

**GATHERING**

*Silence is kept.*

# **GREETING**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

**AND ALSO WITH YOU**

# **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

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

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

**People: On this day Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.**

Leader: 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.

**People: On this day Christ our God gave us this holy feast,**

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

**People: So we may be with him in  
heaven.**

# **OPENING PRAYER**

**“Lamb of God”**

**Celebration Hymnal**

**#302**

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**Your only Son,  
no sin to hide,  
But You have sent  
Him from Your side**

**To walk upon  
this guilty sod,  
And to become  
the Lamb of God.**

**O Lamb of God,  
sweet Lamb of God;  
I love the holy  
Lamb of God.**

**O wash me in  
His precious blood.  
My Jesus Christ,  
the Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love  
they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned  
Him as He died;**

**The humble King  
they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed  
the Lamb of God.**

**O Lamb of God,  
sweet Lamb of God;  
I love the holy  
Lamb of God.**

**O wash me in  
His precious blood.  
My Jesus Christ,  
the Lamb of God.**

**I was so lost**  
**I should have died,**  
**But You have brought**  
**me to Your side**

**To be led by  
Your staff and rod,  
And to be called  
a lamb of God.**

**O Lamb of God,  
sweet Lamb of God;  
I love the holy  
Lamb of God.**

**O wash me in  
His precious blood.  
Till I am just  
a lamb of God.**

# **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

# **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, you are always true to us in love and we are often less than loving to one another. We are sorry for our faithlessness to you and to one another.**

**Forgive us for our apathy towards those hurting and in need. Give us the will to change, that we may live, learn, and love as you have shown us through your son Jesus.**

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

*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 your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

**THE WORD**

# **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.**

# **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.**

**THE END OF THE  
JOURNEY**

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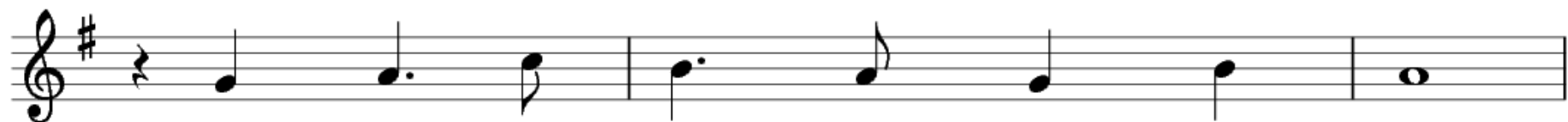
**“One Bread, One Body”**

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One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,



one cup of bless - ing which we bless.



And we, though man-y, through-out the earth,



we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



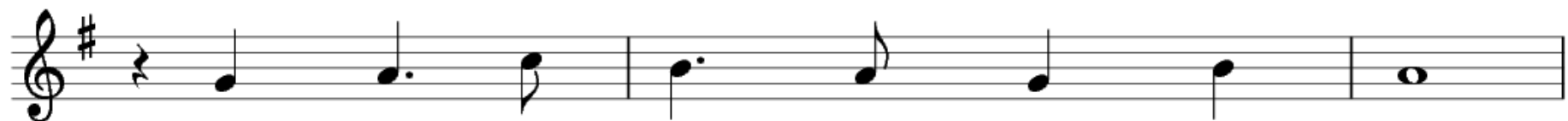
1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,



wom-an or man, no more.



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,



one cup of bless - ing which we bless.



And we, though man-y, through-out the earth,



we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



2. Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,



one in the Lord of all.



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,



one cup of bless - ing which we bless.



And we, though man-y, through-out the earth,



we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



gath-ered to one, for all.



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,



one cup of bless - ing which we bless.



And we, though man-y, through-out the earth,



we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

**COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE  
LORD'S TABLE**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Leader: In the beginning, God made  
the world:

**People: And it was good;**

Leader: He filled it with life and with  
beauty and variety.

**People: All that sings, cries, laughs  
or is silent,**

Leader: And all that suffers,

**People: Belongs to God.**

Leader: God sent his son to earth to  
redeem us;

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

Leader: He loved the unlovable, touched the untouchable, forgave the unforgivable,

**People: Loved by the least, but feared by the leaders; befriended by the weak;**

Leader: Deserted by his followers, denied  
by his friends;

**People: With heaven's pardon over  
earth's mistakes, the Word became  
flesh.**

Leader: When the world would  
not change,

**People: They made a cross for  
God's own son,**

Leader: Fashioned from wood and  
from hate.

**People: An enemy of the state,  
a danger to religion,**

Leader: He was nailed to the cross by human hands;

**People: He died, declaring God's forgiveness.**

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

**People: He sent the Holy Spirit to guide us.**

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

**People: This is the place where we are made whole again.**

Leader: 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**

**“Alas! And Did My  
Savior Bleed?”**

**Celebration Hymnal**

**#306**

**Alas! and did my Saviour bleed**

**And did my Sov'reign die?**

**Would He devote**

**that sacred head**

**For sinners such as I?**

**Was it for sins that I had done**

**He suffered on the tree?**

**Amazing pity! grace unknown!**

**And love beyond degree!**

**Well might the sun in  
darkness hide  
And shut His glories in,  
When Christ,  
the great redeemer, died  
For man the creature's sin.**

**But drops of grief**

**can ne'er repay**

**The debt of love I owe;**

**Here, Lord, I give myself away**

**'Tis all that I can do.**

# **CHARGE**

Leader: Go in peace.

**People: As Christ loves us,**

**All: Let us love one another. Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

*All depart in silence.*

