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You give them something to eat



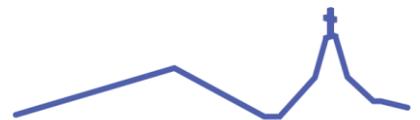
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"Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God." ~Isaiah 40:1

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Spirituals
Marcia Wells

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We do a land acknowledgment as a step toward healing for promises broken over the years.

P: Here on the shores of the Salish Sea, on the traditional lands of the Suquamish and Port Gamble S'Klallam people, God gathers us in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

OPENING HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

#843

Rusty Edwards/J. Wyeth

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2. Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3. Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

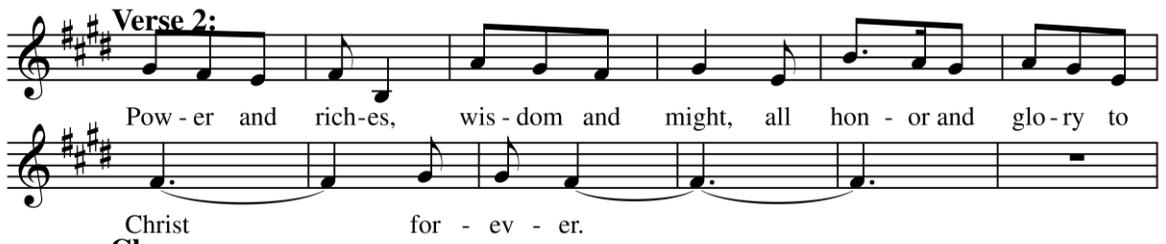
HYMN OF PRAISE

Chorus:
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion sings for joy to the
God of life and love and free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev - er - more!

Verse 1:
Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

Chorus

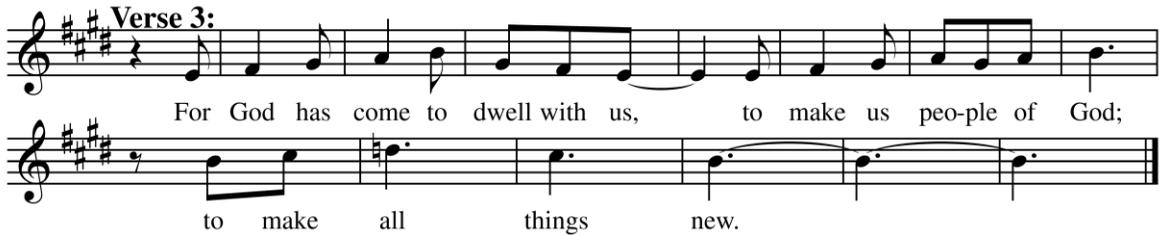
Verse 2:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and glo - ry to
Christ for - ev - er.

Chorus

Verse 3:



For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of God;
to make all things new.

Chorus

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... C: Amen

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

THE ALLELUIA VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? —
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia! —

BIBLE READING

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

[Related Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5; Romans 9:1-5]

P: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Paul Davis and Allison Pringle

SERMON

Pastor Kent Shane

PRAYERS

After each portion of the prayers:

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P: In Jesus' name. **C: Amen**

OFFERING INTRODUCTION

P: Jesus told the disciples, "You give them something to eat." They gave all that they had, and, "taking the five loaves and the two fish, [Jesus] looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full."

We give everything, and Jesus takes it and makes it enough for everyone.

Our faith practice of giving during worship will continue to be online and mail-in during these days of separation. To make your weekly offering, please open a browser tab and head over to your faith home's online giving portal, or write a check and send it via USPS to your faith home. **Please also consider a donation to the outreach ministries of Seekers, a ministry of the ELCA. Seekers is producing this webcast for the remotely gathered people of God.**

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Multiply

The Shane Family

Michael Bridges/George Baum

GOD HEALS THE COMMUNITY IN THE MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

THE DISTRIBUTION

We are gathered virtually today as the Body of Christ. As we sing the "Lamb of God," please gather your bread and wine, and then we will commune together.



