

Gathering as God's People

PRELUDE "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" Folk hymn from Ghana,
arr. Robert Powell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come now to worship with thankful hearts.

People: **God is merciful and comes to us with compassionate justice.**

Leader: Come now to the table of our Lord, with grateful hearts.

People: **God is loving and comes to us with forgiveness and mercy.**

Leader: Come to this place and know that we may lay down our troubles and our burdens.

People: **God is forgiving and cares for us; we offer ourselves to God.**

*HYMN 202 "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" O WALY WALY

Confession and Pardon

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Forgive us, Lord, for forgetting your sacrifice and for thinking your grace is cheap; for using the cross as a trinket, forgetting the agony it represents. Forgive us, Lord, for taking worship for granted, forgetting the struggle that has assured its freedom; for being clueless to human cruelty, forgetting that every victim is a creature of God. Forgive us, Lord, for thinking that sacrifice is obsolete, forgetting that we still contend against the powers of darkness. Receive our prayers, offered in all humility, as we honor Christ our Lord who prays for us still...

(silent prayer)

O LAMB OF GOD MOST HOLY!: No. 82 O LAMM GOTTES

***O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer,
And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken, Or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, Jesus!***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news is this: Jesus Christ came into the world to redeem sinners.

Hear it and believe -- in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA "What Wondrous Love"

***To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing,
I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing.***

Hearing God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 116:12-19*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOSPEL READING *Luke 23:44-49*

SERMON "May He Not Rest in Peace" Mike Shelton

*HYMN 223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Proceed to the Table by the center aisle one row at a time, beginning from the front of the sanctuary. The elements will be taken by intinction. Take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the cup. Then eat the bread and return to your seat by the window aisles. For those who prefer, individual servings are also available.)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS ~ "At the Table of the Lord" J. Althouse
Tammie Davis, contralto; Mark Davis, baritone

PRAYER

MUSICAL MEDITATION "At the Cry of the First Bird" D. Guion
Agnese Goin, soprano

*DEPART IN SILENCE

* Those who are able, please stand

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