

WORSHIP & COMMUNION

We invite you into this time of prayerful reflection and communion. As you prepare for the service, grab a piece of bread and cup of drink, find a quiet space without distraction, maybe light some candles or dim your lights a bit, and prepare yourself for this time of worship.

As we learn how to glorify God in our bodies, we can see how our physical desires are not just needs to be met, but opportunities to encounter God's goodness, serving God's love here and now.

—Robert Morris

Ringing the Trinity

Prelude "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" Patricia Vanuci & Zhaolei Xie

Introit "Gather Us In" Taylor Hightower

Summoning Prayer

Thank You for Making Us Hungry, a prayer by Stanley Hauerwas

Let us pray:
Festive Father, you created us hungry.
We must eat to live.
And eating is a necessary habit,
a wonderful reminder that we are,
after all, creatures.
But even more wonderful,
you gave us your Son to be the host
of the great meal, the glorious celebration
of your peaceable kingdom.
It is a meal of pain.
It is a meal of unbounded joy.
In our eating you story us.
Give our eating purpose,
make us participants
in your unending sacrifice
for all your creation.
Thank you for making us hungry.
May we eat in peace.
Amen.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 14: 13-21

A Reading from the book of Matthew The Message Version

When Jesus got the news [of John's death], he slipped away by boat to an out-of-the-way place by himself. But unsuccessfully—someone saw him and the word got around. Soon a lot of people from the nearby villages walked around the lake to where he was. When he saw them coming, he was overcome with pity and healed their sick. Toward evening the disciples approached him. "We're out in the country and it's getting late. Dismiss the people so they can go to the villages and get some supper." But Jesus said, "There is no need to dismiss them. You give them supper." "All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish," they said. Jesus said, "Bring them here." Then he had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the congregation. They all ate their fill. They gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand were fed.

*For the word of God in Scripture, For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us, Thanks be to God.*

Taizé

Stay With Us

♩ = 72

Gm Cm D Gm Dm mf

p

Stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, night will soon fall. Then
Bleib mit dei - ner Gna - de bei uns, Herr Je - su Christ. Ach,

p mf

Gm Eb Cm F Bb Cm Bb F Gm D

f p subito

stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, light in our dark - ness.
bleib mit dei - ner Gna - de bei uns, du treu - er Gott.

f p subito

The Mandate

A Poem by St Thomas Aquinas

Because of my compassion, the sun wanted to be near me all night,
and the earth deeded her fields to me,
and all in heaven said,

“We have voted you our governor; tell us your divine mandate.”
And I did, and God will never revoke it:

Nothing in existence is turned
away.

More tender is my Lord’s heart than any heart
has ever been.

So, when the divine realm asked me to govern it
with one simple
rule,

I looked into His eyes and then knew
what to say to any angel
who might serve as
a sentry to God:

No creature should be
turned away.

Musical Reflection “Thy Word is Like a Garden” Patricia Vanuci & Zhaolei Xie

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Let us pray: Gracious God rejoicing in your blessings, trusting in your loving care for all, we bring you our prayers for the world. We pray for the created world: for those who rebuild where things have been destroyed; for those who fight hunger poverty and disease; for those who have power to bring change for the better and to renew hope. In the life of our world, Your kingdom come, O Lord, Your will be done.

We pray for our country: for those in leadership; who frame our laws and shape our common life; who keep the peace and administer justice; for those who teach and those who heal for all who serve the community. In the life of our land, Your kingdom come, O Lord, Your will be done.

We pray for people in need those for whom life is a bitter struggle; those whose lives are clouded by death or loss, by pain or disability, by discouragement or fear, by shame or rejection. In the lives of those in need, Your kingdom come, O Lord, Your will be done.

We pray for those in the circle of friendship and love around us: children and parents; sisters and brothers; friends and neighbors; and for those especially in our thoughts today. In the lives of those we love, Your kingdom come, O Lord, Your will be done.

We pray for the church in its stand with the poor, in its love for the outcast and the ashamed, in its service to the sick and the neglected in its proclamation of the Gospel, in this land and in this place. In the life of your church, Your kingdom come, O Lord, Your will be done.

Eternal God: hear these our prayers, the spoken and the silent, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory for ever.
Amen.

