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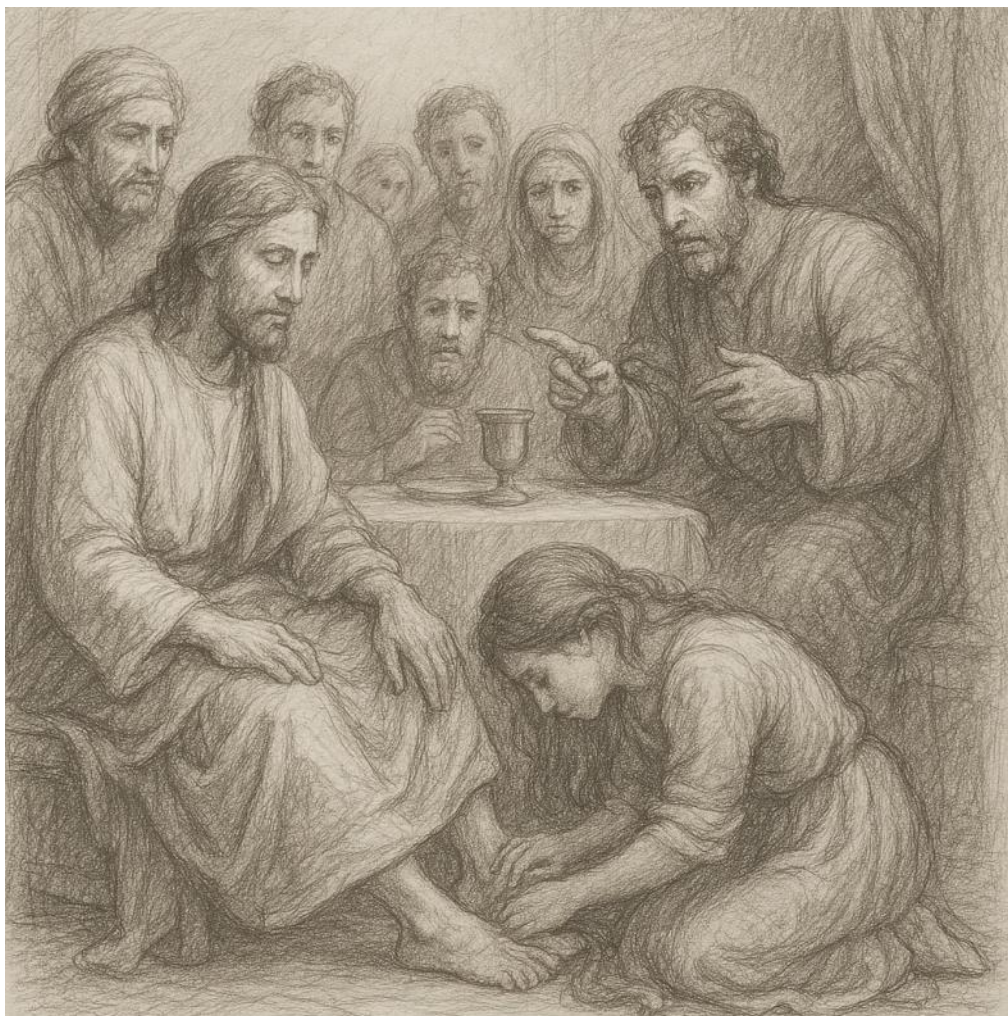
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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.



Sunday: April 6, 2025




Prelude

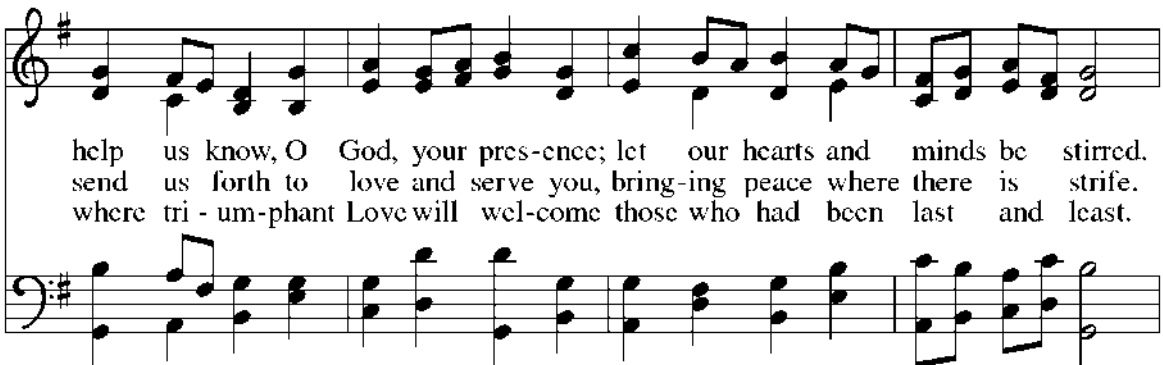
Welcome & Announcements

Processional Hymn

"As We Gather at Your Table"



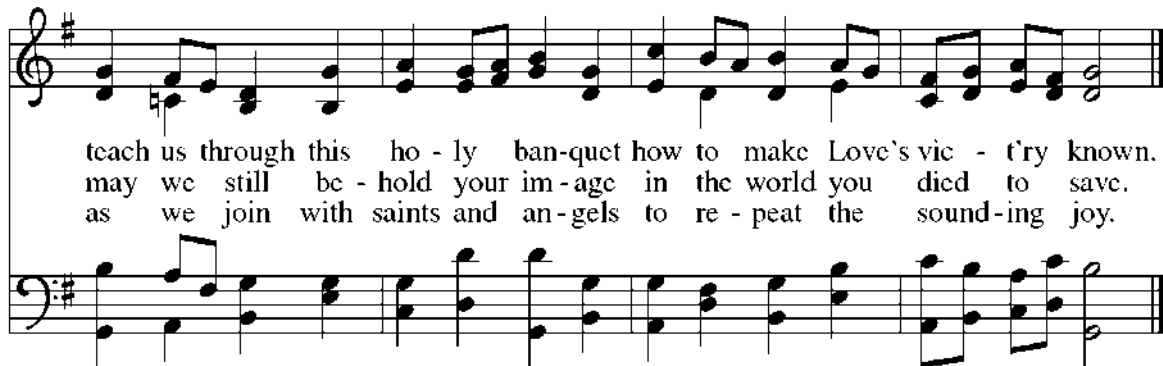
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

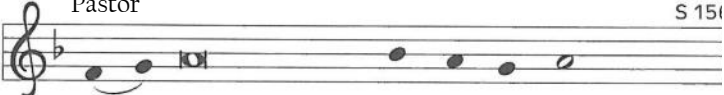
Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.


Kyrie

Pastor S 150



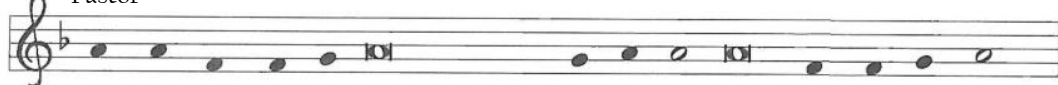
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly




Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor



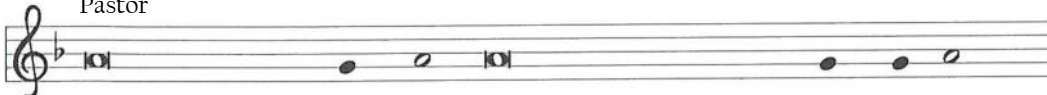
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly



Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor




For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,




and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly




Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor




For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly




Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

Assembly



A - men.

The Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray... O Lord God,

All: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(The assembly may be seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Lector: The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing, now it springs forth, do you not perceive it, I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

Lector: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

All: Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

Lector: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

All: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

Lector: Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

All: Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Lector: Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

A reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Paul writes: If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand if you are able)

The Gospel Acclamation

S 160b

Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

Hear the word of the Gospel! And let it dwell In you richly.

