



*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C **Amen.**

OPENING SONG

You Who Are Thirsty

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GREETING

P The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

OPENING SONG

You Who Are Thirsty

Barbara Ross

CHORUS

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Fine *D.C. al Fine*

You who are thirst - y come to the well and drink from wa - ters flow - ing.

You who are hun - gry, come to the bread and eat of His hol - i - ness.

You who are tired, find rest. You who are weak, find strength. You who are thirst - y,

come to the well and drink. drink. He will free - ly

feed all of them who are weak. He will quench the right - eous thirst of

all who hum - - bly seek.

READING Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21

L A reading from Psalm 145.

- ⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.
- ¹⁴The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
- ¹⁶You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.
- ¹⁸The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
- ¹⁹He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry, and saves them.

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²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor John Futterer

SONG OF RESPONSE

I Am the Bread of Life

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

A With the people of God in Christ now and in every time, let us confess our faith.

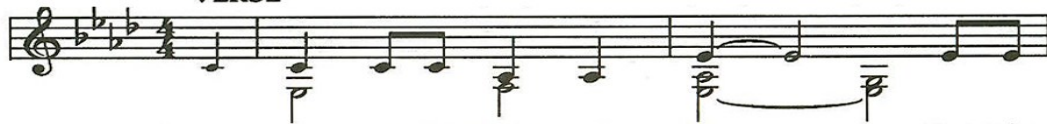
C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

VERSE



1. I am the Bread of life. You who
 2. The bread that I will give is My
 3. Un - less you eat of the
 4. I am the Res - ur - rec - tion,
 5. Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

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come to Me shall not hun - ger; and who be - lieve in Me shall not
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this
 flesh of the Son of Man and drink of His
 I am the life. If you be - lieve in
 You are the Christ, the Son of

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thirst. No one can come to Me un -
 bread, you shall live for - ev - er,
 blood, and drink of His blood, you
 Me, e - ven though you die,
 God, Who has come in -

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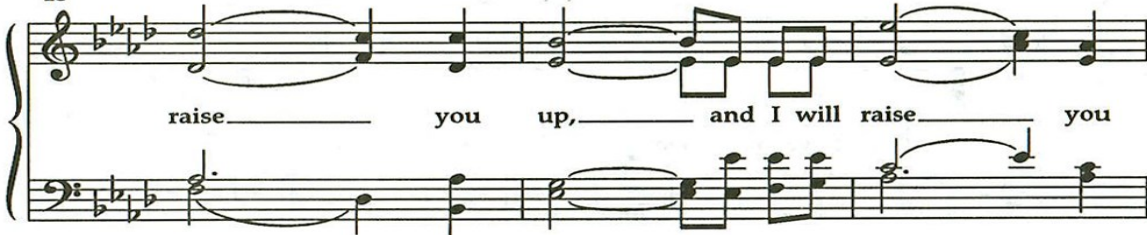
less the Fa - ther beck - ons.
 you shall live for - ev - er.
 shall not have life with - in you.
 you shall live for - ev - er.
 to the world.

CHORUS



"And I will raise you up, and I will

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raise you up, and I will raise you

16



up on the last day."

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Prayer petitions will conclude: "Merciful God,"
The congregation's response is: "receive our prayer."*

P Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

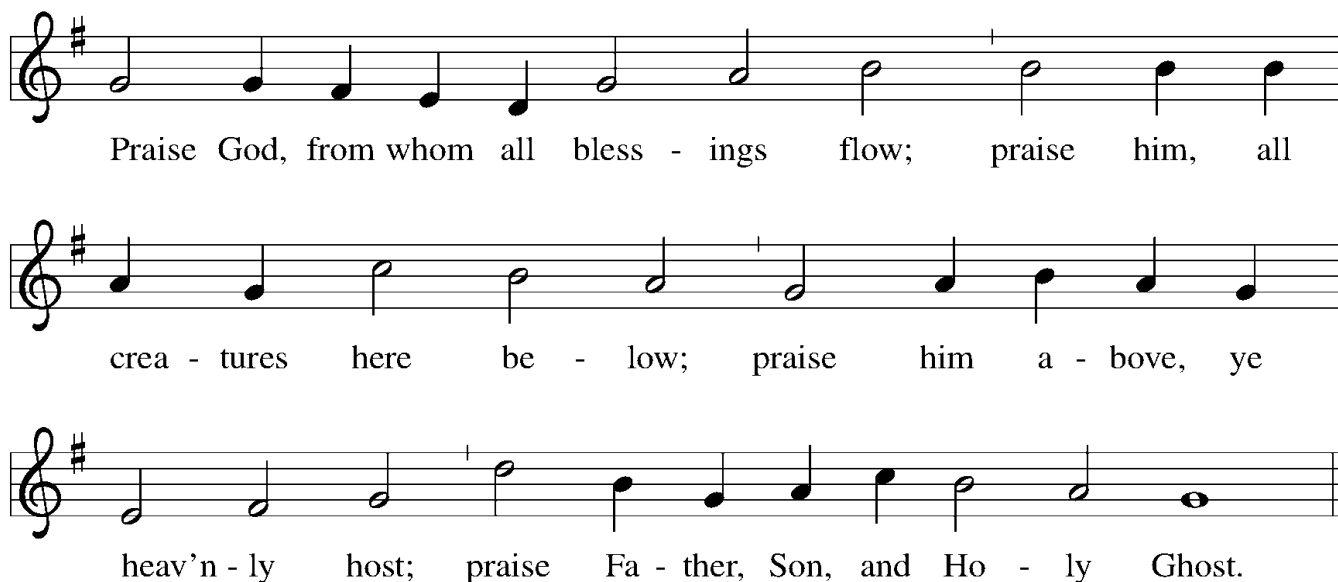
SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

A The peace of Christ be with you.

