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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

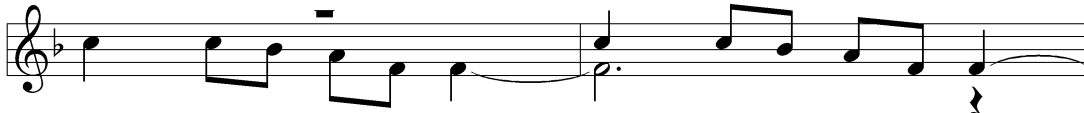
P: Family of faith, in the journey to love and care for one another, we are bound to make mistakes. Fortunately for us, we worship a God who showed us how to love, and who extends grace to us when we fail to do so for others. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

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

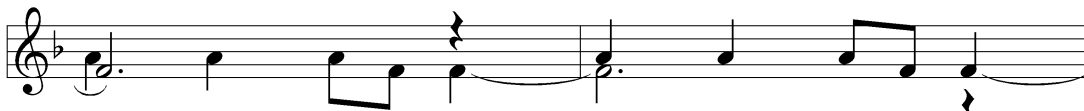
"Come Let Us Worship"



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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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.

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

Scriptures

Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.'

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child", to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favour in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.'

The Seventy Elders

So the LORD said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.'

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!'

James 5: 13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Children's Message

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

Gospel

Mark 9: 38-50

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

Gospel Verse

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"To Be Your Presence"



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - jice,

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

(Introduction to the Prayers):

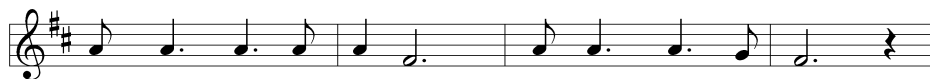
A: Holy God, we know that you hear our prayers. You are the God of hospital rooms and graveside services. You are the God who felt a touch in a crowd. You are the God of the hurt and the healing, so we know you must hear us today. So with open hearts and open minds, gracious God, we come to you with our joy and our pain.

A: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

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

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.