The Gospel: John 12:1-8

Pastor: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

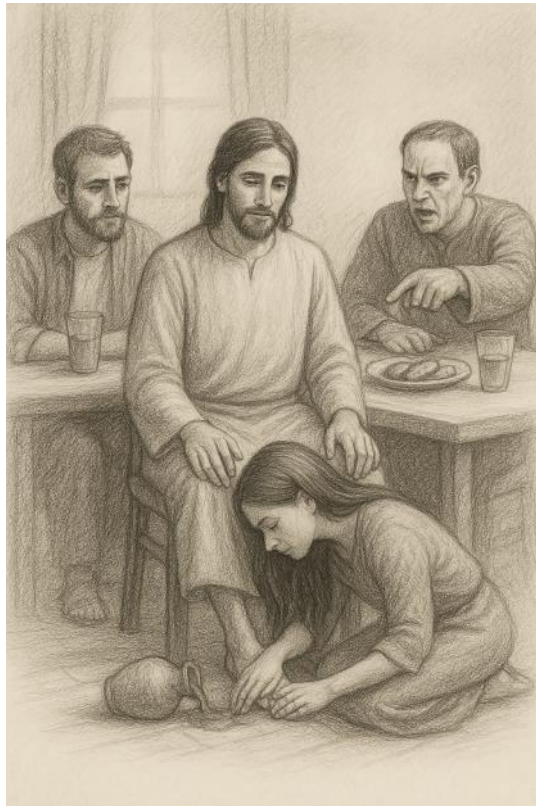
Pastor: Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

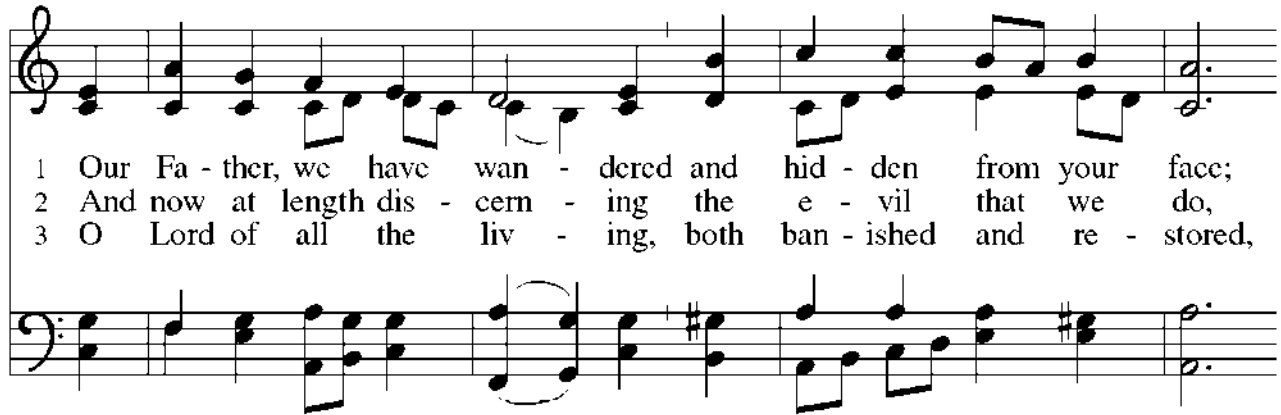
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Children & Adult Sermons: Pastor Wilck

