

Worship Booklet for

HEALING IN THE HEARTLAND

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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HISTORICAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI

In humility, we recognize and acknowledge that we in the Diocese of Missouri worship and live on the traditional ancestral lands of the Osage Nation, the Illiniwek/Peoria Tribe, the O-Gah-Pah (Quapaw) Tribe, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, and other First Peoples. We recognize our mutual dependence upon and benefit from this land; we proclaim our solidarity with and our debt to the Peoples who first claimed and improved this land as their home. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that dispossessed the First Peoples from their ancestral lands. We affirm our commitment to stand with indigenous communities today and henceforth as they seek justice and resist continued threats to their sovereignty and humanity.

We are also cognizant that the history of The Episcopal Church is intertwined with the history of colonialism and slavery in the United States. More than four centuries ago, the first Africans were brought to the Americas and enslaved. Two centuries ago, enslaved and indigenous persons contributed to the exploration of this state by Lewis and Clark. Our state's history is entangled with both the Missouri Compromise making this state officially a slave state, and the cases of Scott v. Emerson that petitioned for Dred and Harriet Scott's emancipation. We acknowledge the tragic legacy of slavery in our diocese, and the blood, sweat, and tears of enslaved people that soak the earth beneath our feet in Missouri. This legacy persists today as we continue to work towards racial justice, equity, liberation, and community, here in Missouri and across The Episcopal Church.



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

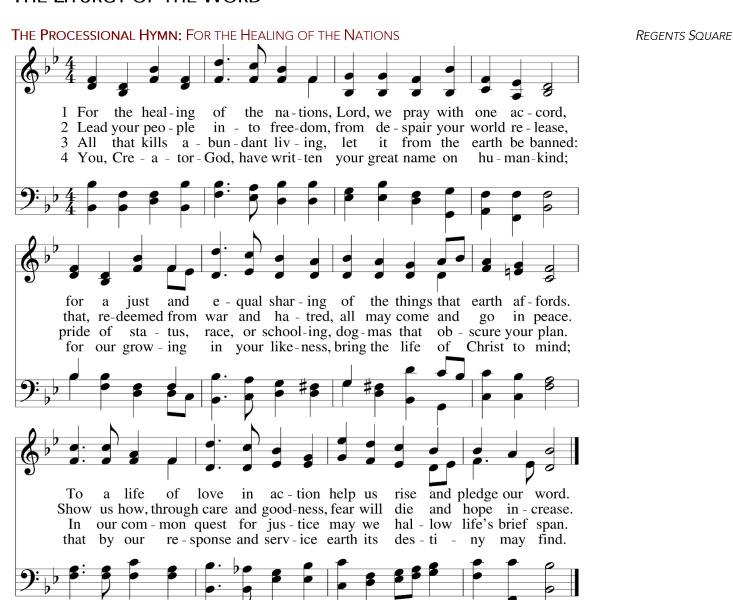
Welcome to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. Scattered into the world we gather together as God's people in worship. We bring the fragments of our lives to be healed and made whole in Christ as we gather in community. We gather from intimate rural parishes and sprawling urban ones, with long-time church members and those new to the faith to celebrate a new verse in a song that has been ringing through eternity. As we gather, we bring our diverse gifts: gifts of music, dance, prophecy, teaching, preaching, and friendship. We present these gifts in the form of our most precious offering to God, our very selves, that all that we do may be for God's glory in the unity of Christ's church.

PRELUDE: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

ARR. MARK HAYES

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



GREETING

All standing, the Bishop greets those assembled.

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All And also with you. [Swahili] Pia na roho yako

Presider Let us pray. Tuombe.

Silence is kept for a time.

Presider Holy and Merciful God, receive our prayer for all the hurt and discomfort we have caused others; Grant us your healing Grace as we seek your Forgiveness so that we can live in Love, Compassion and Peace with our brothers and sisters; we pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Written by The Rev. Dn. Betty Bowen)

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Deacon May the Word of God always be heard in this place. May the experience of our spiritual ancestors be valued in this place. May the Good News of love be proclaimed in this place.

