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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE
WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER**

PRELUDE *Behold, I Stand at the Door and Knock*

GREETING

GATHERING

HYMN *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* GTG #385

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks to you, O God, creator and ruler of the universe.

You made the lights of the heavens: the sun in the day to brighten and warm the earth; the moon at night, and countless stars! You gave us these lights as signs for seasons, days, months, and years.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ to be the light of the world, the morning star that never fades. Let your light illumine our lives and enlighten our path, until we may rest in perpetual light; through Christ our Lord and in the communion of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 8

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

*All sheep and oxen,
And also the beasts of the field,*

*The birds of the air,
And the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.*

*O LORD, our Sovereign,
How majestic is your name in all the earth!*

Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel of Luke 14:15-24

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, “Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”

Then Jesus said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’

So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’ Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

GTG #314

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES

Loving God, remember the whole human family, especially those who hunger for food or justice, those who lack homes or human dignity; so many are unknown to us, yet each known to you and each a child of your love.

We pray to you, O God:

Hear our prayer.

Remember your people in every part of the world, redeemed by Christ, dedicated to service, called to love.

We pray to you, O God:
Hear our prayer.

Remember your Church, the body of Christ, in this place, in this community, in this world, to light the way to your grace and truth.

We pray to you, O God:
Hear our prayer.

Remember those who are ill or sorrowing, those who are concerned for dear ones, those who have difficult choices to make, especially any known to us whom we commend to you now in silence. . . .

May they know that nothing is able to separate them from your love in Christ Jesus.

We pray to you, O God:
Hear our prayer.

*By your mercy, bring us at the last, with all your faithful people, to the peace and joy of your nearer presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The prophet Isaiah tells us:

On the day of the Lord, God will make for all people a feast of rich foods and well-aged wines. The Lord will destroy the shroud that is cast over us; God will swallow up death forever and wipe away every tear.

On that day, the people of God will say: This is the Lord, for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in God's saving love.

Therefore, let us come to the table to which all are invited with joy and thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord —
we praise you for your love:
bringing order out of chaos, breathing life into dust,
leading captives into freedom,
calling wandering children home,
giving bread to the hungry,
giving drink to the thirsty,
raising the dead to life.

Therefore, we join our voices with every believer in every time and every place and with creation itself praising your name:

Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Thank you, Lord —
we thank you for Jesus:
Word made flesh,
light of the world,
living water,
shepherd and gate,
way and truth,
bread of heaven,
cup of salvation,
resurrection and life.

We thank you Lord God that on the night of his arrest, your only Son, Jesus, took the bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, including

the one who was to betray him, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes again.

Take this bread and cup, O God—a feast of grace; take our hearts and lives—an offering of praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Spirit, come — come and live in us:
in this bread,
in this cup,
in your people,
one in the body,
one in the blood;
one with Christ,
one in ministry,
in this place,
in every place;
in this world,
in the world to come.

*We pray all these things through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.***

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

Come to the Table of Grace

GTG #507 – all verses

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy and ever-living God, we give you thanks that you have made us one in the body and blood of Christ Jesus our Lord. By the power of your Holy Spirit and through Jesus Christ our Savior, send us forth to proclaim the peace of Christ and to share your reconciling love in all things. We pray these things in your holy name. Amen.

↑**HYMN**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

GTG #542

SENDING

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE OTHERS

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sing Praise to God

THE HOUR OF WORSHIP HAS ENDED;

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS!