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THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME DANCE

FAITH CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF INDIA

BIDDING

The Bishop then welcomes the community to worship and states the purpose of our gathering.

Bishop Dear friends in Christ, we have been called as the household of God, at this time and place, to return to the waters of reconciliation and in so doing turn again to Christ. It is a calling to reclaim the mantle of the prophets; to proclaim once again that God stands with the widowed and the orphaned, the oppressed and rejected, the outcast and the refugee. We come believing that God commands us to seek peace founded on justice, knowing that costly reconciliation is at the heart of the Gospel. As followers of Christ it is our priestly call to work for a world in which every person, created in the image and likeness of God, has the quality and dignity of a full life, free of oppression, poverty, injustice and fear. Therefore as we the Body of Christ come to this time of worship, I invite you to wade once more into the waters of reconciliation and turn again to Christ our hope.

GREETING

Bishop Blessed are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe,

People **Who was and is and is to come. Amen.**

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Creator of all.**

Bishop Everliving God, through your Holy Spirit you unite us in baptism with Jesus your Son and name us beloved. Cleanse our hearts, purify our minds and refine our wills, that following the example of Jesus our Savior we may worship you in sincerity and truth to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SONG: "I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME"

1. I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

THE BLESSING OF WATER

Water is poured into the font, which is blessed by the Bishop as a sign of our unity with Jesus and each other in Holy Baptism.

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Bishop Elohay Mishpat, your Spirit moved over the waters of creation, and kindled the flame of hope at Pentecost.

People **Come Holy Spirit, come fill us with life. | Ven Espíritu Santo, ven y llénanos de vida.**

Bishop In Christ, you drive away the shadows of this world that we may, with pure minds, come to you, the Light that never fails. You call us into covenant with you and each other and have given us the blessing of reconciliation; enflame our minds, our hearts and souls with a passion for justice and peace.

People **Come, Holy Spirit, come as a refining fire. | Ven, Espíritu Santo, ven como un fuego refinador.**

Bishop In the waters of rebirth you renew us and by the power of your life-giving Spirit ever cleanse and sanctify your people. In these waters we are buried and raised with Christ our Savior. Bless, we pray you, these waters for the service of your holy Church; and grant that they may be a sign of the cleansing and refreshment of your heavenly grace.

People **Come, Holy Spirit, come wash us with grace. | Ven, Espíritu Santo, ven a lavarnos con gracia.**

Bishop You are the burning flame of compassion and the cooling waters of salvation; Enflame us, fill us, use us and in Jesus call us to new life in you. To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Bishop Lord of the gathering feast, you walk with us along the shadowed road and invite us to dream, dare, and do together in Christ. As on the Emmaus road, burn our hearts with Scripture's open flame; unveil our darkened eyes as bread is torn and shared, and from the broken fragments gather us into one community of faith; through Jesus Christ, the host of the world. **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

At the end of the reading the Reader says:

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 114 IN EXITU ISRAEL

Youth 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Youth 2 Judah became the sanctuary of the Lord and Israel the dominion of God.

Youth 1 The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.

Youth 2 The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep.

Youth 1 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?

Youth 2 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? You little hills like young sheep?

Youth 1 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Youth 2 who turned the hard rock into a pool of water and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS 4:11-16

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

At the end of the reading the Reader says:

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE: CARIBBEAN HALLELUJAH

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-38

Deacon God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

At the end of the Gospel the Bishop says

Bishop The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE RT. REV. DEON K. JOHNSON
XI BISHOP OF MISSOURI

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bishop God of every nation, tribe and people, in whose image we are created, we have separated one from another and in our blindness we fail to see you mirrored in our sisters and brothers; bring us to remembrance and repentance that we may hear the voice of Christ and to see him standing in our midst.

Leader Open the eyes of your people, to recognize our role in the selling and trading of human beings and the lasting effects of the peculiar trade present with us today; racism, segregation, mass incarceration, urban poverty. These do we remember; for them our souls weep. *Silence is kept for a time. Prayers may be offered in the chat or comments.*

Leader Move the feet of your people, to walk beside those who share Abraham and Sarah's inheritance, who we have been maligned through fear, mistrust and rejection. Help us to walk the path of peace and harmony especially when our sisters and brothers, Jews and Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus are neglected because of their faith. These do we remember; for them our souls weep. *Silence is kept for a time. Prayers may be offered in the chat or comments.*

Leader Unstop the ears of your people, to hear the cries of those who walked the way of the Trail of Tears. Help us listen for the languages lost, the identities forgotten, the cultural heritage ignored. These do we remember; for them our souls weep. *Silence is kept for a time. Prayers may be offered in the chat or comments.*

Leader Embolden the voice of your people, to speak out in truth for those whom we have maligned or marginalized because of their sexual orientation, gender identity and sexual preference. Help us to work for a world where no one is bullied, belittled or betrayed for being made in your marvelous image. These do we remember; for them our souls weep. *Silence is kept for a time. Prayers may be offered in the chat or comments.*

