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Confession and Forgiveness

As we ready our hearts for worship in this gathered community let us confess our sins which turn us away from God

Silence for reflection

God is love. Despite being made in God's image we forget to reflect that love to the world. Rather than simply proclaiming the three little words, God loves you, we judge others, we find fault and we place prerequisites on your grace. Forgive us for the ways we try to keep score and keep your kingdom small. Remind us to leave our selfish ways at the foot of the cross so that we might become the hands and feet of Christ for a waiting world.

Children of God, hear these three little words

You are forgiven

In the name of God who creates, Jesus who saves and the Holy Spirit who guides us. Amen.

Opening Hymn

All Are Welcome ELW 641

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions (refrain)
(refrain) All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign a new. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus; (refrain)

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us; (refrain)

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger; (refrain)

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter; (refrain)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

God throughout these forty days, you invite us to hear from you three little words at a time. As we reflect on all you say to us through the Holy Scriptures, keep our ears and our hearts open to the message you need us to hear. Make us ready to receive it and believe it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song [Songs Of Wisdom - His grace will carry you | Official Lyric Video](#)

Welcome the Word

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:22-28

We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in[a] hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes[b] with groanings too deep for words. And God,[c] who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit[d] intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together[e] for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day (refrain)

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness WOV 684

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free

Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing;

Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. (refrain)

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand and you goaded your people with a law and a land; and when they were blinded with idols and lies;

Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. (refrain)

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still; and down in the city you

called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. (refrain)

You call from tomorrow, your break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise. (refrain)

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, Receive our prayer

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

Offering Prayer

God of life, all that we have belongs to you. We place these gifts on the altar in thanksgiving for the ways you faithfully care for us. May they bless your world. Ready us now to receive Christ's presence at your never-ending feast. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Consecration

As we gather in the sanctuary to worship, Jesus invites us closer still, to this holy table where we receive the bread and the cup, a sacred meal he first shared with his followers just hours before he would go to the cross. On that night, Jesus took bread, broke it, gave thanks and said take and eat, this is my body given for you, do this in remembrance of me. Again after supper Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and said, take and drink, all of you. This is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. As we recall the three little words; take and eat, take and drink, which Jesus first

spoke, send your Holy Spirit on this bread and cup now so it might become Christ's body and blood for all who eat and drink of it. Hear us now as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us...

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

The table is set. Dinner is ready.

Hear these three little words as your invitation to Christ's table:

All are welcome

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks O God, for feeding us once again at Christ's table. May we continue to hunger only for justice and peace as we wait for Christ's resurrection and the new life it will surely bring. In Jesus' name we hope and pray. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve WOV 723

The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and all our
days to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the Gospel to proclaim, God's Spirit
has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

Thine is the Glory LBW 145

Thine is the glory, Risen conquering Son, Endless is the victory, thou
o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment. Rolled the stone
away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory risen conquering Son Endless is the victory thou
o'er death hast won

Lo, Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb. Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of
triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Thine is the glory risen conquering Son Endless is the victory thou
o'er death hast won

No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life; life is nought
without thee, aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors
though they deathless love, bring us safe through Jordan to thy
home above.

Thine is the glory risen conquering Son Endless is the victory thou
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Announcements and Dismissal Before you go in peace turn to
someone and say these three little words: **Jesus loves you**