C And also with you.

A Please greet those around you with words of peace.

OFFERING SONG ELW 884 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* Thomas Ken



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING

The offering plates are in the narthex for your use. You may also place your offering in the plate at the communion rail when you come to the altar for communion. Please ask an usher if you have any questions.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

We have two options for Communion during this time. You are free to come forward to receive the bread and pre-filled cups of wine from our clergy and lay assistants, returning to your seats after you've deposited the empty cup and following the guidance of our ushers; or you may continue to use the pre-packaged Communion elements which are available from the ushers at the entrance to the Sanctuary. However you choose to receive Communion this morning, know that we are glad you're here for this Sacrament!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit let us pray, as Jesus taught.

C **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.**

INVITATION

P Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

You may receive the Elements as the words are said:

The Body of Christ given for you; The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Healing Prayer is available under the balcony during Communion if you desire prayer.

COMMUNION SONG

We Remember You

Rick Founds

Verse	Chorus
In broken bread And the cup that we share We remember You In broken bread And the cup that we share We remember You	We remember You Jesus We remember Your love for us We remember the blood You shed We remember You

COMMUNION SONG

In Moments Like These

David Graham

Verse	Chorus
In moments like these I sing out a song I sing out a love song to Jesus In moments like these I lift up my hands I lift up my hands to the Lord	Singing I love You Lord Singing I love You Lord Singing I love You Lord I love You

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C Amen.

VERSE

Who am I that You are mind - ful of me? That You hear
 me when I call? Is it true that You
 are think - ing of me? How You love me, it's a-maz-
 - ing. ing. It's a-maz - ing! It's a-maz-

CHORUS

- ing! I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God.
 I am a friend of God, He calls me friend. I am a friend of God.
 You call me friend

Last time to Coda 1
 I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God, He calls me friend.
 2
 He calls me friend.
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 God Al - might-y, Lord of Glo - ry, You have called me friend.

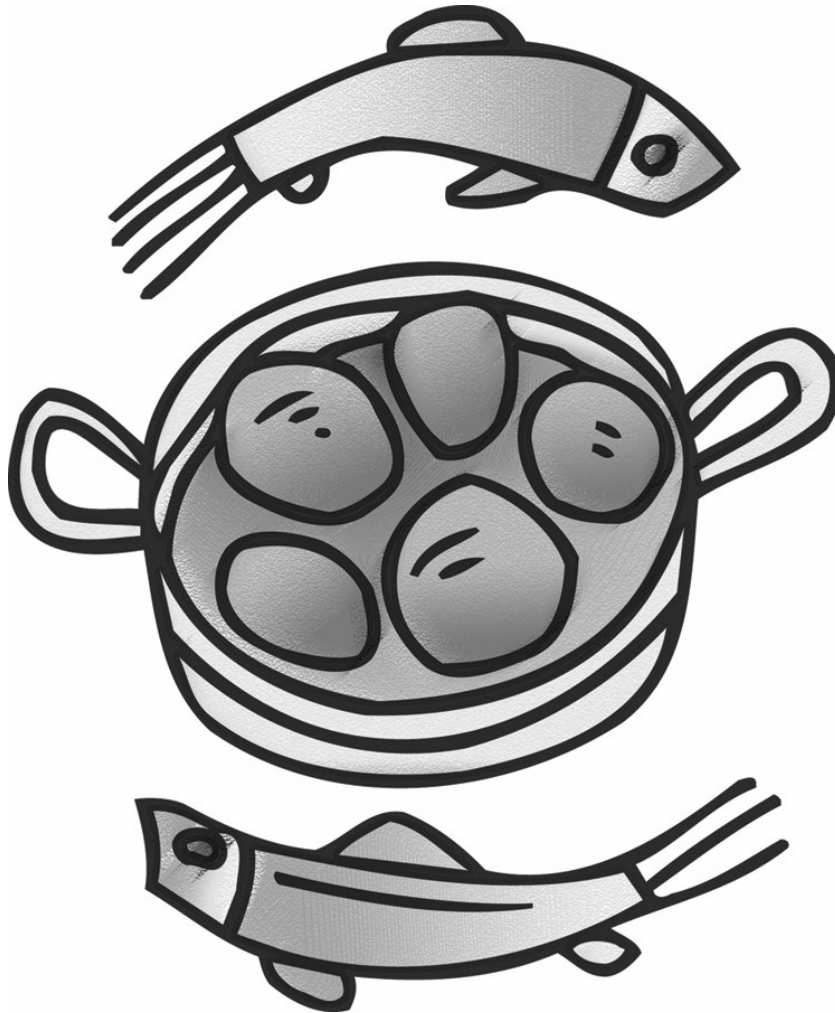
ENDING

51 (1) 2 Coda D.S. al Coda ̸
 You call me friend.
 58
 You call me friend.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

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