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#### **PRELUDE**

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### **GATHERING**

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

#### Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

# Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.

# Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In 

Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

### Amen.

### **GATHERING HYMN**

# See insert for hymn number

#### **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.

### **EPIPHANY DIALOGUE**

L: We give thanks on this day, adorned with epiphanies: for the star that led the magi to the manger,

C: That the nations may see the light of Christ;

L: For the water turned to wine at Cana's wedding,

C: That the people taste the goodness of the Lord;

L: For the baptism of our Lord Jesus in the Jordan, C: that the Christ would save us all.

(Only on Transfiguration – L: For the transfiguration of Christ upon the mountain, C: that the glory of our God would be revealed.)

L: This is the day that Lord has made,

C: we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

# **HYMN OF PRAISE** (Verses announced weekly)

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



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Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration.

Refer to insert for Prayer of the Day, Word, and Hymn numbers.

### **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. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, hear our prayer.

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

### **MEAL**

### **OFFERING**

Thank you for joining us this morning. Offerings may be given online at <u>aslc-cu.org</u>, by scanning this code, or left in the plate on the table as you exit the sanctuary.



**CHOIR ANTHEM/SPECIAL MUSIC** 

# **OFFERING HYMN (Verses announced weekly)**

# This Little Light of Mine



Text: African American spiritual Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935 Arr. © Horace Clarence Boyer, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

### **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.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a beacon to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Radiance, shining in our shadows and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen** 

### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.
Amen.

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION/COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Come forward at the pastor's or ushers' direction. It is appropriate to say, "Amen" after receiving the gifts. Baskets located on front pews for used communion cups.

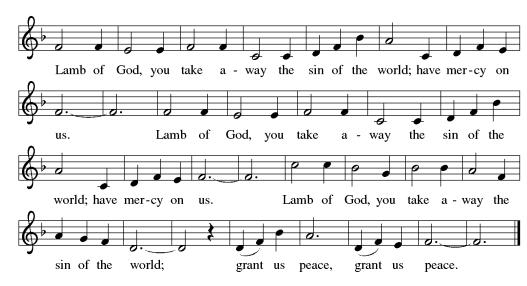
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

# Lamb of God



Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948 Music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

### See insert for hymn numbers

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

# **SENDING**

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

Amen.

### **SENDING HYMN**

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### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God.

# **POSTLUDE**

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