



Service of Word and Sacrament

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Gathering as the Body of Christ

Centering Song

“Speak O Lord”

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F/A G/B C² F C F C



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You _____ to re - ceive the food _____ of Your
 2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, _____ ho - ly rev - er - ence, _____ true hu -
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; _____ Help us grasp the heights _____ of Your

4 Am G/B F/A G/B C² F C



ho - ly word. _____ Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; _____ Shape and
 -mil - i - ty. _____ Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes _____ in the
 plans for us. _____ Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, _____ that will

7 F C/E F G C C/E G G/F C/E



fash - ion us _____ in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
 ra - di - ance _____ of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
 e - cho down _____ through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your

10 G^{sus}/F G⁹/F C²/E G G/F C/E Am G^{sus} G F/A G/B C²



seen _____ to - day _____ in our acts of love and our deeds of _____ faith. _____ Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 eyes _____ to see _____ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. _____ Words of pow'r that can
 prom - is - es; _____ And by faith we'll walk as You walk with _____ us. _____ Speak, O Lord, till Your

14 F C F C/E F G^{sus} G C



-fill in us _____ all Your pur - pos - es, _____ for Your glo - ry.
 nev - er fail; _____ Let their truth pre - vail _____ o - ver un - be - lief.
 church is built _____ and the earth is filled _____ with Your glo - ry.

Greeting

Parenthetical translations are provided to be read but not spoken.

- During the last verse **The Presider and the Student Minister** process down the aisle and stand at the foot of the stairs.
- **The Presider** acknowledges the worship leaders, offers any pertinent announcements and then invites the assembly to rise and greets them:

S. Minister + Presider, please use ASL for “PEACE” as you say your auditory welcome.

[Reference Pictures: <http://www.lifeprint.com/asl101/pages-signs/s/serenity.htm>

Video: <https://www.handspeak.com/word/search/index.php?id=1609>]

S. Minister [SIGN “peace.”] Shalom aleichem (Peace be upon you.)
[shah-LOHM ah-LAY-kem]

People [SIGN “peace.”] **Aleichem shalom.** (Unto you peace.)
[ah-LAY-kem shah-LOHM]

Call to Worship

Presider O God, we search for You, with our hearts, our minds, and our souls.
Grant us the understanding to sense and feel that You are already
present among and through us, in our friends and strangers, and in our
seminary studies and careers. Grant also that as we bring You praise,
our minds are illumined by the hearing of Your Word, our bodies are
nourished by the Bread we consume, and our spirits are energized in our
shared experience of honoring our call that draws us closer to You and
each other.

People **Amen.**

As soon as we conclude the Call to Worship, **the Music Minister** begins the song.

***Opening Hymn “Jesus, the Light of the World,” (v. 1, 2, 3) AAHH 217**

On the last verse the **Presider** and **Student Minister** walk down the aisle to the font.

*Confession

S Minister: Children of God,
here at the font of Baptism,
we dare to bare our souls
and reveal the faithlessness that dwells in our hearts.
Trusting in God’s grace,
let us confess our sin

Many: God of wonder,
you surround us with signs of your glory
and surprise us with your presence,
yet we often miss the marvels
you place before us.
Forgive our dullness
and make us alert
to the ways you make yourself known,
that we might be witnesses
to your good news
and proclaim your
extravagant love;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Assurance of Blessing

Presider: In Jesus Christ God saved us
according to God's mercy,
through the water of rebirth and renewal.
People of God, rejoice!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

S. Minister: Peace be with you!

Many: And also with you!

During the Passing of the Peace the Student Minister goes to the Lectern and the Reader goes to the pulpit in preparation for the poem.

Poem

This week, as we hear the Gospel story of Jesus upending expectations as the child teacher, “The Hand” by Mary Ruefle invites us to explore the relationship between teacher and student. Who is teaching whom?

Reader: The teacher asks a question.
You know the answer, you suspect
you are the only one in the classroom
who knows the answer, because the person
in question is yourself, and on that
you are the greatest living authority,
but you don't raise your hand.
You raise the top of your desk
and take out an apple.
You look out the window.
You don't raise your hand and there is
some essential beauty in your fingers,
which aren't even drumming, but lie
flat and peaceful.
The teacher repeats the question.
Outside the window, on an overhanging branch,
a robin is ruffling its feathers
and spring is in the air.

Prayer for Illumination

Student Minister: Speak to us, Lord.
Speak to us in the waiting, the watching,
the hoping, the longing,
the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing.
Speak to us by your Word in these days,
and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

Service of the Word

Reading

Luke 2:41-52, New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Reader Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

S Minister After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.”

