

God Calls

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

HYMN

Throughout These Lenten Days

VU108 v.1,3,5

COMMUNITY NEWS AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

WE BLESS ONE ANOTHER

Please share the peace of Christ

ENTERING SACRED SPACE

1. *Adoramus te* 2. *We adore you*

repeat 1,2

♩ = 56

G D Em Am D G

(hum)

A - do - ra - mus te Do - mi - ne.
We a - dore you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Temptation surrounds us at every turn, inviting us to take just a little more:
More food, more money, more power, more life!

“What could it hurt?” we hear, on television, from friends, in our own souls:
More suffering, more hunger, more need, more fear, more anger.

So we gather today in worship to hear the consequences of “more”:
And to celebrate that we do not need “more” when we have everything in Christ.

Beloved of God, let us drink deeply from the wellspring of God’s Spirit, which has all we need to live fully, love deeply, and serve faithfully.
Thanks be to God!

ALL AGES STORY

RESPONSE

1. *Adoramus te* 2. *We adore you*

repeat 1,2

♩ = 72

Em C⁶ D G C Am⁶ B

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O
 The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God. The

Em C⁶ D G⁶ Am B Em

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O
 Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well - spring of life. The

God Cleanses

COME BEFORE GOD

PRAYER FOR GOD'S GRACE

**Creative, passionate God,
 you delight to shape the world in beauty and harmony.
 You invite us to participate in the balance of creation.
 We grow in wisdom as our experience unfolds;
 we take good learning out of difficult situations yet also find our well-meant endeavors leading
 to unintended consequences.
 Too often we give in to temptation that disrupts the joyous, chaotic order of the universe.
 We cannot undo all our mistakes, but we can turn once more to the living presence of Jesus
 and find new ways to live and love each other and the earth.
 Do not let our hearts be fearful,
 but let us in silence acknowledge our sin
 and seek the forgiveness that restores your peace.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

RESPONSE

God Communes

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Matthew 4:1-11* Diane Stuart

HYMN *To the Desert Jesus Came* VU113 v1,2,4

FOLK OF NOTE CHOIR *For Where Love Is, There is God* D. Wagner

CONTEMPORARY INTERPRETATION **Communing with Desire**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are not alone,
 we live in God's world.
 We believe in God:
 who has created and is creating,
 who has come in Jesus,
 the Word made flesh,**

to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

INVITATION

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.
According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.
This is the Lord's table.
Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

THE GREAT ENTRANCE

Bread for the Journey

MV202

***Bread for the journey, food for the way,
Cup of God's blessing, tomorrow, today.***

(to be sung in English and French)

The elements and the offering will be brought to the table.

THE COMMUNION

God our provider,
you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, though our Saviour Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

VU942

Blessed are you,
O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
And your faithfulness endures
from age to age.

Praise to you for creating
the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth
from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing
the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading
your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds
of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death
and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit
poured out on all nations.

In 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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's Passover
from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

VU943

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of wine and bread.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

Reveal yourself to us
in the breaking of bread.
Raise us up
as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice,
peace, and love.

With all of your holy ones
of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

VU943

FRACTION

Please come forward to receive the bread and cup. If you wish a blessing, Dr. Caveney will be standing on the west side of the sanctuary.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

VU466

*Eat this bread, drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst.*

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - fast mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God Commissions

HYMN *O God How We have Wandered* VU112

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING *How Deep the Peace* MV95

*How deep the peace the confidence
Of those whose wrongs are forgiven*

*How deep the peace the confidence
Of those whose hearts are healed*

POSTLUDE