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ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten
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WELCOME

CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does. God of mercy and forgiveness,

We confess that we come before you without a clear conscience. Our faith is clouded by brokenness, uncertainty, and worry. Too quickly, we seek our own ways and comfort first. Forgive us, for we are fractured disciples. Restore to us the spirit of truth, of love unconditionally offered, and of self-discipline gracefully lived. In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

Beloved of God, your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole. The power of God has saved us and grace is given to us in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer
2 Here are symbols to re-mind us of our life-long
3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's
4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full-er mea-sure
need of grace; here are ta-ble, font, and pul-pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak-en,
change and doubt, keep us faith-ful to the gos-pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen-tral place. Here in hon-es-
Christ sus-tains us as of old. Here the ser-vants
help us work your pur-pose out. Here, in this day's

world a-round us, all our var-i-ed skills and arts
ty of preach-ing, here in si-lence, as in speech,
of the Ser-vant seek in wor-ship to ex-plore
ded-i-ca-tion, all we have to give, re-ceive;

wait the com-ing of the Spir-it in-to o-pen minds and hearts.
here, in new-ness and re-new-al, God the Spir-it comes to each.
what it means in dai-ly liv-ing to be-lieve and to a-dore.
we, who can-not live with-out you, we a-dore you! We be-lieve!

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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

Gracious God,

You are present in all things. And in all things, you continuously pour out many gifts. The gift of faith, grace, love, and forgiveness. The gift of life and truth. Open our beings to live into those gifts and to share them with the world. In your Holy Wisdom we pray.

Amen.

WORD

PSALM: 37:1-9

Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

READING:2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed

through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher,¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell-ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us - be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing.
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry;

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love,
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, for those in need, and for all of God's creation. Responding to "God of grace," with "hear our prayer."

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,

In your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

Here Is Bread (ELW 483)

Let Us Break Bread Together (ELW 471)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God,

You have filled us with your love, you have strengthened us with Christ, and you continue to germinate the gift of faith in us. By your Holy Spirit, embolden us to be the Body of Christ in the world, so that we can serve the earth and all its creatures, through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the peace of God be in your heart
May the grace of God be in your words
May the love of God be in your hands
And may the joy of God be in your spirit
In the name of the Creator, [†] the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

SENDING SONG

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, common time. The top staff uses a treble clef, the middle staff a bass clef, and the bottom staff a bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are:

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum-mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

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Welcome to all! Welcome to worship this autumn morning. You are invited to greet those near you as siblings in Christ.

“If you feel like you’re losing everything, remember that trees lose their leaves every year and they still stand tall and wait for better days to come.” – unknown

Please remember to silence pagers and cell phones during services.

To those who are visiting: Welcome to St. John and thank you for joining us! You are welcome to sign our registry in the narthex. May God bless you today and all days.

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday. All are welcome to share the Lord’s Supper with us.

Food Basket. Each week you are invited to bring non-perishable grocery items to be given to a local food pantry. Place your gift in the *Food Basket* next to the main entrance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maine Elementary School Trunk-or-Treat: St. John will once again be hosting a "trunk" for Maine School's 2nd Annual Trunk-or-Treat event on Tuesday, October 25th from 4:30pm-6:30pm. We need candy donated for our local trick-or-treaters! All St. John families are welcome to attend the event! Please put candy donations in the grocery cart in the narthex.

Fellowship Help Needed. I am looking for help with fellowship on Sundays! There is a sign-up sheet and fellowship “duties” on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen. Please sign up for a Sunday if you are able and willing to help.

Monday, October 24, 6:30 pm. Pastor Maggie's Book Club. The first book will be *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, by Barbara Brown Taylor. If you are interested, please sign-up (sheet in the narthex) or email me pastor.maggie.westaby@gmail.com. You will need to purchase the book, but if funds are an issue, please let me know as financial support is available. Also, if you are an Amazon Prime Member, it is available for free as an electronic download.

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