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THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

HYMN "Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation" #559

CONFESSION

L: As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us confess our sins and ask the Lord for pardon and strength.

SILENCE

P: I confess to Almighty God, and to you, my Christian friends, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed, through my own fault. I repent of my sins, and I seek God's mercy and forgiveness. I ask you, my friends, to pray for me to the Lord God.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON                      Jeremiah 31:31-35

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON                      John 12:20-33

SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: .....Lord, hear us.

P: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
P: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

HYMN "Become To Us The Living Bread" #63

THE INVITATION

My sisters and brothers in Christ, this is the table of the Lord and he calls us to this sacred feast. Come, not because we are in the right but because he does not leave us in the wrong. Come, not because of any goodness on our part but because we know we need mercy and help. Come because God has shown us unbounded love, giving up the Son for us all.

Lift up your hearts and minds above your cares and fears and let this bread and wine be to you the sign and pledge of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (minister and people)

We acclaim you, Holy Lord, glorious in power; your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far away from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, as the prophets taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent the Son to be our Saviour. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to the sick, wholeness; to the prisoners, freedom; to the

sorrowful, joy.

To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves but for him who died and rose for us he sent the Holy Spirit, his own gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world.

(The minister takes the bread and says:)

At supper with his disciples Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to them, and said

"Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

(The minister takes the cup and says:)

After supper he took the cup, and again giving thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying,

"Drink from this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

Be present, risen Lord Jesus, by the Holy Spirit as you were with your disciples, and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION

(During Communion, chant "Eat This Bread" #628)

FINAL PRAYER

HYMN "Lead Me, Lord" #473

BLESSING

POSTLUDE