Reader He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Reader Hear what God is saying to the people.

Many **Thanks be to God!**

The Student Minister and Reader take their seats

Sermon: Dr. Anne Thayer

Prayers of the Community

❖ **The Student Minister immediately goes forward to the lectern and invites the assembly to prayer. Let them know they will be invited to voice their intercessions towards the end of this prayer:**

S Minister Eternal God,
you are the maker of us all, and we are your creation,
people formed in your image, as individuals, as community;
formed and fed and furnished with understanding of who you are
and of who and whose we are.
We are here because we have heard you speak in us and through others.
Help us, dear Lord, to ever respond to you
and your invitation to your grace...

Many **Lord hear our prayer...**

Awaken us Lord, to hear what you would say to us.
Help us to open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts to your presence.
Help us to know when it is your voice we are hearing
and when it is our prejudices and desires to which we are paying heed....

Lord hear our prayer...

Lord, we pray that your church may rise up with renewed commitment
in answer to your call,
that your people may be instruments of your grace and love....

Lord hear our prayer....

We pray, O Lord, for those in want and need –
for those of us and of the larger community who suffer in body or in
soul. And now we pause to remember before you...[wait for various
intercessions]

Loving God, open our eyes to Emmanuel,
to recognize you-with-us in the midst of all our moments,
and to reflect the love of your beloved son to all your beloved people.

Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Offertory – The communion presenters bring forward the elements and place them
on the table. Presider and Student Minister move to the table. The people will be
invited to come forward at a later time.

Offertory Song “Who Would Think” (solo on v. 1, assembly on v. 3) NCH 153

***The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

While the assembly is singing, the Presider and the Student Minister take their
places at the Table.

As soon as the assembly finishes singing, the ministers proceed directly into the
Eucharistic Prayer.

The Student Minister invites the assembly to stand.

S Minister The Lord be with you.

Many And also with you.

S Minister Lift up your hearts.

Many We lift them to the Lord.

S Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.
 Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being,
 and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.
 Day and night celebrate your glory
 till time shall be no more.

S Minister In Christ, your only-begotten Son,
 you have revealed yourself to the world.
 By the guiding of a star,
 you made him known to the nations
 as the son of David and king of Israel;
 that in following him,
 we might be led from darkness
 and into his marvellous light.

Presider As children of your redeeming purpose
 who celebrate the manifestation of your Son
 we offer you our praise,
 with angels and archangels
 and the whole company of heaven
 singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Many **Holy, holy, holy Lord**
 God of power and might.
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

S Minister Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
 most loving Father.
 In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us.
 Our hope is built on him
 in whom you are well pleased.
 Having been shown to the world
 as your beloved Son,
 he proclaimed the good news of your kingdom.

Presider Before he was given up to suffering and death,
 desiring to complete the work
 for which he came into the world,
 at supper with his disciples
 he took bread and offered you thanks.
 He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
 "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
“Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

**Many We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Presider Hear us, most merciful God,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Student Minister Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Presider Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.

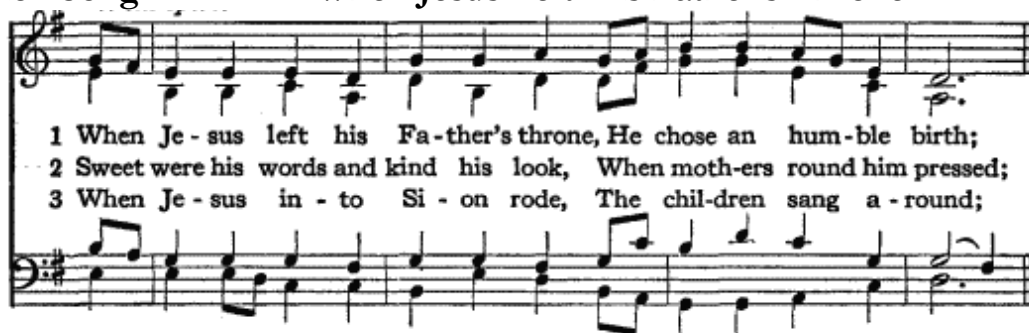
Many Amen.

