

For All Who Intend to Commune

The Lord's Supper is celebrated here at Faith in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. How we come to the Lord's Table to receive this transforming gift of life is of vital importance. The apostle Paul wrote: "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. (1 Corinthians 11:28-29 NIV) **We are always receiving this Sacrament to our benefit or detriment. Out of loving concern for the communicants and from our understanding of the Holy Scriptures, we request that those who commune here:**

1. Be baptized Christians.
2. Have received instruction on the essence and significance of the Lord's Supper.
3. Are spiritually mature enough to examine themselves, recognizing their sin and their need for God's grace through this special means, affirming the following truths:
 - I am a sinner in need of a Savior.
 - I believe Jesus Christ is my only Savior from sin, Satan and death.
 - I believe forgiveness is offered to me freely in this Sacrament.
 - I believe Jesus' body is present in the bread and His blood in wine for the benefit of my faith.
 - I resolve to turn from my sins I know and to dedicate my life to the service of the Lord in missional living and generous giving.
4. Profess the real presence of Christ in this Sacrament, that is, trusting the mystery of the true presence of Christ's body in the bread and His blood in the wine.
5. Believe the Savior's words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins."



***The Lord welcomes you to His table,
knowing that your coming shows agreement with us in these statements of faith.***

THOSE NOT COMMUNING are encouraged to come forward, fold their hands across their chest, and receive a blessing. **IF YOU DO NOT AGREE** with our beliefs as stated above, we invite you to come forward for a blessing or to use this time to pray and worship God with singing.

For those with **HEALTH CONCERNS**, gluten-free wafers are available on request, and nonalcoholic wine is available in the center cups of the communion tray. You may select individual cup or the chalice for the wine.

For further understanding of this gift of life from Jesus, please see the following Scripture passages: Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-26, Luke 22:7-23, 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 & 11:17-34. If you have any other questions, please speak with Pastor or a Faith Elder. You will find Elders, wearing name tags, at all services. (Copyright June, 2010 Used by permission)

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“A Call to Submit and Support”

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AS WE GATHER

When His disciples wanted to know who was the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, Jesus pointed to a child as an object lesson for true humility. One who assumes the posture of complete dependence – having nothing, yet needing everything – is valued by God. Our gracious Savior calls us to such humility, repentance, and faith this day. As we come before Him to receive forgiveness and new life through His very presence in His Word and at His Table, we, too, assume a posture of penitence. This posture doesn't point to ourselves and our supposed worthiness; no, it points to Jesus and His sacrifice for us, the unworthy children of the Father. As the only perfectly humble child of God, Jesus stoops to serve us today and fill us with the forgiveness we desperately need.

U THE PRELUDE

U THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Y **THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY** *(The congregation stands at the ringing of the bell.)*

Y THE OPENING HYMN “*Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*” Page 902, vs. 1-3



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, “O ho - ly,



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and
ho - ly Lord Most High!” And in the light of



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.
that blest place We then shall see You face to face.

Y THE INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Y THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

The Service of the Word

Y THE KYRIE

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

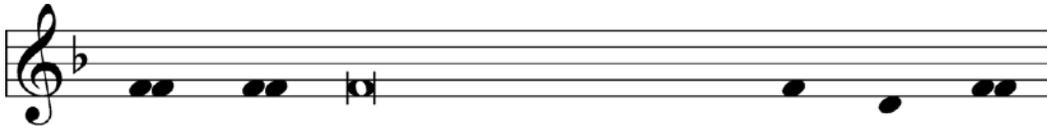
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Y THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, from whom all goodness and love proceeds, grant to us the posture of true humility and repentance, that turning from our sins, we receive the remission You promise to all who trust in You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Y THE GLORIA PATRI



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

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

Y THE HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Matthew 18:1-20

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. “Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of My Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound

in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

U THE HYMN OF THE DAY

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” Page 707, vs. 1, 2 & 4



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;
4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

U THE SERMON

“A Call to Submit and Support”

Pastor Samuel Maconachy

Focus Text: Romans 13:1-10

Y THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to

judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Y THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The Service of the Sacrament

Y THE PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Y THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Y THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

“Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Y THE PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Y THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

Y THE AGNUS DEI

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☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

Y THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless You and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD look on you in favor and T give you peace.

People: Amen.

Y THE SENDING HYMN *“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”* Page 940, vs. 1 & 3

1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
 3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
 bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
 vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.

U THE DISTRIBUTION

(Please review our statement of faith on the front inside cover.)

THE POSTLUDE



As you exit the Sanctuary, you may leave your gifts to the Lord in the basket that has been placed in the Narthex. When we worship God with our offerings,

we recall the words of Jesus: *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*