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Come and Worship the Lord

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Today's Lay Reader: Barbara Sabath

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **We come to feast together!**

Leader: God gathers us around Christ's holy table. Thank you, Lord, for making all people welcome here.

People: **Renew us, and make us all one! Amen.**

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Gene Clarke

Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3. In Christ is neith - er Jew nor Greek, and
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in

him no south or north; but one great fel - low -
 high com - mun - ion find; his ser - vice is the
 neith - er slave nor free; both male and fe - male
 him meet south and north; all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 heirs are made, and all are kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

Opening Prayer

Lord, as you listen to our needs, we should also listen to the needs of the world. For those who need friendship, we will be a friend. For those who need faith, we will be witnesses. For those who need to know that you hear them, we will be your representatives. In good times and bad, in joy and in sadness, in celebrating and in weeping, we will show the world that you are a God who listens. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

Lord, Be Glorified

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,
In Your church, Lord, be glorified today.

Senior Choir

I Thank You Lord

Joseph M. Martin

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

I 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. Do 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.

For 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. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Message

Celebrating One Body

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Gavotte

Samuel S. Wesley

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A Service of Word and Table

Please see the Communion Liturgy on **page 6** of this document.

Communion Anthem

When You Break the Bread

Ruth Elaine Schram

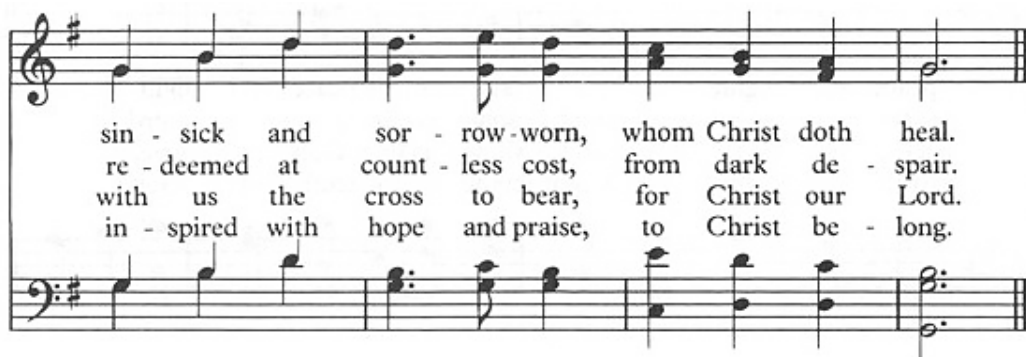
Hymn

Christ for the World We Sing

1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to
 2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to
 3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to
 4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to

Christ we bring, with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
 Christ we bring, with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
 Christ we bring, with one ac - cord; with us the
 Christ we bring, with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,



sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 re - deemed at count - less cost, from dark de - spair.
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

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A Service of Word and Table

Invitation

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are all forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! All: Thanks be to God!

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's mighty acts of salvation, and concludes: And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The people sing their response:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of

power and might. Heav - en and earth are

full of your glo - - -

- ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -

san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -

est! Blest is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -

san - na in the high - est!

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The pastor continues the Thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes: And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and

living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The people sing their response:

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,
Christ will come a - gain. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding: All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen!

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Cup