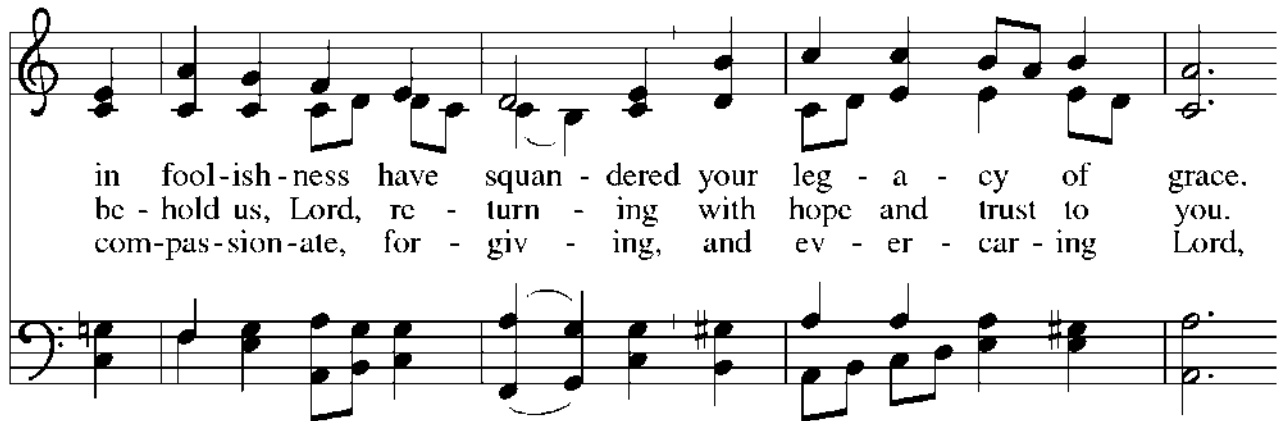


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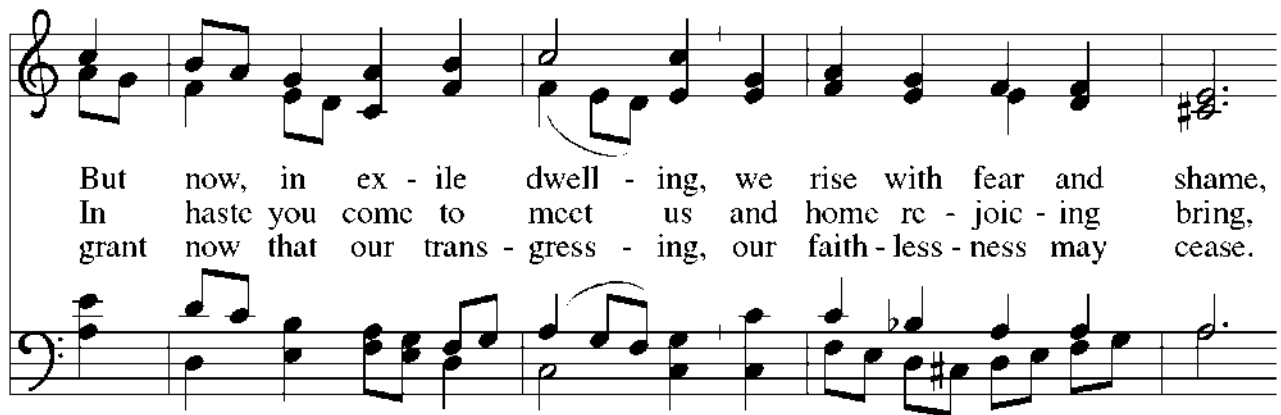
Hymn of the Day "Our Father, We Have Wandered"



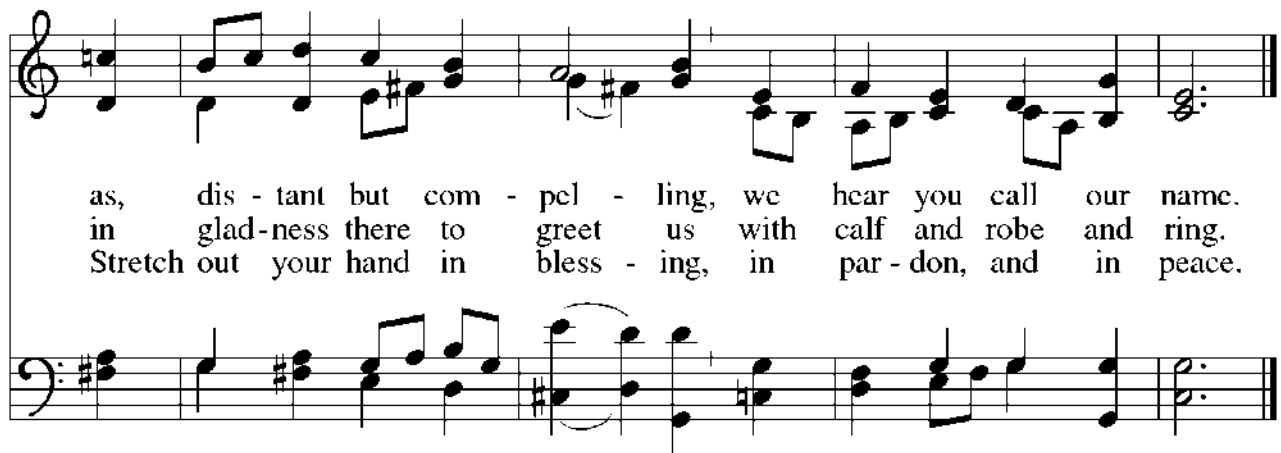
1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