Invitation to the Table

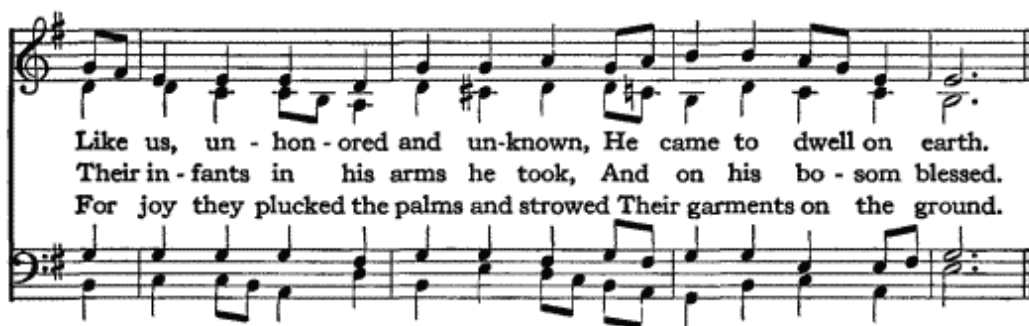
Presider: Come, for all is now ready.
We use gluten-free bread and juice at this table.
Please join us for intinction at the foot of the stairs as you are able.
Receive the bread and dip it into the cup.
Communion elements can also be served to you in your seat.
Those who would like an ecumenical prayer of blessing are invited
to come forward to the preacher with your hand over your heart.
Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here at this table where Christ is the host.

Communion Song

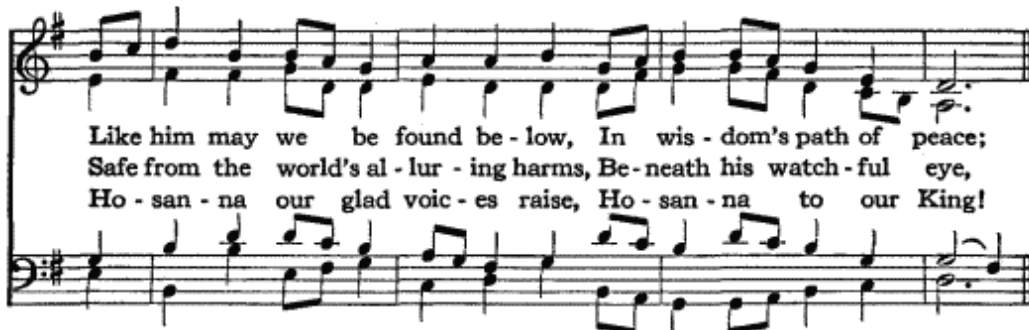
"When Jesus Left His Father's Throne"



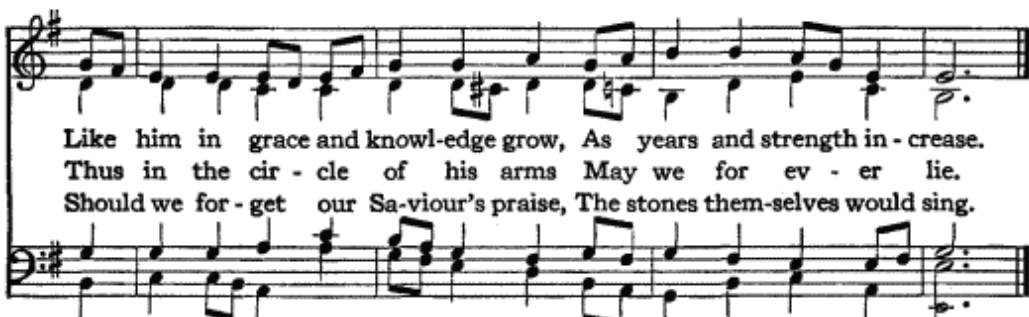
1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, He chose an hum - ble birth;
2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, When moth - ers round him pressed;
3 When Je - sus in - to Si - on rode, The chil - dren sang a - round;



Like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, He came to dwell on earth.
Their in - fants in his arms he took, And on his bo - som blessed.
For joy they plucked the palms and strowed Their garments on the ground.



Like him may we be found be - low, In wis - dom's path of peace;
Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, Be - neath his watch - ful eye,
Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, Ho - san - na to our King!



Like him in grace and knowl - edge grow, As years and strength in - crease.
Thus in the cir - cle of his arms May we for ev - er lie.
Should we for - get our Sa - viour's praise, The stones them - selves would sing.

Going Forth as the Body of Christ

The **Presider** invites the assembly to stand and says “Let us join our voices in a prayer of Thanksgiving.”

*Prayer after Communion

ALL God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize and lovingly welcome Christ in this Eucharist and in our neighbors, for Christ is Lord now and forever. Amen.

*Closing Song “Jesus, the Light of the World” AAHH 217
 Verse 4

*Benediction

❖ The Preacher offers the Benediction, using words of their own choosing.

*Dismissal (Led by the **Student Minister**)

One Go in peace and live boldly in the Spirit!
Many Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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To foster an expansive culture of worship that values difference, and challenges the normative.