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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In celebration of our baptism, we worship
In the name of God: Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

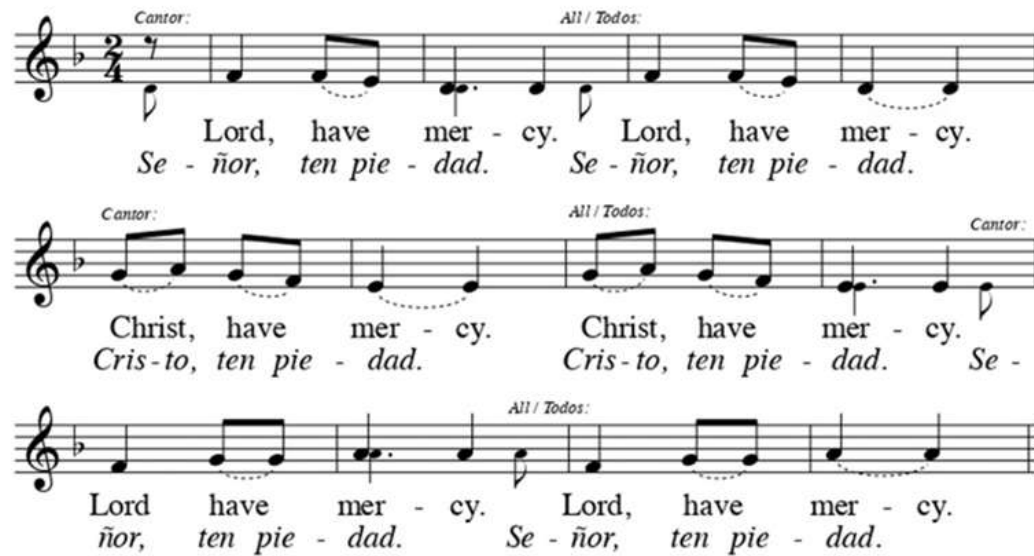
Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

KYRIE

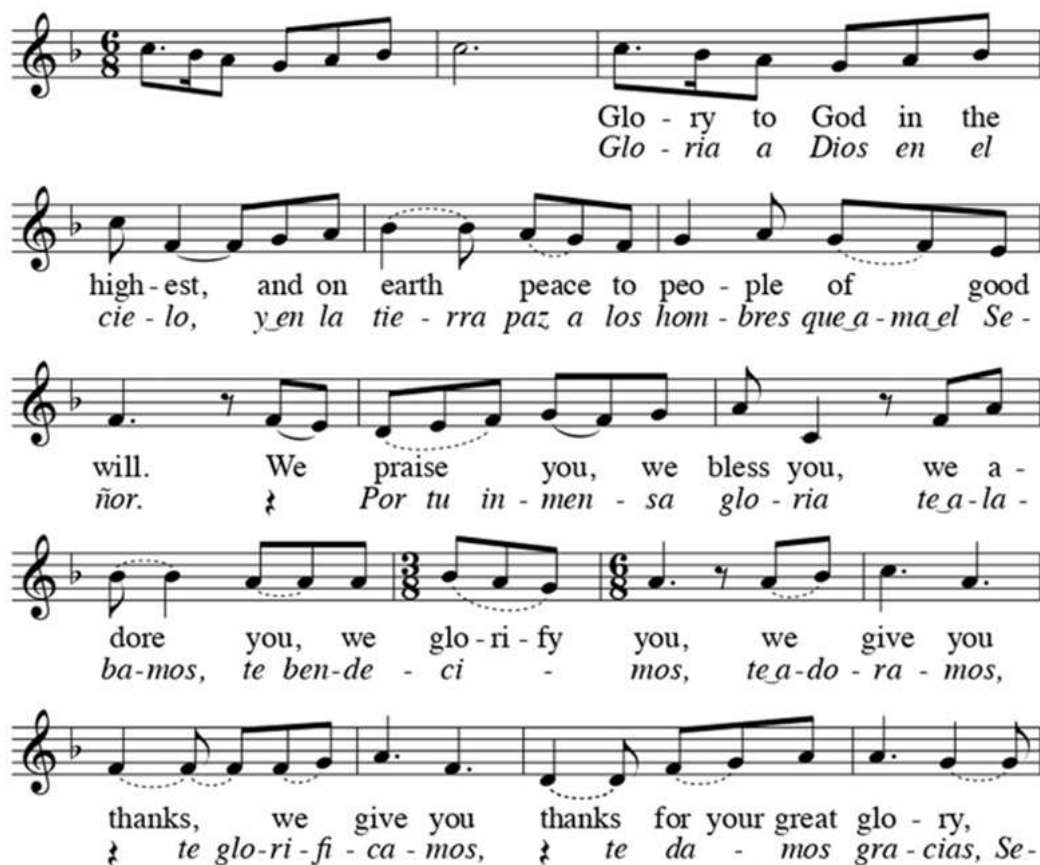


Cantor: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
All / Todos: Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.

