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As We Gather

Each one of us comes into God's house individually, from different backgrounds, families, situations, experiences, challenges, and joys. But here, in God's house, something happens that makes us not just a collection of individuals but joined together as one person, one Body. This unity happens because we have been gathered by one Baptism in one faith in one Lord, our God whose greatness has been shown in our hearts and to the world in His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Here our Lord speaks, and we listen. And in the listening, we are moved to repentance and faith, true repentance of heart over our sins and true faith that knows that the Scriptures, the Word of God, are fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ. May true joy motivate our praise of God here and all our days as God's people scattered throughout the world.

PREPARATION

404 Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered

- 1 Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Had no blemish of His own;
In the waters of the Jordan, His true worth and work were shown:
Heaven opened and the Spirit, There descended like a dove,
As the Father's voice resounded, "Hear My Son, the One I love."
- 2 John confessed Him as the Savior—"Look, the sinless Lamb of God!"
Yet he dared not loose the sandals, Of the One God's love had shod.
Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus, Bringing news of peace to us,
Christ, the herald of salvation, Preaching mercy from the cross:
- 3 This the baptism that our Savior, Greatly longed to undergo;
This the crimson cleansing needed, So the world God's love might know;
This the mission of Messiah, As He stepped from Jordan's stream,
He, the chosen and anointed, Son of God, sent to redeem.
- 4 Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Full obedience was Your path;
You, by death, have consecrated, Water in this saving bath:
Dying to the sin of Adam, Rising to a life of grace;
We are counted with the righteous, Over us the cross You trace.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences *Romans 7:12, 22-24*

- P The law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.
C **For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,**

- P but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.
C **Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?**

Confession and Absolution

- P Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.
C **To You, O God, we confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and deeds, and also by the good that we have failed to do. Our love for You and for our neighbors has been weak or even dead. By Your Law, You reveal the judgment we rightly deserve. Because Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, has fulfilled Your Law on our behalf, we beg Your forgiveness and grace to restore us to life with You in the fellowship of all believers. Amen.**
P Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ, our Lord! In the stead and by the command of our Savior, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

WORD

Introit *Psalm 102:18-22; antiphon: v. 13*

You will arise and have pity on Zion;
it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.
Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:
that he looked down from his holy height;
from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,
to hear the groans of the prisoners,
to set free those who were doomed to die,
that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,
and in Jerusalem his praise,
when peoples gather together,
and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
You will arise and have pity on Zion;
it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

Kyrie

- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

946 Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise

- 1 Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

D 3 Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10*

¹All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalms 19:7–14; antiphon: v. 14*

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,

reviving the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure,

making wise the simple;

⁸the precepts of the LORD are right,

rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is pure,

enlightening the eyes;

⁹the fear of the LORD is clean,

enduring forever;

the just decrees of the LORD are true,

and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,

even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey

and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can discern his errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;

let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless,

and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Epistle *1 Corinthians 12:12–31a*

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

¹⁶And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?

¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all

teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse *Luke 4:18a*

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Luke 4:16–30*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁶[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives

and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” ²⁴And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

523 O Word of God Incarnate

1 O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance, That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.

2 The Church from You, dear Master, Received the gift divine;
And still that light is lifted, O’er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass, That, all life’s voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, Still guides, O Christ, to You.

3 O make Your Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations, Your true light as of old!
O teach Your wand’ring pilgrims, By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see You face to face!

Sermon

Apostles’ Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Installation of Officers

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Lord God, we give You thanks that You have gathered us together from our solitary lives to be a united family in the forgiveness of our sins. We thank You for Your wonderful grace and mercy, which You have revealed to us and to the whole world in Your Son, Jesus Christ. As we have faithfully heard Your mighty Word this day, cause our hearts to rejoice and respond in glad praise to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant unity and blessing to Your whole Church on earth. Give her grace and power to faithfully proclaim Your perfect Law and glorious Gospel. Bless all preachers of Your Word and those who serve You and the world in their various vocations. Grant that many be drawn by Your Spirit to join us in the fellowship of all the saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, graciously bless, protect, and defend our nation, its elected leaders, and especially those who serve bravely in the military and all the agencies that help and protect us. Bind all citizens of our country in a common allegiance and obedience to Your will and the rule of law. Bless all who care for the poor, the downtrodden, and the lonely. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As Your Son came to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, so bring comfort and healing to all who are sick or have any other adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Grant Your help and blessing to all who minister to them in any need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

D 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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