All May the mystery of Christ unfold before us and lead us to salvation. Let us hear once more the stories of our redemption.

All are seated for the Readings.

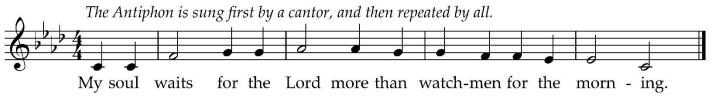
HEBREW SCRIPTURE: A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET AMOS 5:4, 14-15, 21-24 [English] For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel: Seek me and live; Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

[Tamil] கர்த்தர் இதனை இஸ்ரவேல் நாட்டிடம் கூறுகிறார்: "என்னைத் தேடிவந்து, வாழுங்கள். நீங்கள் தேவன் உங்களோடு இருப்பதாகச் சொல்கிறீர்கள். எனவே நீங்கள் தீமையையல்ல, நன்மையைச் செய்யவேண்டும். அப்போது நீங்கள் வாழ்வீர்கள். சர்வ வல்லமையுள்ள தேவனாகிய கர்த்தர் உண்மையில் உங்களோடு இருப்பார். தீமையை வெறுத்து, நன்மையை விரும்புங்கள். வழக்கு மன்றங்களுக்கு நியாயத்தைக் கொண்டு வாருங்கள். பிறகு சர்வ வல்லமையுள்ள தேவனாகிய கர்த்தர் யோசேப்பு குடும்பத்தில் மீதியிருப்பவர்களிடம் இரக்கமாயிருப்பார். "நான் உங்கள் விடுமுறை நாட்களை வெறுக்கிறேன். நான் அவற்றை ஏற்கமாட்டேன். நான் உங்கள் ஆன்மீகக் கூட்டங்களால் மகிழவில்லை. நீங்கள் தகனபலியையும் தானியக் காணிக்கையையும் எனக்குக் கொடுத்தாலும் நான் ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளமாட்டேன். நீங்கள் தரும் சமாதான பலியில் உள்ள கொழுத்த மிருகங்களைப் பார்க்கக்கூடமாட்டேன். நீங்கள் இங்கிருந்து உங்கள் இரைச்சலான பாடல்களை அகற்றுங்கள். நான் உங்கள் வீணைகளில் வரும் இசையைக் கேட்கமாட்டேன். நீங்கள் உங்கள் நாட்டில் நியாயத்தை ஆற்றைப்போன்று ஓடவிடவேண்டும். நன்மையானது ஓடையைப் போன்று உங்கள் நாட்டில் வற்றாமல் ஓடட்டும்.

At the end of the reading the Reader says

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

All Thanks be to God.



David Sinden, Composer

Out of the depths have I called you,
O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?
For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

ANTIPHON.

I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits for you; in your word is my hope.
My soul waits for you, O Lord, more than sentinels for the morning, more than sentinels for the morning.
O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy; with whom there is plenteous redemption, and who shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

ANTIPHON.

New Testament: 2 Cor. 5:16-21

[English] From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

[Kiswahili] Tangu sasa hatumtazami mtu ye yote namna ya kibinadamu, ingawaje hapo mwanzo tulimtazama Kristo kwa namna ya kibinadamu. Hatumtazami hivyo tena. Kwa hiyo mtu akiwa ndani ya Kristo, amekuwa kiumbe kipya; ya kale yamepita, tazama, mapya yamekuja. Haya yote yanatoka kwa Mungu, ambaye kwa njia ya Yesu Kristo ametupatanisha na mwenyewe, na akatupa huduma ya upatanisho. Ndani ya Kristo Mungu aliupatanisha ulimwengu na yeye mwe nyewe, asiwahesabie watu dhambi zao. Naye ametukabidhi ujumbe huu wa upatanisho. Kwa hiyo sisi ni mabalozi wa Kristo, Mungu anatutumia sisi kuwasihi ninyi. Na sisi tunawasihi ninyi kwa niaba ya Kristo: mpatanishwe na Mungu. Mungu alimfanya yeye ambaye hakujua dhambi, awe dhambi kwa ajili yetu ili ndani yake tupate kuwa haki ya Mungu.

At the end of the reading the Reader says

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

All Thanks be to God.



Text: Jeremiah 8:22; Negro Spiritual Tune: BALM IN GILEAD, 7 6 7 6 with refrain; Negro Spiritual

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Deacon God is with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon Hear the Good News of Christ according to Luke 6:20-23

All Amen. Praise to you O Christ.

The Deacon continues with the Gospel.

[ENGLISH] Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

[SIMPLIFIED CHINESE] **耶**稣抬头望着门徒,对他们说:"贫穷的人有福了,因为上帝的国属于你们! 现在饥饿的人有福了,因为你们将得饱足! 现在哀哭的人有福了,因为你们将要欢笑! 你们为人子的缘故而遭人憎恨、弃、侮辱、毁谤,就有福了! **那**时你们要欢喜雀跃,因为你们在天上有大赏赐! 他们的祖先也曾这样恶待以前的先知.

At the end of the proclamation the Deacon says:

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People Amen. Glory to you O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. NONTOMBI NAOMI TUTU

Priest Associate, All Saints Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA

A period of Silence follows the sermon.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: LITANY OF HEALING

At the invitation of the Presider, all who are able rise in body or spirit.

Presider Redeeming God, we gather here in your Name, and intercede for all the breaking and broken places of our lives and in the world around us. We witness the shattering of lives and bodies. Lord, do you also see it?

Leader We hear the rending of relationships between our neighbors and families. Lord, can you hear it, too?

Deacon We are weary under the weight of antagonism towards the vulnerable among us. Lord, do you feel it pressing upon you as well?

Presider But we would not be here if we thought it hopeless. You are the God who shines light into deep shadows, calls life from dead spaces, and speaks healing over diseased places.

Leader In faith, we now gather the concerns of our heart and place them before you.

Deacon My siblings in Christ, let us take a moment to offer, either aloud or in the quiet of our hearts, those concerns, cares, and names before the God who reconciles all things.

Silence is kept for a time.

Names and places in need of healing may be offered aloud or in the stillness of our hearts.

Reader God the Creator, your will for all people is health and salvation;

All We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Reader God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

All We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Reader God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

All We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Reader Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

All We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Reader Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

All Hear us, O Lord of life.

Reader Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge

of your will and an awareness of your presence;

All Hear us, O Lord of life.

Reader Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity

of spirit;

All Hear us, O Lord of life.

Reader Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill,

sympathy and patience;

All Hear us, O Lord of life.

Reader Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy

Spirit those who are bereaved;

All Hear us, O Lord of life.

Reader Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

All Hear us, O Lord of life.

Reader You are the Lord who does wonders:

All You have declared your power among the peoples.

Reader With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

And in your light we see light.

Reader Hear us, O Lord of life:

All Heal us, and make us whole.

Presider Let us pray. Silence is kept for a time.

Presider Open us to your healing power, O God. We entrust ourselves to your care, knowing that you are doing for us and for all the world far better things than we can ask or imagine. With you as our companion and guide, strengthen us to hope for all that is good, and to fear no evil. For your love is stronger than death, and your faithfulness reaches to the heavens; and to you we give glory, Triune God, now and to the ages of ages. Amen.

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Presider Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Deacon My siblings in Christ, let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept for a time.