Cantor: Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
All / Todos: Cris-to, ten pie - dad. Cris-to, ten pie - dad. *Cantor:* Se -

All / Todos: Lord have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.

CANTICAL OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the
Glo - ria a Dios en el

high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good
cie - lo, y en la tie - rra paz a los hom - bres que a - ma el Se -

will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
ñor. Por tu in - men - sa glo - ria te a - la -

dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you
ba - mos, te ben - de - ci - mos, te a - do - ra - mos,

thanks, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,
te glo - ri - fi - ca - mos, te da - mos gra - cias, Se -

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, O God, al - might - y
 ñor Dios, Rey ce - les - tial, Dios Pa - dre to - do - po - de -

Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,
 ro - so. Se - ñor, Hi - jo ú - ni - co, Je - su - cris - to, Se -

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,
 ñor Dios, Cor - de - ro de Dios, Hi - jo del Pa - dre; tú que

you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
 qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do, ten pie - dad de no -

us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re -
 so - tros; ní que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do, a -

ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the
 tien - de nues - tra sú - pli - ca; tú que es - tás sen - ta - do a

right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on
 la de - re - cha del Pa - dre, ten pie - dad de no -

us. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 so - tros. Por - que só - lo tú e - res San - to,

you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 só - lo tú Se - ñor, só - lo tú Al - tí - si - mo,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
 Je - su - cris - to, con el Es - pí - ri - tu San - to en la

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
 glo - ria de Dios Pa - dre. A - mén.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST READING FROM ISAIAH 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,

but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING FROM ROMANS 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ²Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,

al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu, a - le - lu - ya.

GOSPEL

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

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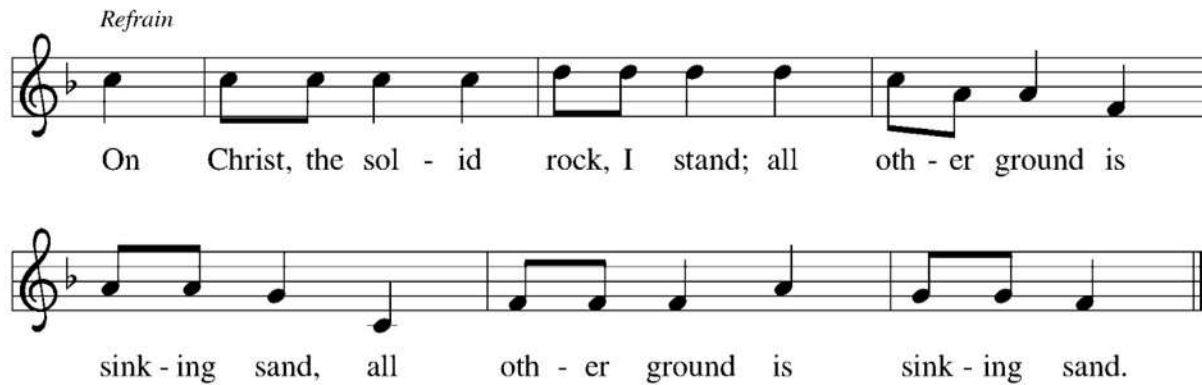
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!



Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

BACK-TO-SCHOOL (BACKPACK) BLESSING

Education is a life-long practice that shapes children and adults for vocation and service. It requires a body of people with different gifts to do so. Today, we bless all teachers and staff, as well as students at the beginning of a new school year.

Psalm 78:1-4

- ¹Listen, my people, to my teaching,
and pay attention to what I say.**
- ²I am going to use wise sayings
and explain mysteries from the past,**
- ³ things we have heard and known,
things that our ancestors told us.**
- ⁴We will not keep them from our children;
we will tell the next generation
about the LORD's power and great deeds
and the wonderful things God has done.**

(Have all children with backpacks come forward to the altar rail)

Let us pray: Dear God, bless these bags and let the children be brave as they begin school. Be with them in the classroom, hallways, on the playground, on buses or in cars as they make their way to and from school each day. As they learn and grow, show them how to serve you and help them to teach us all about your love, in Christ's name.

Amen.

(Have all who work in the Education Sector stand if any are present)

Let us pray: O God, we ask your blessings on these women and men who serve you in so many ways. We pray that you would give them patience, wisdom, and a sense of humor in and out of the classroom, in hallways, on the playground, in administration offices, and on buses. Use them to show children your love and to guide them as they grow, in Christ's name.

Amen.

(Have everyone stand)

All of us are called to support, encourage, and pray for the children who make up our community. We are all called to be teachers and learners. We are to teach children about God's love, and also to learn from what children have to teach us about God. We bless you now as you support children, teachers, and staff.

