John Knox Press.

⁸ Music by Jimbo M. Steves and Words by Paul William © 2005 Harold Flammer Music; arr. © 1996 A Division of Shawnee Press Inc, Delaware Water Gap, PA. Used by permission. CCLI #400063.

Liturgist: The blood of Christ shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Take and drink.

Preacher: And now let us RISE together and give God thanks for this sacred meal and time of fellowship; let us rise and give God thanks for the blessing of the Holy Scriptures and a preached Word; let us rise and give God thanks for the gift of music and time spent in prayer.

Liturgist: Our minds, bodies and spirits are nourished and renewed for continuing life's journey. Let us pray together, offering God thanks, as we re-commit ourselves and the gifts of our time, talent, and money to the Lord's service. Let us pray...

THANKSGIVING & OFFERTORY

All: Lord of grace and forgiveness, who gave everything and spared nothing to make us your own, as represented in this Holy Meal, we offer back to you what you have so freely given to us. Let our very being, all that we say and do, all that we think and plan and consider, as well as the giving of our financial tithes and offerings, be pleasing to you, Creator, Provider, and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION⁹

Preacher: The Banquet of God's love has been given to you.
You have received blessing upon blessing.
Go now into the world in which noise and confusion reign.
Bring peace and hope in Christ's Name to all you meet.
God's peace and God's love be with you now and always.

All: Amen!

POSTLUDE

"I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table"¹⁰

⁹ Townley, Nancy C. Benediction: Worship Connection: October 4, 2020. *Ministry Matters*.
<https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/1717/worship-connection-october-4-2020>

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