The Nicene Creed

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son†, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need. *(A brief silence.)* The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: The people of earth declare your praise, O God. Make a way for our planet to continue to support human life. Help those who are tasked with cleaning up dangerous chemicals that we have carelessly dumped into our soil and water. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need especially: Barb Collins, Elaine DeVantier, Jack Erbelding, Jim Flick, Debbie Frey, Meredith Fries, Geraldine Haak, Bonnie Hartfiel, Janie Hopkins, Daryl Jarvis, Don Jermyn, Lynn Johnston, Barb King, Greg Lombard, Jean Lombard, John Macksamie, Linda Palmer, Jackie Potter, Marilies Renke, Edith Russell, Joe Scuderi, and Janine Westa.

May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing.
God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

All: Amen.

Peace

(the people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say, "peace be with you," or similar words.)

Pastor: Th peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

(Please be seated)

Collection of the Offering

(The offering is collected and brought forward during the singing of the offertory song)

Offertory Song "I Found the Treasure"

Lord to whom shall we go? You alone speak the words of life.
You alone on the earth or in heaven above
are my Saviour and my Lord. (refrain)

Jesus, Lord of my life, I can ask for nothing more
than to see and believe that my life lies in You,
in the kingdom of my Lord. (refrain)

REFRAIN

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line. The lyrics are: "I found the treasure in a field, that neither time nor death can steal. I will sell what I have, give all that I am, to hold this treasure as my own." The score includes dynamic markings such as *p* and *a tempo*. The first system shows the vocal line starting with "I found the" and the piano accompaniment. The second system continues with "treasure in a field, that neither time nor death can" and includes a fermata. The third system continues with "steal. I will sell what I have, give all that I" and includes a fermata. The fourth system concludes with "am, to hold this treasure as my own." and includes a fermata.

(Please stand if you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: All: S 161




The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Pastor: All:




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

Pastor:




Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All:




It is right to give our thanks and praise.


Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Pastor: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name,
thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion
but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.



Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Communion Hymn: "I Received the Living God"

Refrain

I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

B \flat F Gm B \flat F C Dm Gm B \flat C F

I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

B \flat F Gm B \flat Am Dm Gm B \flat C F² F

1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

F B \flat C Am Dm Am B \flat F Gm C⁷ F

Refrain

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Dm A Dm Asus A Dm Gm⁷ C⁷

Communion Choir Anthem: "Now in this Banquet" by Marty Haugen

Refrain: Now in this banquet, Christ is our bread; Here shall all hungers be fed.
Bread that is broken, wine that is poured, Love is the sign of our Lord.

Verses: You who have touched us and graced us with love,
make us your people of goodness and light. (refrain)

Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;
open our eyes to the glory of God. (refrain)

God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the lame to walk,
bring us dancing into day, lead your people in your way. (refrain)

Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind,
Strong is your name, Lord, "Gentle," and "Kind." (refrain)

Call us to be your light, call us to be your love,
make us your people again. (refrain)

Come, O Spirit! Renew our hearts!
We shall arise at be children of light. (refrain)

(Please stand if you are able)

Post Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Pastor: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Blessing

Pastor: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Sending Song, "How Great Thou Art"

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 Whentrough the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain
Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

All: Amen.

Postlude