

GATHERING

Silence is kept.

GREETING

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

AND ALSO WITH YOU

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: I give you a new
commandment, that you love one another.

**Just as I have loved you, you also
should love one another.**

On this day, Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

On this day, Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

On this day, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

On this day, Christ our God gave us this holy feast,

That we who eat this bread and drink this cup may proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection,

And at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

OPENING PRAYER

**“An Upper Room Did
Our Lord Prepare”**

**An upper room
did our Lord prepare
For those He loved
until the end:**

**And His disciples still
gather there
To celebrate their
risen Friend.**

A lasting gift
Jesus gave His own:
To share His bread,
His loving cup.

**Whatever burdens may
bow us down,
He by His cross
shall lift us up.**

**And after supper
He washed their feet,
For service too,
is sacrament.**

**In Christ our joy shall be
made complete:
Sent out to serve,
as He was sent.**

No end there is!

We depart in peace,

He loves beyond

the uttermost:

**In every room in our
Father's house
Christ will be there,
as Lord and Host.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you are always true to us in love and we are often less than loving to you and to one another.

We are sorry for our faithlessness to you and to one another, for our forgetting of the poor and the broken, for our failure to cherish creation. Give us the will to change, that we may truly live, learn, and love.

**Lead us once again to your table and
unite us to Christ, who is the bread of
life and the vine from which we grow
in grace.**

Silent prayer

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives you
all your sins, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy
Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household.

If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord.

The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you.

You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover,
Jesus knew that his hour had come to
depart from this world and go to the
Father.

Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him.

And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.

Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.”

Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean.

And you are clean, though not all of you.”

For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord - and you are right, for that is what I am.

So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

“Now the Son of Man has been glorified,
and God has been glorified in him. If God
has been glorified in him, God will also
glorify him in himself and will glorify him at
once.

Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

KINDNESS WHEN IT MATTERS

Glory to God #525

**“Let Us Break
Bread Together”**

TEXT: African American spiritual

MUSIC (LET US BREAK BREAD 10.10 with refrain): African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1988; arr. © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen



1. Let us break bread to-gether on our knees;



let us break bread to-gether on our knees.



When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the ris - ing sun,
O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'When I fall on my knees,'. The second staff contains 'with my face to the ris - ing sun,'. The third staff contains 'O Lord, have mer-cy on me.' The music is written in a simple, clear style, with notes and rests clearly visible. The lyrics are in a sans-serif font, and the overall layout is clean and easy to read.



2. Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees;



let us drink wine to-gether on our knees.



When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the ris - ing sun,
O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'When I fall on my knees,'. The second staff contains 'with my face to the ris - ing sun,'. The third staff contains 'O Lord, have mer-cy on me.' The music is written in a simple, clear style, with notes and rests clearly visible. The lyrics are in a sans-serif font, and the overall layout is clean and easy to read.



3. Let us praise God to-gether on our knees;



let us praise God to-gether on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the ris - ing sun,
O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The first staff contains the lyrics 'When I fall on my knees,'. The second staff contains 'with my face to the ris - ing sun,'. The third staff contains 'O Lord, have mer-cy on me.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens used for multi-syllable words like 'ris - ing' and 'mer-cy'.

COMMUNION

**INVITATION TO THE
LORD'S TABLE**

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.

In the beginning, God made the world:

Made it and shaped it;

Filled it with life and with song and variety.

**All that sings, cries, laughs or keeps
silence,**

All that suffers, lacks, or limps,

The world belongs to God.

When the time was right, God sent his Son.

Sent him to earth to redeem us;

Filled him with laughter and tears and
compassion, filled him with love and
devotion.

**He loved the unlovable, touched the
untouchable, forgave the unforgivable,**

Loved by the least, but feared by the
leaders; befriended by the weak;

**Deserted by his followers, denied by
his friends;**

Writing heaven's pardon over earth's
mistakes,

The Word became flesh.

When the world could stand it no longer,
They made a cross for God's own son,
Fashioned from wood from hate.
**An enemy of the state, a danger to
religion,**

He was nailed to the cross by human hands;

He died, declaring God's forgiveness.

He rose on the third day, transforming death. He ascended into heaven.

That he might be everywhere on earth,

He sent the Holy Spirit to guide us.

**He sets before us bread and wine,
and invites us to his table.**

This is the place where we are made
whole again.

**For God sent the Son into the world
not to condemn the world,**

**ALL: BUT THAT THE WORLD
THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE REDEEMED.**

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 debts, as we forgive our
debtors; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

“The Wonderful Cross”

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**When I survey the
wondrous cross
on which the Prince
of Glory died,**

**my richest gain I count
but loss,
and pour contempt on
all my pride.**

**See from His head, His hands,
His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled
down;**

**Did e'er such love and
sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so
rich a crown?**

**O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross
bids me come and die
and find that I may truly live.**

O the wonderful cross,

O the wonderful cross;

**All who gather here by grace
draw near and bless Your name.**

**Were the whole realm of
nature mine,
that were an off'ring far
too small.**

**Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life,
my all.**

**O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross
bids me come and die
and find that I may truly live.**

O the wonderful cross,

O the wonderful cross;

**All who gather here by grace
draw near and bless Your name.**

CHARGE

Go in peace.

As Christ loves us,

Let us love one another. Amen.

DISMISSAL

All depart in silence.

