Worship Outline – 15 August, 2021 12th Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion

"Alleluia. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I abide in them.

Alleluia." (John 6:56)

Prelude
Welcome and Intro
Thanksgiving for Baptism

Gathering Hymn: "O Day of Rest and Gladness" #521 (vs 1-3)

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright: on you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune, sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God triune.

Today on weary nations the heav'nly manna falls; to holy convocations the silver trumpet calls, where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams and living water flowing with soul-refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest, we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest. We sing to you our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son; the church its voice upraises to you, blest Three in One.

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Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Readings and Psalm Proverbs 9:1-6 - Invited to dine at wisdom's feast Ps. 34:9-14 - Those who seek the Lord lack nothing Eph. 5:15-20 - Filled with the Spirit, sing thanks to God

*Gospel Acclamation: "Praise to You O Christ" #216

Gospel: John 6:51-58 - Christ the true food and drink

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Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "We Eat the Bread of Teaching" #518 (vs 1-3)

Ref: We eat the bread of teaching, drink wine of wisdom, are given here a taste of the kingdom. Together joined, the greatest and the least, we all are one at Wisdom's holy feast.

Wisdom calls throughout the city, knows our hunger, and in pity gives her loving invitation to the banquet of salvation. Ref: *We eat the bread of teaching...*

Simple ones whose hearts are yearning, come and gain from Wisdom's learning; bread and wine she is preparing, know her loving in the sharing. *Ref: We eat the bread of teaching....*

Enter with delight and singing, for her richness now is bringing us this joyous celebration; eat and drink in jubilation. Ref: *We eat the bread of teaching....*

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Prayers of the People Sharing of the Peace

Offering and Offertory - "United at the Table" #498 (vs 1,2)

Refrain: United at the table: all our joy is joined in song. United in the faith: all our joy to God belongs.

We will praise God, we will sing alleluias with hymns and with psalmody; we will praise God for the love that sustains us eternally. *Refrain*

We will praise God, we will feast at the bountiful table of life and grace; we will praise God and give thanks for communion with ev'ry race. *Refrain*

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Communion Lord's Prayer (sung)

Hymn: "By Your Hand You Feed Your People" #469 (vs 1-3)

By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven's bread. For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace have we been fed:

Refrain: Christ's own body, blessed and broken, cup o'er flowing, life outpoured, given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.

In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine of peace. Holy word and holy wisdom satisfy our deepest needs. *Refrain*

Send us now with faith and courage to the hungry, lost, bereaved. In our living and our dying, we become what we receive: *Refrain*

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Post-Communion Prayer Blessing

Sending Hymn: "On Our Way Rejoicing" #527 (vs 1,2)

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe. Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy; who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

Refrain: On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring; unto God the Spirit bow we and adore, on our way rejoicing now and evermore! *Refrain*

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Dismissal Postlude