Deacon God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Bishop Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Bishop May God who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the Name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

[Swahili] Amani ya Bwana ikae nanyi daima. **Pia na roho yako.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

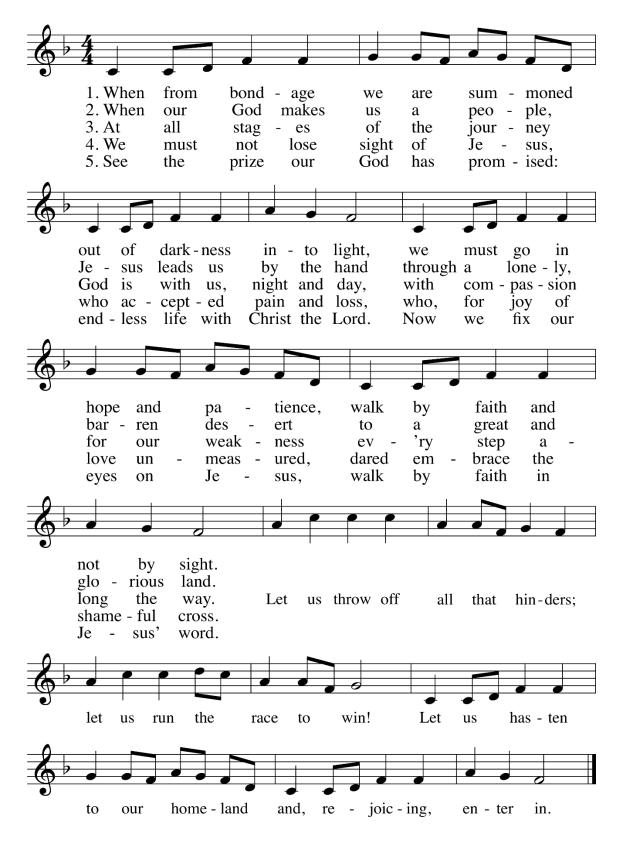
Today's offering goes towards the Deacon Chester Hines Racial Reconciliation and Healing Fund of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri.

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OFFERTORY HYMN: WHEN FROM BONDAGE WE ARE SUMMONED

HOLY MANNA



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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Once the offerings of Bread, Wine and Money have been presented and the Holy Table is set, the Bishop continues.

Presider Be present, be present O Christ our great High Priest.

All Be known to us in the breaking of the bread. Amen.

Presider God is with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

[Swahili]

Bwana akae nanyi

Pia na roho yako

Inueni mioyo yenu

Twainua kwa Bwana

Na tumshukuru Bwana Mungu wetu

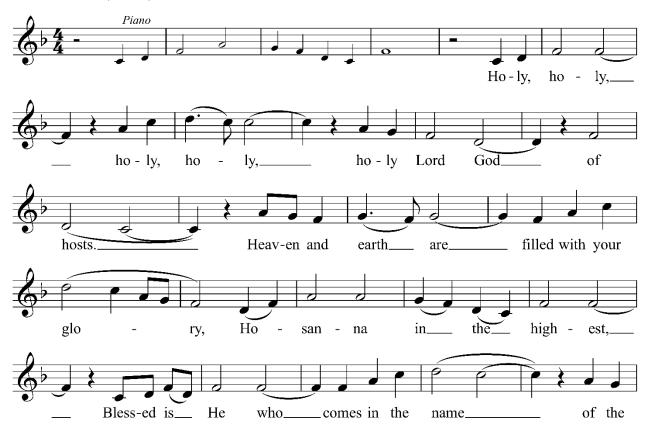
Ndio haki tena ni wajibu wetu.

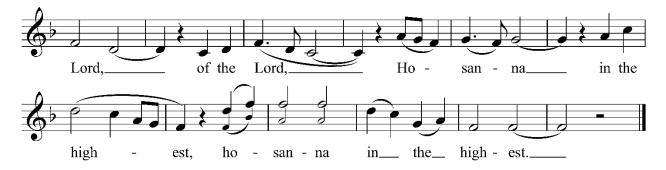
Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Presider Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every generation, time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

SANCTUS: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

MASS OF A SOULFUL PEOPLE





Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

Presider But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Presider Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

Presider On the night we handed him over to death upon the cross, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, a symbol of our hunger; and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider After supper he took the wine, a symbol of our need; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Presider Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Mary the Godbearer, Blessed Timothy, Blessed Patrick of Ireland and all your saints past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Presider Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All AMEN and ASHE!

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Bishop And now, in the language of our hearts, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.

[ESPANOL] 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. Tuyos son el reino, el poder y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

[ENGLISH] 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.

[KISWAHILI] Baba yetu, uliye mbinguni, jina lako litukuzwe, Ufalme wako uje, mapenzi yako yatimizwe, hapa duniani kama huko Mbinguni, utupe leo, riziki yetu, utusamehe makosa yetu Kama sisi navyo tunavyowasamehe waliotukosa, usitutie majaribuni, lakini utuokoe na yule muovu kwa kuwa ufalme ni wako na nguvu a utukufu, sasa na hata milele. Amina.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM: WHOEVER COMES TO ME

FRACTION ANTHEMS, CANTICLES, & CHANTS



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INVITATION TO SHARE THE SACRED MEAL

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

Presider 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

Those joining in worship virtually are invited to offer the following prayer.

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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: STABAT MATER

GIOVANNI BATTISTA PERGOLESI (1710-1736)

Stabat mater dolorosa Iuxta crucem lacrimosa, Dum pendebat Filius A sorrowing mother stood weeping beside the Cross while her son hung there

COMMUNION HYMN: HYMNAL 1982 #602 101 "JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE

SPIRITUAL

REFRAIN: Jesu Jesu fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

- Kneels at the feet of his friends,
 Silently washes their feet,
 Master who pours out himself for them.
- 2. Neighbors are rich and poor, Neighbors are black and white, Neighbors are near and far away.
- These are the ones we should serve,
 These are the ones we should love.
 All are neighbors to us and you.
- 4. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
 Silently washing their feet,
 This is the way we should live with you

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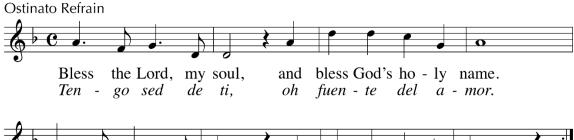
1. Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees;

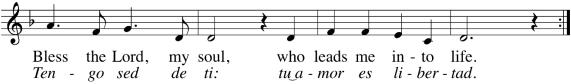
Refrain
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees;
- 3. Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees;

COMMUNION HYMN: BLESS THE LORD MY SOUL

TAIZE





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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The Presider invites the community to join in the post communion prayer.

Presider God is with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people.



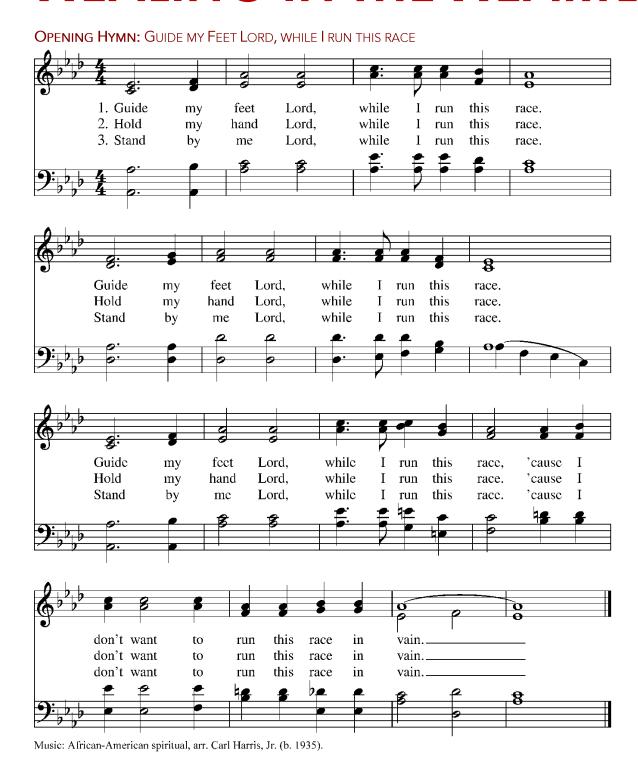
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Deacon Our worship is ended. Our service in the world now begins. Go forth into this world knowing that you stand on the shoulders of the Ancestors. Go forth with the knowledge and wisdom of the Elders. Go forth in the name of Christ.

All Thanks be to God. Tumshukuru Mungu.

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THE CONCLUDING PRAYERS

The Bishop offers thanks for the day and for the road ahead. The Bishop concludes with these words.

- Bishop As we take our leave, having been inspired to be repairers of the breach and healers of the nations, let us offer prayers for what God has called us to today and for where call us leading us into the future.
- God of healing and reconciliation, there is no doubt that you have moved among us today. We have been touched by your call to belovedness, wounded by your call to repentance, and emboldened by your Spirit's call to be peacemakers in our fractured world.
- Give us the gift of imaginative faith so that in those moments when all we see is overwhelming shadow, we might shimmer with the light of Christ, that when we are awash in the death-dealing ways of our world, we may be a people who stomp our feet and call forth Lazarus as though Christ is alive and death has been defeated. As we prepare ourselves to depart from this holy place, let us reflect on the ways God is calling each of us. Silence
- Bishop For what today has been stirred within you that you are grateful for? With hearts full of praise, let us offer these to God either silently or aloud. Silence
- Bishop What are the ways we feel led to pray for the Church, the Diocese of Missouri, our parishes, and ministries? Let us offer up these prayers to God either silently or aloud. Silence
- Bishop What are the actions you feel called to in which you need to be empowered by the Holy Spirit? Let us ask for God's help now either silently or aloud. Silence
- Bishop Open us to your healing power, O God. We entrust ourselves to your care, knowing that you are doing for us and for all the world far better things than we can ask or imagine. With you as our companion and guide, strengthen us to hope for all that is good, and to fear no evil. For your love is stronger than death, and your faithfulness reaches to the heavens; and to you we give glory, Triune God, now and to the ages of ages. Amen.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

- Bishop Dear friends in Christ, each of us has made public profession of our faith, therefore let us renew the call to follow Christ by serving the world in his name. Will you uphold the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: To continue the apostle's teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayers; to resist evil and seek repentance and forgiveness; to proclaim in word and deed the Good News; to seek and serve Christ by loving your neighbor and yourself; and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
- All I will, God being my helper and guide.
- Bishop May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. Amen.

BLESSING

The Bishop Blesses the people.

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Deacon Let us go forth into the world in the power of the Spirit!

Thanks be to God. Tumshukuru Mungu. All

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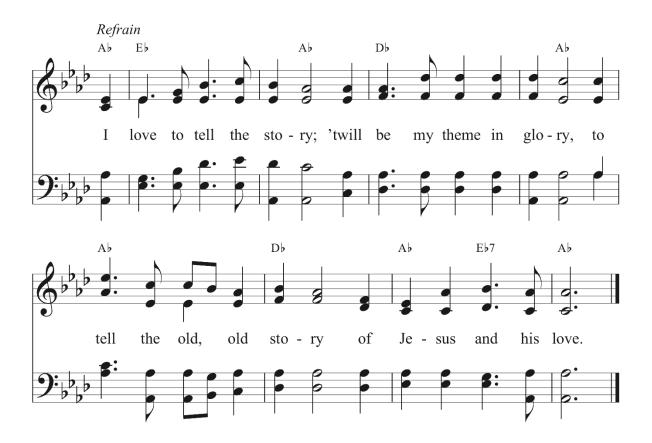
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OUR VISION:

A WORLD TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S LOVE, JUSTICE AND PEACE.