Taizé

Come and Fill

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

The first system of musical notation is in 3/4 time, key of D major. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Em C Em A D
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It includes chord markings above the treble staff: Em, C, Em, A, and D. The melody and accompaniment continue with the same structure as the first system. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Love Does That
A Poem by Meister Eckhart

All day long a little burro labors, sometimes
with heavy loads on her back and sometimes just with worries
about things that bother only
burros.

And worries, as we know, can be more exhausting
than physical labor.

Once in a while a kind monk
comes to her stable and brings
a pear, but more
than that,

he looks into the burro's eyes and touches her ears

and for a few seconds the burro is free
and even seems to laugh,

because love does
that.

Love frees.

Musical Reflection. "Here at Your Table, Lord" Patricia Vanuci & Zhaolei Xie

Holy Communion

The Peace

Celebrant The angels said it to startled shepherds
and Jesus said it to frightened followers.
And now these words which come from heaven
are shared to make us whole and make us one:

Peace be with you.

Celebrant The table of bread and wine is ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus,
and all who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth,
in which Christ became incarnate.

Loving God,
through your goodness
we have bread and wine to offer,
which have come forth from the earth
and human hands have made.
May we know your presence
in the sharing,
so that we may know your touch
and presence in all things.

Celebrant We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared
among his community through the centuries,
and shares with us now.
Made one in Christ
and one with each other,
we offer these gifts and with them ourselves.
May they become in your presence
a mark of the beloved community.

Sung Response

This is the Body of Christ

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It is in the key of B-flat major (one flat) and 3/8 time. The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "This is the body of Christ - - bro - ken that we may be whole - - this cup, as prom - ised by God, true to his word, cra - dles our Lord: - - food for the good of the soul - -".

This is the bo - dy of Christ - -

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bro - ken that we may be whole - -

9
this cup, as prom - ised by God, true to his

13
word, cra - dles our Lord: - -

17
food for the good of the soul - -

The Thanksgiving
Celebrants

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

During the meal, he took bread.
And when he had blessed it, he broke it
and said to his disciples,
"This is my body. It is given for you. Do this to remember me."

Later in the meal, he took a cup of wine;
and after he had given thanks he said,
"In this cup is the new relationship with God made possible
because of my death. Drink it, all of you... to remember me."

So we will do as Jesus did.
 We take this bread and this wine,
 the produce of the earth
 and the work of human hands
 through which Jesus has promised
 to make himself known.

And as he said a prayer before sharing,
 let us follow his example.

The Lord's Prayer

LORD'S PRAYER (HAAS)

Our Fa - ther in heav - en,

7

hal - low - ed be your name. Your king - dom come, your will be done on

11

earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For -

15

give - - us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us -

20

- Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from

24

e - vil, for the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for -

28

ev - er.

Sharing of the Bread & Wine

Celebrant So come to this table,
you who have much faith
and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed.
Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Celebrant All of you who hunger and thirst
for a better life,
for a deeper faith,
for a better world,
here is the bread of life:
let us together
feed on it with gratitude;
here is the cup of salvation:
let us together
drink from it and believe.

After Communion

Celebrant Let us thank God
for the one to whom we are summoned,
the one by whom we are sent,
whose image we are,
whose flesh we share,
whose love is all.

Sung Benediction

Prayer of Peace (vs 1-3)



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| 1. Peace | be - fore us, | peace | be - hind us, | peace |
| 2. Love | be - fore us, | love | be - hind us, | love |
| 3. Light | be - fore us, | light | be - hind us, | light |
| 4. Christ | be - fore us, | Christ | be - hind us, | Christ |
| 5. Al - le - lu - ia, | | al - le - lu - ia, | | al - le - |
| 6. Peace | be - fore us, | peace | be - hind us, | peace |



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| un - der our feet. | Peace | with - in us, | peace |
| un - der our feet. | Love | with - in us, | love |
| un - der our feet. | Light | with - in us, | light |
| un - der our feet. | Christ | with - in us, | Christ |
| lu - ia, | Al - le - lu - ia, | | al - le - |
| un - der our feet. | Peace | with - in us, | peace |



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| o - ver us, | let all a - round us | be | peace. |
| o - ver us, | let all a - round us | be | love. |
| o - ver us, | let all a - round us | be | light. |
| o - ver us, | let all a - round us | be | Christ. |
| lu - ia, | al - le - lu - ia, | | |
| o - ver us, | let all a - round us | be | peace. |