Leader Soften the hearts of your people, to look with compassion on your good creation and recognize our destruction of our island home. Help us to care for the resources of water and air, earth and seas which we have polluted and misused with our lack of care for those who come after us. These do we remember; for them our souls weep. *Silence is kept for a time. Prayers may be offered in the chat or comments.*

Leader Stir the minds of your people, to offer healing and wholeness to those who suffer needlessly because of our lack of compassion and care. Help us to remember those who suffer injury and illness alone, those living in fear with HIV/AIDS and chronic diseases, those we now name. These do we remember; for them our souls weep. *Silence is kept for a time. Prayers may be offered in the chat or comments.*

Leader Engage the hands of your people, to work tirelessly for equity for our sisters, whom we have often viewed as being less, inferior or unworthy rather than as equals. Help us to work for equality in all realms of our common life, where we have seen women as not good enough, not equal, not capable. These do we remember; for them our souls weep. *Silence is kept for a time. Prayers may be offered in the chat or comments.*

Bishop God of comfort and strength, whose son Jesus Christ came that we might have life abundantly, hear the prayers of our hearts and heal the wounds of our past; that in your loving providence we may reconcile our past and turn again to Christ. Amen.

EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

Bishop We are the body of Christ knit together by the one Spirit in Baptism.

People **Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.**

Bishop The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

DIOCESE OF MISSOURI VIRTUAL CHOIR

*We walk in love united in purpose
We join our hands and lift up one voice
We speak the truth with strength and compassion
resounding with hope, with courage and joy.*

*We cry for peace and rights for all people
We welcome friends from far and near
We fight for those whose voices are silenced
Resisting in faith until all are free.*

*We dream a world of justice and kindness
We build a bridge creating new paths
We march with joy as all walk together
Embracing each one, we boldly stand.*

GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

Bishop God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Bishop Renewing God, you called forth the cosmos in all its intricacies and fashioned stars and moons, galaxies and planets to reflect that vastness of your love. In time Your Spirit hovered over the face of the earth and breathed the breath of life into us mortals, formed of the dust to mirror your image. In Abraham and Sarah, you number your people with the stars and summon us to be a holy people, a royal priesthood. Time and time again we broke your heart and wandered away from your love.

People **Bless and sanctify your people in faith.**

Bishop Through the voices of prophets and pioneers, judges and rulers, sages and poets, you call us again and again to return to covenant with you. Then in Jesus, the Anointed One you made yourself fully known to us, and in his death, resurrection and ascension you healed our past and reconciled us to you and to one another. In the power of the Holy Spirit you called us to be your church, never closer to you than when we gather at this table of blessing.

People Bless and sanctify your people in joy.

Bishop Therefore we praise you, joining our voices in praise and song with angels and archangels, matriarchs and patriarchs and the whole company of heaven, in endless songs of praise:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY WELCOME TABLE: A MASS OF SPIRITUALS

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/2. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. 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.

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Bishop Hosanna is our cry, Transforming God, for in Jesus you show us that whoever wishes to be great must be a servant and whoever wishes to be first must serve others in your name. Strengthen your people to strive for greatness through humble service and self-giving love. Sustain us by the power of your Holy Spirit that we may continue the good work of those holy women and holy men who have gone before, transforming struggle into strength, rejection into rejoicing and persecution into praise.

People Bless and sanctify your people in hope.

Bishop Send your Holy Spirit upon us now, that we may become holy, even as you are holy. Sanctify this bread and wine, that they may transform our hearts and minds and souls and voices as they become the body and blood of your blessed Son our Lord.

Bishop Jesus, on the night before he died, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them saying “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

Bishop After supper he took the cup of wine. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Drink 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.”

Bishop Great is the mystery of faith.

People **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Bishop God our Deliverer, you lead your people out of the wilderness of despair into the bright valley of hope and in Jesus you show the extent of your eternal love. Embolden your church in this sacred meal to be a voice for the voiceless and a hope for the hopeless, that with Blessed Mary the Godbearer, [N.] and the countless women and men who have pioneered and persisted we may serve humbly in your name.

People *Bless and sanctify your people in service.*

Bishop Protect us, empower us, inspire us, persevere with us, that we may each find our calling in the mission of your church, and your church may discover anew its purpose in witness and service to your world. Raise up those whose gifts have been suppressed, neglected, ignored or rejected. Renew your people through humble service and prophetic witness; that your name may be made known in the face of injustice, poverty and tyranny. Show your glory through agents of healing and learning, and shower your people with your love, until the day comes when every eye beholds you, full of grace and turn again to Christ.

People **Bless and sanctify your people in love.**

Bishop All this we ask in your most holy name, through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN!**

THE GREAT AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

Words and Music Contributors: African American Spiritual; arr. Nelsie T. Johnson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop The Risen Christ is in our midst, and so standing with our sisters and brothers before us and behind us, let us pray in the way our Savior taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, Santificado sea Tu Nombre. Venga Tu reino. Hágase Tu voluntad así en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, así como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en la tentación y líbranos del mal. Tuyo son el reino, el poder y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, Que ton nom soit sanctifié, Que ton règne vienne, Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses Comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous soumet pas à la tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal, car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, aux siècles des siècles. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread.

