**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.**

**GATHERING SONG: This Little Light of Mine #677**

**1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;**

**this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;**

**this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,**

**let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;**

**ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;**

**ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,**

**let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

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**3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,**

**let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**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.  
**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Gospel: John 1:43-51**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

43The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” 44Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” 46Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” 47When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” 48Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” 49Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” 50Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” 51And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**: **Will You Come and Follow Me #798, vv. 1,3,5**

**1 "Will you come and follow me**

**if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know**

**and never be the same?**

**Will you let my love be shown,**

**will you let my name be known,**

**will you let my life be grown**

**in you and you in me?**

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**2 "Will you leave yourself behind**

**if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind**

**and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare,**

**should your life attract or scare?**

**Will you let me answer pray'r**

**in you and you in me?**

**5 Lord, your summons echoes true**

**when you but call my name.**

**Let me turn and follow you**

**and never be the same.**

**In your company I'll go**

**where your love and footsteps show.**

**Thus I'll move and live and grow**

**in you and you in me.**

**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 body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out it’s calling every day, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound, that God console all who suffer, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For our neighborhood, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning, and for those absent from our assembly, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, 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.**

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**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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,

through whom you will also make all things new

in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

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:

**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.

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**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**

**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.**

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**BLESSING**

God the creator strengthen you;

Jesus the beloved fill you;

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

**Amen.**

### SENDING SONG: God Be with You Till We Meet Again #536

**1 God be with you till we meet again;**

**by good counsels guide, uphold you,**

**with a shepherd's care enfold you;**

**God be with you till we meet again.**

***Refrain***

**Till we meet, (till we meet,)**

**till we meet, (till we meet again,)**

**till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)**

**till we meet, (till we meet,)**

**till we meet, (till we meet again.)**

**God be with you till we meet again.**

**2 God be with you till we meet again;**

**holy wings securely hide you,**

**daily manna still provide you;**

**God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain***

**3 God be with you till we meet again;**

**when life's perils thick confound you,**

**put unfailing arms around you;**

**God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain***

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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