

York Chapel - Service of Word and Table
March 23, 2000

The Gathering

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen

Opening Hymn #617 "I Come With Joy"

Opening Prayer (in unison)

God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,
bringing new life out of destruction,
hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.

We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole.

Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives,
and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit,
that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen

The Liturgy of the Word of God

The Lessons: John 2: 13-22
Exodus 20:1-17

Sermon

Act of Reconciliation

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another
(Brief silence for individual prayer followed pastoral prayer of confession)

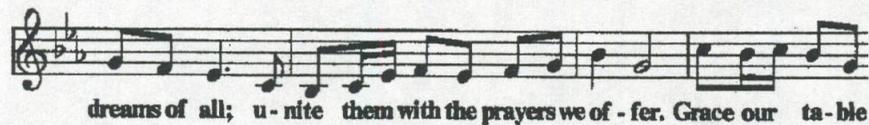
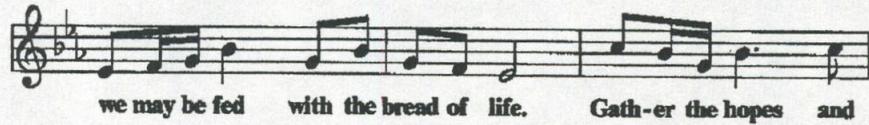
Leader: Merciful God, give us pardon and peace and free us from our sin for the sake of Christ, our Savior

People: Amen

Leader: We are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ our Lord. Therefore, let us be reconciled with one another and share the peace of the Lord.

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

Offering



Leader: Let us pray

People: Gracious God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first give us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions—signs of your goodness and symbols of our love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is our duty and delight at all times and in all places to give thanks to you, O Lord, holy God, through Christ our Lord, who by his cross and resurrection has made us a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people set apart, that through us he might unite in love people of every time and race and nation. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory
 Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.
 On 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.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Leader: Therefore, gracious God, we celebrate the sacrifice of our Lord by means of this holy bread and cup: Rejoicing to receive all that he accomplished for us in his life and death, his resurrection and ascension; and awaiting his coming again to share with us the heavenly feast.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

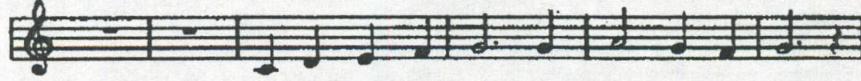
All: The Lord's Prayer

Leader: When we eat this bread we share the body of Christ.
 When we drink this cup we share the blood of Christ.

People: Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as once you revealed yourself to the disciples.

(Sung while the Elements are being distributed)

All



Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us



Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je-sus, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace

(After all have been served)

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

People: Amen

Closing Hymn: #623 "Here, O Lord, I See Thee"

Leader: We thank you, almighty God, for the healing power of this gift of life, and we pray that it may strengthen our faith in you and our love for each other; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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