

The Prayer of the Day

Leader: Gracious and glorious God,

All: **you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Lessons

for texts, see back of pre-printed bulletin

Reflection(s) "Truth"; "No AKA's Need Apply"

Pastor Bair

Hymn 403 "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

BRIDEGROOM

Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

Leader: We are gathered by and with God; let us offer our prayers to God:

One: O God, the world you have created often thinks it can get along without you.

All: **Strengthen our witness that you are Lord of all.**

One: O God, the people of the world cry out for justice and righteousness.

All: **Guide all nations to the path of peace and give courage to all who risk their safety in the cause of truth.**

One: O God, Jesus journeyed many places to reveal you to your people.

All: **Help us to reach out beyond this gathering to be disciples of your Word throughout our community.**

Leader: Hear our prayers on behalf of

(worshippers are invited to share special petitions silently or aloud)

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Meal of Forgiveness and Renewal

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let your hearts be glad.

All: **We rejoice in the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: **All thanks, honor, and praise belong to God because God made all things.**

Leader: Let us recall the old story: how Christ made our communion possible. And let us proclaim it anew.

All: **God is with us.**

Leader: Jesus, our Lord, was betrayed on that night.

All: **The night when he ate bread with friends, He broke from the loaf and He gave each a piece, telling them all what it meant.**

Leader: This is my body which I give to you, before I am broken in death. Eat it, my friends, remembering my death.

All: **We eat it remembering and proclaiming his death and new life.**

Leader: Jesus, our Lord, at the close of the Meal,

All: **Took hold of a cup filled with wine.**

He gave thanks to God, and he gave each a drink telling them all what it meant:

Leader: This cup is a covenant sealed by my blood,
to guarantee forgiveness for life. Drink it,
my friends, remembering my death.

All: **We drink it remembering and proclaiming
his death and new life.**

Leader: May it ever be so.

All: **Amen. Our Father, who art in**

The Communing

*All who share a relationship with the Risen and Living Christ,
enabled by the presence of the Holy Spirit, are invited and
welcome to share in the Lord's Supper. The bread will be
served into your hand. Retain the bread until the server
comes with two cups. Dip the bread into the cup of your
choice: wine (dark liquid) or grape juice (light liquid). One
blessing is offered after all have communed.*

The Communion Blessing

Closing Prayers and Benediction

Leader: We give thanks again after receiving God's
gracious gift of forgiveness and renewal.

All: **God's mercy is without end.**

Leader: We bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Order for Farewell and Godspeed

The Benediction

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Hymn 855 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Invocation

Confession

Leader: We stand before God in rebellion. We turn
away. We walk away. We center our lives on us,
not on God. This is our sin. Let us confess our sin
before God and in the presence of one another.

(A brief silence for personal reflection & prayer)

One: O God, at times we neglect the saving love of
Christ because it may require steps in unfamiliar
directions and involvements with new people.

All: **Forgive us Lord, for hanging on to the old rather
than risking the new.**

One: O God, too often we forget your call to discipleship
and we ignore your call to service.

All: **Forgive us Lord, for hiding behind excuses instead
of facing up to challenges.**

One: O God, we do not always trust your purposes for us.

All: **Forgive us Lord, and open our lives to your Word.**

One: O God, at times we allow fear of the future to rob
us of confidence in your love and mercy today.

All: **Forgive us Lord, for our doubt.**

One: O God, sometimes we do not accept your forgive-
ness because we feel that you do not care or that
we are not worthy.

All: **Forgive us Lord, for our lack of trust in your
loving and faithful commitment to us.**

One: O God, sometimes we accept forgiveness but we do
not offer to give and to share forgiveness with others.

All: **Forgive us Lord, for selfishly hoarding your Word.**

Leader: God loves us with an everlasting love. In
Christ, God freely forgives us. God eases
our guilt and frees us to forgive others.
Live and rejoice in God's freedom.

All: **Amen**

Sharing the Peace

Hymn 392 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

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