

COMMUNITY GATHERING
(Pastor's Copy)

M = Musician
LL = Lay Liturgist
MIN = Minister
C = Member of Congregation

LL WELCOME

M PRELUDE

LL GREETING

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Amen!

The risen Christ is with us!

Praise the Lord!

LL OPENING SONG (LL announces)

LL CONFESSION AND PARDON

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.

Merciful God, we confess that often 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.

[All pray in silence]

Here 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 forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

- M SPECIAL MUSIC
- C OLD TESTAMENT READING: This is the Word of God!
Praise be to God!
- C NEW TESTAMENT READING: This is the Word of God!
Praise be to God!
- C Please stand for the “Alleluia” and the Gospel Reading.
- M Alleluia
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*
- C GOSPEL READING: < remain standing >
This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
We give thanks for Christ our King. Amen.
- C CHRYSALIS SPEAKER
- C EMMAUS SPEAKER
- LL CALL FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS
“Lord, hear our prayer” <after each sharing>
- LL PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS
- LL OFFERING
- M SPECIAL OFFERING MUSIC
- MIN BLESSING OVER OFFERING
- MIN THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Almighty God, it is right that we should always and everywhere give You thanks and praise. Only You are God. You created all things and called them good. You made us in Your own image. Even when we rebelled against Your love, You did not desert us. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our God and King, and spoke to us through Your prophets. And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of Heaven we praise Your Name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy lord.... God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna on high.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna, hosanna on high.***

Holy are You and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. You loved the world so much You sent Your only Son to be our Savior. The Lord of all life came to live among us. He healed and taught, ate with sinners, and won for You a new people by water and the Spirit. We saw His glory. Yet He humbled Himself in obedience to Your will, freely accepting death on a cross. By dying, He freed us from unending death; by rising from the dead, He gave us everlasting life.

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, the Lord Jesus took bread. After giving You thanks, He broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you." When the supper was over He took the cup. Again He returned thanks to You, gave the cup to His disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you, this is the cup of the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins." When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we experience anew the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and look forward to His coming in final victory. Therefore, let us in song proclaim the mystery of our faith.

(Join in singing)

***Christ has died; alleluia, Christ is risen; alleluia,
Christ will come again, alleluia, alleluia.***

(Repeat, singing faster)

Send the power of Your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here out of love for You and on these gifts. Help us know in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this cup the presence of Christ who gave His body and blood for all. Make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in service to all the world. Through Your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in Your Holy Church, all Glory and Honor is yours, Father.

(Join in singing)

*Amen, alleluia, forever and ever,
Forever, alleluia. Forever and ever. Amen.*

“And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray THE LORD’S PRAYER.”

(Join in singing)

*Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, Hallowed be thy name.
On earth as it is in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Give us this day our daily bread, Hallowed be thy name.
And forgive us our trespasses, Hallowed be thy name.
As we forgive those who trespass against us, Hallowed be thy name.
And lead us not into temptation, Hallowed be thy name.
But deliver us from all that is evil, Hallowed be thy name.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Hallowed be thy name.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Hallowed be thy name.
Amen, amen, it shall be so, Hallowed be thy name.
Amen, amen, it shall be so, Hallowed be thy name.*

MIN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body; for it is one loaf of which we all partake. When we break the bread, is it not a means of sharing in the body of Christ? When we give thanks over the cup, is it not a means of sharing in the blood of Christ?

[MIN: Ask other servers to come forward and help with the breaking of the bread]

M (Join in singing)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us. (Repeat)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

MIN INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In the Emmaus tradition, the Lord's Table is open to all. We invite all present to partake of this sacrament. However, we realize that some, because of denominational restrictions or personal conscience, may not be able to partake of the elements. If that is your situation, then we invite you to come forward, with your arms crossed over your chest, and receive a blessing. The table is ready. Please come.

MIN GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

M SPECIAL MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

MIN PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

You have given Yourself to us, Lord.
Now we give ourselves for others.
Your love has made us a new people;
As a people of love we will serve you with joy.
Your glory has filled our hearts.
Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

M CLOSING SONG

MIN BENEDICTION

C COMMUNITY PASSING OF THE PEACE.