Let us pray: O God, bless us as we gather here in support of education, and to provide for, protect, and encourage the children among us in their discernment of vocation. May all of us be teachers and learners, in Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed:

**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 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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, all of God's creation and open our hearts to God's will.

A brief silence.

God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster especially in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe, and the Americas. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need of healing especially William, Mary Lou Lomas, Jolynn Szesny, the Powell family especially baby Elliott, Bob Ockree, Sally McCarville, Chuck Marinec, Claire, Jennie Rohy, Carol Mack, Nicole Grant, the Bardell family, Ted Bridges, Ginny Erickson, Wanda Wilson, Gabe Derr, Cathy Carleton, Pam Bergin, the Broussard family, Allison Gregory, Terry Touhey, David Grochowsky, Andrew Langr, Mark Krueger, Steve Cowden and Beverly Carlson. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise, especially David Adams, Juanita Steinbaugh, Sherry Dogwiler, and Eveline Cruse. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE 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,

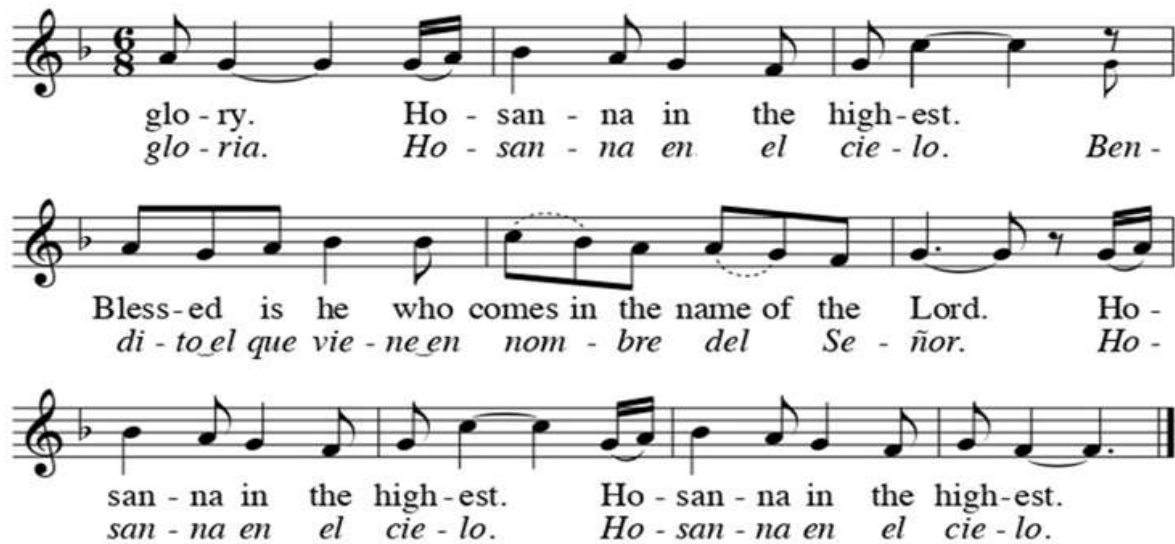
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary
that we should at all times and in all places
offer thanks and praise to you,
O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God.
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
San - to, San - to, San - to es el Se - ñor, Dios de U - ni - ver - so.
Heav - en and earth, heav - en and earth are full of your
Lle - nos es - tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.
men.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a Cantor part and an Assembly/Asamblea part. The lyrics are in English and Spanish. The score includes a repeat sign and a 'Last time' instruction. The lyrics are: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. mun-do, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. us. so - tros. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, de-ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe - ca - do del mun-do, grant us peace, da - nos la paz, grant us peace. da - nos la paz.

Cantor:

Assembly / Asamblea:

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
Cor - de - ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe - ca - do del

To repeat

world, have mer - cy on us.
mun-do, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. *Cantor:*

Last time

us.
so - tros. *Cantor:*

Assembly / Asamblea:

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
de-ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe - ca - do del mun-do,

grant us peace, grant us peace.
da - nos la paz, da - nos la paz.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

TFF 165

Give Me Jesus



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

ACS 1024

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Refrain



Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the



mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -
sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my



ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.



1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the
2 It is not the work of my hands that has
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I



storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y

Refrain



flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

Text: Kenyan hymn; adapt. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

Music: KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA, Kenyan melody; adapt. Greg Scheer

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TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
one God,
✝ bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

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The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by the Gospel, we:

Welcome all to worship;

Make disciples;

Hunger for ministry;

Nurture youth;

Gather resources for growing ministries;

Offer healing and care to all in need.

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

In the name of Christ. Amen.

OFFERING

(Please place gifts in the plates as you leave)

POSTLUDE