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LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

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Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession

P: I've been meaning to ask...

C: How are you? What has your year been like? Did you know that I have been thinking of you?

P: I have been meaning to ask...

C: Is your mom okay? Did your sister find a job? Did you ever think we'd still be here?

P: I've been meaning to ask...

C: Did it get easier? Did the grief subside? Were you ever able to sleep at night?

P: I've been meaning to ask, but I haven't—

C: Because it's hard. Because I want to say the right thing. Because I'm not sure what you need.

P: I've been meaning to ask, so I'm sorry for my silence.

C: Forgive me. Show me where it hurts.

P: Let's start again. Family of faith, we could all use some practice in asking where it hurts. Take a moment of silent prayer to think of the people in your world, in your lives, who may need you to reach out and ask. Give their names to God.

Pause for silent prayer.

P: Trusting that God hears all things, we say together:

C: Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

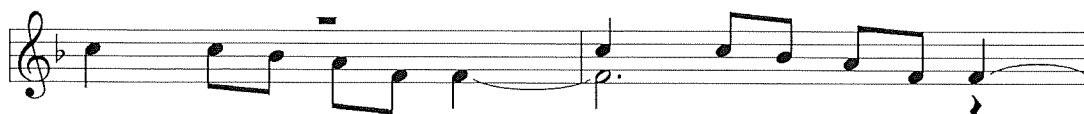
P: Family of faith, in the journey to love and care for one another, we are bound to make mistakes. Fortunately for us, we worship a God who showed us how to love, and who extends grace to us when we fail to do so for others. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

C: We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for this endless grace. Amen.

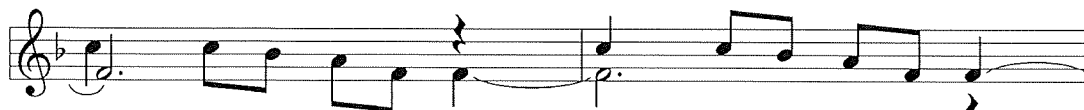
THE GATHERING

Gathering Song

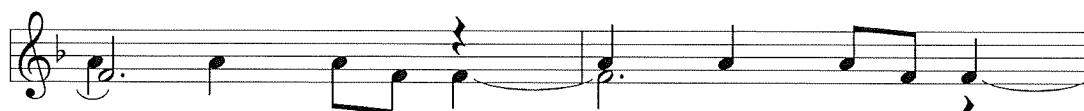
"Come Let Us Worship"



1 Come, let us wor - ship God ... Come, let us wor - ship God ...
2 Rest for the wea - ry ... Rest for the wea - ry ...
3 Food for the hun - gry ... Food for the hun - gry ...
4 Hope for the chil - dren ... Hope for the chil - dren ...



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Wel - come ev - 'ry - one ... Wel - come ev - 'ry - one ...
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To the love of God ... To the love of God ...
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Gathering Litany

A: Here in this space,

C: We wear our hearts on our sleeves.

A: There is no use in filters or walls.

C: This space is an authentic space, this space is a brave space.

A: For when it comes to God,

C: We are always invited to bring our full selves into the room.

A: So come into this space with your hurt and your joy, your prayers and your dreams.

C: All of God's children are welcome here. Let us worship Holy God.

Rise Up and Sing

Leader Congregation

O God, o - pen my lips, and my
mouth will de - clare your praise.

1 Rise up and sing! Bring in the morn - ing;
2 Rise up, good friends! Now is the hour; . . .
3 Rise with the world, curled up a - wait - ing
dawn is a - born - ing, day has be - gun.
sun - light will show - er hope for the day.
end to the hat - ing, day full of grace.

Raise the glad sound! A - round us are break - ing
Rise from your sleep, and keep your dreams with you.
Rise up in song! The long night is end - ing;

Last time to Coda ◊

skies that are wak - ing light of the sun.
Let the light kiss you soft on your way.
now God is send - ing peace to this place.

◊ *Coda*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

Scriptures

Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15

Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Hebrews 4: 12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.
Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with

our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Children's Message

Gospel Verse "Spirit of the Living God, Fall Fresh on Me"

F F7 Gm/B^bD/A Gm F/C B^b/C C F B^b/C

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. —

F F7 Gm D/A Gm7 F/C B^b/C C7 F F7

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. —

B^b B^bm/E^b F Dm G C^{sus} rit. C C7

Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. —

a tempo F F7 Gm D/A Gm7 F/C B^b/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Gospel

Mark 10: 17-31

As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Gospel Verse

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

Affirmation of Faith

On my best days, I believe that God is there—standing in the sun with me, laughing a contagious laugh and cheering me on.

On my hardest days, I believe that God is there—standing in the rain with me, holding me up and sharing in my grief.

No matter where I go—in joy or in loss, in pain or in love, in heartache or in gratitude—I believe that God is there, leaning in, noticing where it hurts, and carrying me through it.

And so, I believe we are called to care for each other as God cares for us. On your best days in the sun and on your worst days in the rain, I will do my best to be there for you too. Amen.

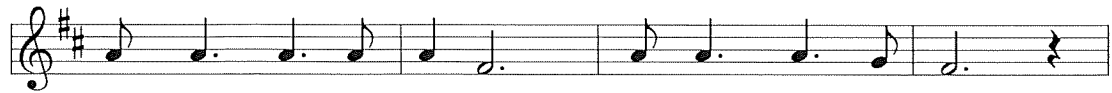
Prayers of the People

A: God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

THE MEAL

Offering

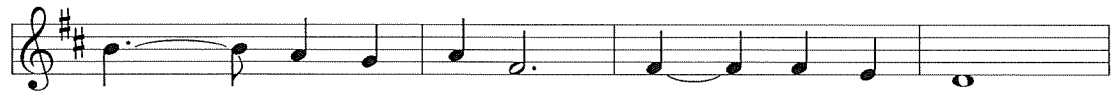
Offering Response "What Have We to Offer"



1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?
2 What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?
3 What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?



Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.
Love, ripe with laugh - ter; hope that we can sing;
Eyes that are wide o - pen; lies that we won't live;



God will not fal - ter; so let us dare
dreams of what we're af - ter; prom - is - es of when.
truth that must be spo - ken; jus - tice some - how.



lay it at the al - tar there.
Lay it at the al - tar then.
Lay it at the al - tar now.



4 What have we to of - fer? What have we to



give? Lives we will live.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray, Merciful God,
C: Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen

Preface

P: We gather around a lot of tables in this world, and each of them has a different hold on us. At the lunch table we see our friends, but we also may see our insecurity. At the conference table we may dream big dreams, but we also may see competition or fear. At the family table we see love and laughter and conversation, but we also may see seats that are empty, or hear silence that feels lonely. We gather around a lot of tables in this world, but there is none like this one. Here at this Table we can bring the different pieces of ourselves— our dreams and our joy, our fear and our insecurity, our pain and our hurt—and they will be welcomed. Here at this Table we show up hungry and we always leave fed. Here at this Table we are met by a God who says, "Come in, come in! The food is ready, the Table is set, this chair has your name on it. We've been waiting just for you." Friends, there are a lot of tables in this world, but there is none like this one. We have a seat saved for you. Come.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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

Lamb of God



☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion

Blessing and Prayer After Communion

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace, now and always.

C: Amen

P: Life-giving God, in this meal you have bound us to yourself, at this table we have received the very presence of Jesus Christ. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always.

C: Amen

THE SENDING

Blessing

P: Family of faith, as you leave this place, may God grant you the curiosity to counter assumptions, the vulnerability to befriend, the bravery to speak your truth, the wisdom to listen, the strength to ask for help, the resiliency to choose love even when it's hard, and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you.

C: Amen.

Song

Let Us Enter In



1 Let us en - ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.
2 Let us en - ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.
3 Let us en - ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.



Let us en - ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.
Let us en - ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.
Let us en - ter in to the start of a hope we can share.



Let us en - ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.
Let us en - ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.
Let us en - ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er



Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.
Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

Dismissal

A: In the name of the Great Connector who is Love itself, go in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.