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and fear; have
 3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and peace; have
 4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love; have



mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us. 5. Lamb of God, you
 mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us mer-cy on us.
 mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us mer-cy on us.
 mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us mer-cy on us.



take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY COMMUNES TOGETHER

P: The body of Christ, given for you. (*eat the bread*)

The blood of Christ, shed for you. (*drink the wine*)

When the congregation has been united in the meal, the pastor will say the table blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Praise to you, O God of mer-cy: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



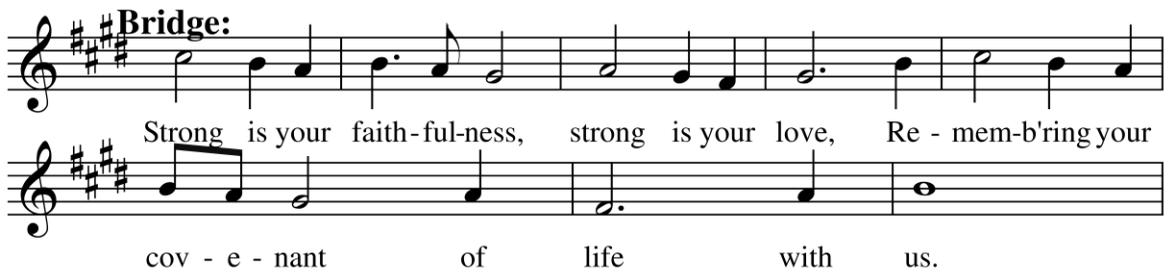
Rais-ing high the weak and low-ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Verse 2:

From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever!

Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!

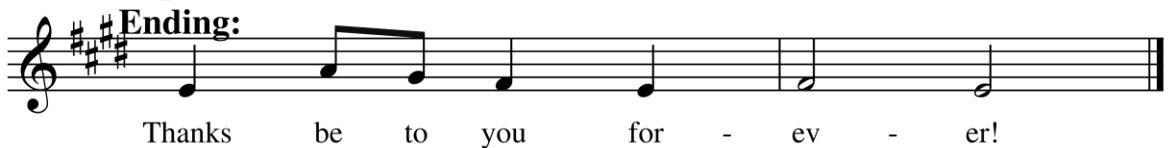
Bridge:



Strong is your faith-ful-ness, strong is your love, Re - mem-b'ring your
cov - e - nant of life with us.

Repeat Verse 1

Ending:



Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C: Amen

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

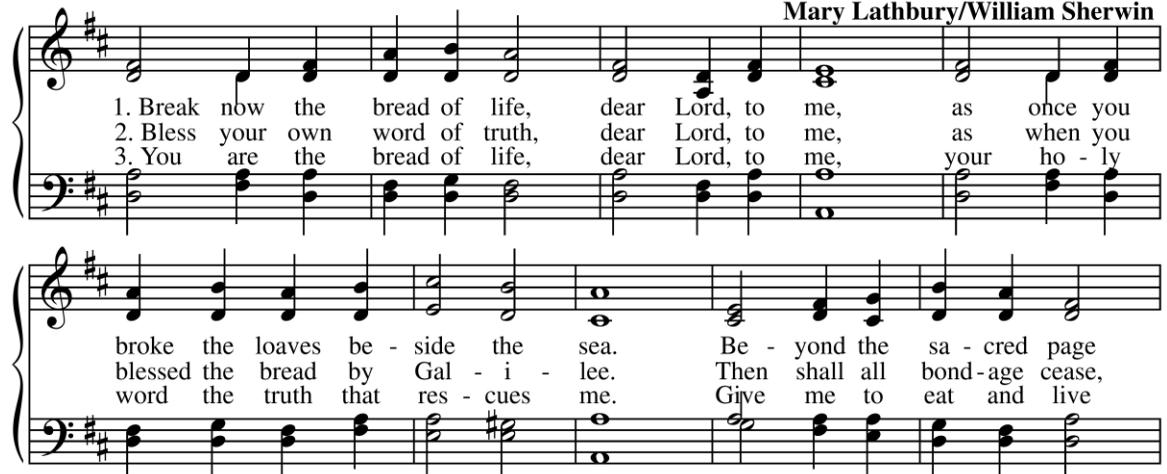
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace. **C: Amen**

SENDING HYMN

Break Now the Bread of Life

#515

Mary Lathbury/William Sherwin



1. Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2. Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3. You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly
broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond - age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

SENDING

P: Strengthened by the promises God made to you in baptism, go and live your calling; Proclaim Christ through word and deed; serve all people and the world God made; strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

C: **Okay, we will, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

PFLC VISION STATEMENT

People gathered and sent in the love of Christ.

PFLC GUIDING PRINCIPLE

How can we best demonstrate the love of Christ?

PFLC CORE VALUES

Jesus is Lord – Worship – Compassion – Service

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Reading for next week: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33; Psalm 85:8-13