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Celebration of Grace

*We welcome you
with open arms & open hearts!*

God Gathers the Body of Christ

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Prelude

Call to Worship

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Greeting, Announcements & Prayer Requests

AM: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

(AM: Please stand as you are able for our Call to Worship)

from 1 John & St. Francis of Assisi

PM: Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God.

All: We love because God first loved us.

PM: If someone says, "I love God," yet hates a brother or sister, that person is a liar.

All: For one cannot love God, who is not seen, if one does not love a brother or sister, who is seen.

PM: This, then, is the commandment that God gave us: anyone who loves God must also love a brother or a sister.

All: O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. Amen

Opening Response

AM: In the name of the Father, and Jesus his Son,
and the Holy Spirit we come,

All: We lift our voices in His praise and ask His will to be done.

Chorus: We sing alle, alleluia, Glory to our King.

We sing alle, alleluia, to the Lord of everything.

AM: Open our ears so we might hear Your word so sweet and true.

All: Open our hearts so we might receive

the love pouring down from You. (*Chorus 2x*)

Prayer of the Day

AM: Let us pray.

All: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Kyrie

Refrain: **Have mercy on us Lord, Christ have mercy on us all.
Everywhere we go, answering your call.**

**1. All around the world, people gather in your name,
Created by your hands, and in your eyes the same.**

(Refrain)

**2. Forgive us all our sins, so to your table we may go,
Sharing in your peace, your grace we all will know.**

(Refrain)

Confession and Forgiveness

All: Holy One, trusting your love, we dare to be honest...
Our tongues speak of love, but our hearts hold anger;
our voices cry for compassion, but our hands withhold care;
you offer a path of light, but our feet lead us into darkness.
Forgive us these sins and those we can't reveal.
We pray in the name of Jesus, who died loving us, his enemies,
and rose to call us friends.

PM: Dear friends, "God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love—not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent his Son to offer his life to show it." (1 John 4:9-10) In Jesus' name, you are forgiven. Live in love. Walk in light. Amen.

(PM: Please be seated for the readings)

God Speaks to Us in The Word

First Reading

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Lector: A reading from the 19th chapter of Kings:

In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

15Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

19So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. 20He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" 21He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant

Psalm 16

Lector: Today's Psalm is 16 (*Give response directions to congregation*)

1Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**2All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

3But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**4I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names up on my lips.**

5O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**6My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

7I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**8I have set the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

9My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**10For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

11You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Lector: A reading from the 5th chapter of Galatians:

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

1For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

13For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. 14For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 15If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

16Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. 18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. 19Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, 20idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 21envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word... **All: Thanks be to God.**

Kids’ Talk

Pastor Paul

Gospel Acclamation

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

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**Halle, halle, halle-lujah, Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

The Gospel

Luke 9:51-62

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke chapter 9:

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

51When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; 53but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" 55But he turned and rebuked them. 56Then they went on to another village.

57As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." 59To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." 62Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." **L: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you O Christ!**

The Sermon

Pastor Paul Anderson

Song of Thanksgiving

**We have heard the voice of the Father,
and we have seen our Savior's love.**

**We have felt the touch of the spirit,
so let's give thanks to God.**

**Father, we give you thanks by laying before you
our time and our talents, the fruits of our fields;
our humble gifts to your kingdom's glory.**

I am your servant, I'll give you my all.

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 again 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 the Church

- 1. Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer,
For the church, O, Lord, hear our prayer...**

Refrain: **Lord, we pray the prayer that You taught us to pray,
O, Lord please hear our prayer.**

- 2. For the lost, O, Lord, hear our prayer,
For our land, O, Lord, hear our prayer... (*refrain*)**
- 3. For the sick and weak, hear our prayer
From our hearts, O, Lord, hear our prayer... (*refrain*)**

Pass the Peace

PM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

*Take a moment to pass the peace with those around you,
and send a message of peace to those listening and watching with you.*

The Offering

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are
sleeping,
Future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

Offering Prayer

AM: Let us pray.

**All: Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen**

Jesus Comes to Us in His Supper

Dear members and friends of Faith: as you trust the God you see in Jesus, please be welcome to share his meal. Christ offers here and now his body and blood, his death and resurrection, as a demonstration that God “loves you to death” and is present to, in, and through you now and forever. (Communion will be served in individual portions)

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

PM: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,

who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection,
and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

PM: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba
as we pray:

**All: 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**

PM: Jesus Christ is the host of this meal, and he invites you to share a meal with him—an act of friendship, hospitality, and a glimpse of the feast that is to come. Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.

Distribution

Blessing

PM: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in his grace now and forever. Amen. And...may our Lord, Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. (*2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*)

All: Amen

Post Communion Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of Life,

C: we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray. Amen

God Sends Us into The World

Benediction

PM: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

All: Amen

Announcements

Sending Song

AM: Now let your servants go in peace with a song of joy in our hearts,

All: Bless us and keep us safe from harm while we are apart.

We sing alle, alleluia, Glory to our King.

We sing alle, alleluia, to the Lord of everything. (*repeat*)

Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude