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A Holy Communion Service

June 4, 2023
11:00 A.M.



The Rev. Dr. Richard Allen Farmer,
Pastor-Teacher

Lay Leader: Christiana Ashong Worship Leader: Susan Small
Pianist: Kristi Helfen Drums: Ben Wilkinson
Percussion: Sam Jones

COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Lay Leader

Leader: Father, we praise You; through Your Word and Holy Spirit You created all things.

People: You reveal Your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Leader: Through Your Holy Spirit, You give us a share in Your life and love.

People: Fill us with the vision of Your glory, that we may always serve and praise You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn No. 4

Come, Thou Almighty King

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Eternal, Triune God, we confess that we are easily distracted from the things that matter most. We often neglect our need to meditate on Your Word and know You better, pursuing shallow entertainment instead. We often ignore the need to share the Gospel with people around us, avoiding the hard work of reaching out and loving effectively, and instead contenting ourselves with surface relationships. Forgive us, Lord, and guide us into serving You better and bringing You honor and glory. *

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Charles Wiley

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

OFFERING OF PRAISE

*People of God
My Tribute*

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

Sharon Gregory

Operation Christmas Child

+PASTORAL PRAYER

+APOSTLE'S CREED

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

GRATEFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please remember the Samaritan Fund Ministry to non-members in distress in your giving this week. Text and online giving available. See the website for information.

OFFERTORY *He Hideth My Soul* - Kirkpatrick/Kaiser

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* No. 575

+SCRIPTURE READING

If you are able, please stand for the reading of the Word of God.

Luke 24:13-35

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Charles Wiley

"God for Us"

MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

COMMUNION SONG

One Bread, One Body

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (See Insert)

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 11

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

BENEDICTION

People: Amen

POSTLUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy* with *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

(Hosanna) - Dykes/Scholtes/Tornquist

WHEN THE GATHERING ENDS, THE SERVICE BEGINS.

GO IN PEACE, TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD.

Hymn= Hymns for the Living Church.

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+No entry at this time. *Call to worship from Book of Common Worship, p. 349. Prayer of confession by Susan Small

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*; 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 Christian Church**, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

* In the original Creed "He descended into Hell" is inserted here.

** In the original Creed "the Holy catholic Church" is inserted here.

Our Vision

To build committed disciples who love Jesus Christ and live their lives to fulfill God's purposes.

OUR AFFIRMATIONS

Our Common Identity

Leader: Who Are We Crossroads?

All: We're the People of God

Our Common Purpose

Leader: Why Do We Exist As A Church?

All: To love God and worship Him.

To love and care for one another and to share the joys and the struggles of growing as a community seeking to bring glory to His name.

Our Common Mission and Witness

Leader: Why are we here?

All: We are here to joyfully worship and serve the Lord: to share the message of Jesus and the Gospel with all who will hear, through lives that demonstrate His love, mercy and justice in all of our relationships, in our communities, in our nation and in our world.

Leader: Crossroads, how can we be such a community?

All: By deciding to follow Jesus and to make a daily decision to live for God today. By earnestly studying His word and seeking to value what God values and to practice the principles found in His word.

Leader: Crossroads, for the Glory of God, let us live like this.

All: Amen

Our Mission

Our mission is to be a nurturing multicultural fellowship of growing Christians, committed to glorifying God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – through worship, proclaiming Jesus Christ, witness and service in our communities, the nation and the world.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

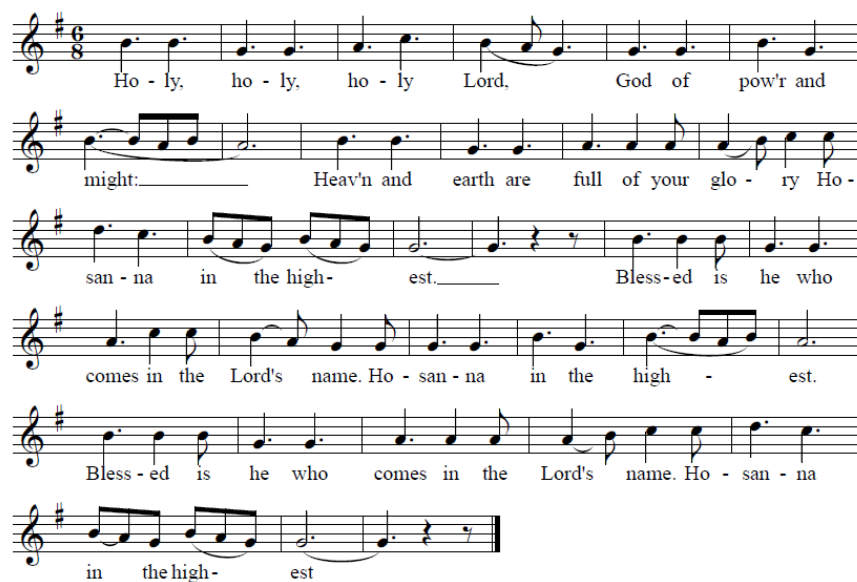
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

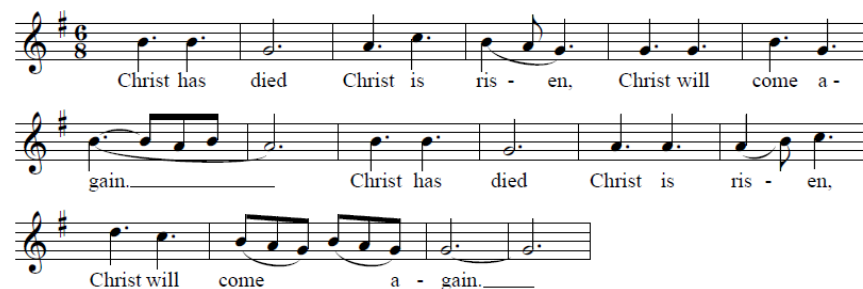
Holy God, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
with joy we praise you and give thanks to your name. . .

Therefore, we lift our hearts in joyful praise,
joining our voices with choirs of angels,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:



We praise you, most holy God, for sending your only Son to live among us,
sharing our joy and sorrow. . .

As you raised our Lord from death
and call us with him from death to life, we give ourselves
to you to live for him
in joy and grateful praise.



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine. . .
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy Name to sing,
Help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless, And give Thy word
success;
Spirit of holiness, On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To Thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be,
Hence, evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore!

Amen.

PEOPLE OF GOD

With our lips
Let us sing one confession,
With our hearts
Hold to one truth alone;
For He has erased our transgression,
Claimed us and called us
His own, His very own.

Chorus:
We're the people of God,
Called by His name,
Called from the dark
And delivered from shame;
One holy race, saints ev'ryone,
Because of the blood
Of Christ Jesus, the Son.

Hear us, O spirits of darkness,
So you will know where we stand;
We are His servants, purchased with scars,
Bought by the blood of the Lamb,
The blood of the Lamb.

Chorus

MY TRIBUTE

How can I say thanks
For the things You have done for me.
Things so undeserved;
Yet You give to prove Your love for me?
The voices of a million angels
Could not express my gratitude.
All that I am and ever hope to be,
I owe it all to Thee.

To God be the glory.
To God be the glory.
To God be the glory
For the things He has done!
With His blood He has saved me.
With His pow'r He has raised me.
To God be the glory
For the things He has done!

Just let me live my life.
Let it be pleasing, Lord, to Thee;
And should I gain any praise,
Let it go to Calvary.
With His blood He has saved me.
With His pow'r He has raised me.
To God be the glory
For the things He has done.

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OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Hymn No. 575

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Refrain:
One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all.

Refrain

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all.

Refrain

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A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never
failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills
prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with
cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving
would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of
God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the
same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should
threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to
triumph through us;
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for
him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to
them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who
with us sideth;

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

Martin Luther