Bishop Look, the Body of Christ is broken for the healing of the nations.

People Amen. Blessing and honor, and glory, forever and ever.

FRACTION ANTHEM: "WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD"

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
when we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro - claim, we pro - claim your Death, O
Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bishop God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

Deacon The table of Christ's body and blood is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus. It is the table of sharing with the poor and lowly of the world, with whom Jesus identified.

Bishop So come to this table you who have much faith or you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come. It is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

People **Amen. As the bread and wine we now eat are transformed, may we be changed into the likeness of Christ; bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh, loving and caring for the world.**

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Bishop introduces the prayer for spiritual communion.

People **Gracious and Loving God, on this day we are not able to gather around your table to celebrate your presence in the sacrament of bread and wine. We are not able to share your peace with one another. Nevertheless, we lift up our hearts, we join with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as we proclaim you holy and receive you into our hearts by faith. Strengthen our love for you. Help us offer our sacrifice with all your faithful people, that we may restore health and wholeness to one another and to all your creation. Give us patience and hope as we long for the day when we can gather and break bread together again. Through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

One the Altar has been cleared the bishop addresses the people.

Bishop God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

People **O God of our ancestors, God of our people, before whose face the human generations pass away: We thank you that in you we are kept safe for ever, and that the broken fragments of our history are gathered up in the redeeming act of your dear Son, remembered in this holy sacrament of his body and blood. Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit to live and work for your praise and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Bishop blesses the people as a reminder of God's extravagant love.

THE SENDING

Deacon Our worship has ended. Our service in the world now begins. Go forth in the Name of Christ. Go into your own neighborhoods. Go into unknown lands and places. Go where God's name is well known and where it has yet to be known. Go to those who welcome you and to those who reject you. Go forth into the world and share the Good News of God's love. Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING, ALLELUIA, AMEN!"

GRACE CHURCH, KIRKWOOD

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS EVENING'S LITURGY

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The Right Reverend Deon K. Johnson
XI Bishop of Missouri

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The Venerable Rebecca Barger
Archdeacon of the Diocese of Missouri

DEACON OF THE LITURGY

The Rev. Deacon Chester Hines
Holy Communion, University City

WELCOME DANCE

Indian Classical Dance by Ms. Niharikha Muthyraj, *Ballwin*
Faith Christian Church of India, *Ballwin*

FIRST READER

Robert Hartzog,
St. Thomas Deaf Church, Kirkwood
Interpreter: Joe Sapienza

PSALM OF THE DAY

Charlotte and Annabelle Medler,
St. Peter's Church, Ladue

SECOND READER

Sherine Paul,
Faith Christian Church of India, *Ballwin*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Casey Robertson, Christ Church, Rolla
Katie Jones, St. Francis Church, Eureka
Parker Williams, Holy Cross Church, Poplar Bluff
Angela Breeher, St. Paul's Church, Carondelet
Randyn Heisserer-Miller Christ Church, Cape Girardeau
Margarett Williams, All Saints & Ascension, Northwoods
Tom Frankman, Calvary Church, Columbia

THE LORD'S PRAYER

French: The Rev. Heather McCain, Calvary Church, Columbia
Sign: Ron Selinger, St. Thomas Deaf Church, Kirkwood
Tamil: Divya Bennett, Faith Christian Church of India, *Ballwin*
Spanish: The Rev Laurie Anzilotti, St. Francis, Eureka
English: Alisa Williams, Holy Communion, University City

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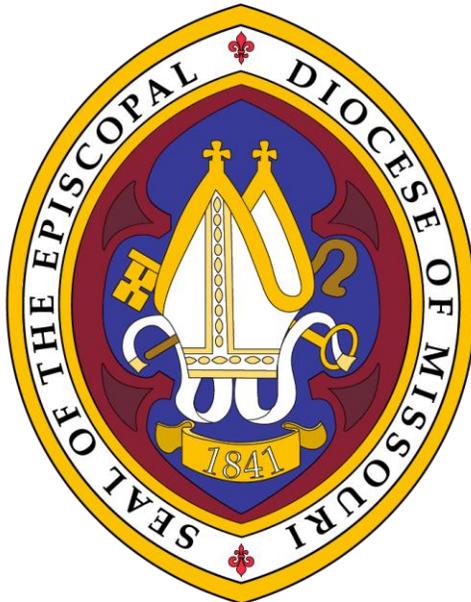
"I want Jesus to walk with me" arranged by David M Cherwien
sung by Olivia Limbaugh, St Martin's, Ellisville & Senior at
Parkway Central High School
accompanied by Denise Marsh, Music Director at St Martin's,
Ellisville

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing, Alleluia, Amen!"
arranged by Kevin McChesney b. 1963

Performed by Grace Episcopal Church Handbell Choir,
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