**welcome**

**PRELUDE**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

whose voice is upon the waters,

whose mercy is poured out upon all people,

whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Holy God,

**you search us and know us.**

**You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—**

**our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow**

**your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources**

**and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,**

**for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues,**

**you know them;**

**receive them in your divine mercy.**

**Amen.**

How vast is God’s grace!

Through the power and promise of ☩ Christ Jesus,

our sins are washed away

and we are claimed as God’s own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God’s forgiveness,

we are called to be the beloved community

living out Christ’s justice

and the Spirit’s reconciling peace.

**Amen.**

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**GATHERING SONG: Christ, Be Our Light #715, vv 1-3**

**1 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.**

**2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.**

**Longing for hope, many despair.**

**Your word alone has pow'r to save us.**

**Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

**3 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***

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.  
**Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Gospel: Mark 1:29-39**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

29As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. 31He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

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32That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. 33And the whole city was gathered around the door. 34And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.  
  35In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. 36And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” 38He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” 39And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**:  **Healer of Our Every Ill #612, vv 1-3**

***Refrain***

**Healer of our ev'ry ill,**

**light of each tomorrow,**

**give us peace beyond our fear,**

**and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**1 You who know our fears and sadness,**

**grace us with your peace and gladness;**

**Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain***

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**2 In the pain and joy beholding**

**how your grace is still unfolding,**

**give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain***

**3 Give us strength to love each other,**

**ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;**

**Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain***

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*P: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.*

For the church: for ministries of healing and wholeness, for hospital, hospice, and military chaplains, for those serving in prison ministry, for all who proclaim freedom and release in the name of Christ, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For creation: for insects in the grass, clouds on the mountaintops, for cattle and the rainwater they drink, for the humility to take our place among all creatures of the earth, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations: for all who lead in cities and towns, states and countries; for community organizers, school officials, and CEOs; for international health organizations, that in times of trial, fear, or hopelessness, they find freedom in service to those most in need, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

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For all wearied by life’s burdens: for those who are poor, for those lacking supportive relationships, for those crushed by debt, for those struggling with chronic pain or other sickness, for those exhausted from overwork or stress, and for all who cry out to you, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For this congregation: for outreach and social ministries centered here; for parish nurses and visitors; for ministries of companionship and support, for the young people in this place who open us to new understandings, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, who were called by name and now rest from their labors, that their lives serve as witnesses to the goodness of God, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

*P: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.*

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.  
**O God,**

**receive these gifts as you receive us:**

**like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.**

**Nourish us anew in your tender care,**

**and empower us in faithful service**

**to tend to others with this same love,**

**through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.**

**Amen.**

**DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

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;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

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**SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

**LORDS PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.

Come and be fed.

**COMMUNION**

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**TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray together.  
**Christ Jesus,**

**at this table we have feasted on your very life**

**and are strengthened for our journey.**

**Send us forth from this banquet**

**nourished in body and in spirit**

**to proclaim your good news**

**and serve others in your name.**

**Amen.**

**BLESSING**

God the creator strengthen you;

Jesus the beloved fill you;

and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: I Love to Tell the Story #661, vv 1-2**

**1 I love to tell the story**

**of unseen things above,**

**of Jesus and his glory,**

**of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story,**

**because I know it's true;**

**it satisfies my longings**

**as nothing else would do.**

***Refrain***

**I love to tell the story;**

**'twill be my theme in glory**

**to tell the old, old story**

**of Jesus and his love.**

**2 I love to tell the story:**

**how pleasant to repeat**

**what seems, each time I tell it,**

**more wonderfully sweet!**

**I love to tell the story,**

**for some have never heard**

**the message of salvation**

**from God's own holy word. *Refrain***

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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