

Communion Service for February 2, 2020

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “The Great Commission” -arr. H. Livingston, Jr.

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: We know the outer conflict of war, and the inner conflict of grief and hopelessness.

All: So, we come to worship God who turns our world upside down in the name of Peace.

One: We know people who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

All: So, we gather before a God who turns our world upside down in the name of Justice.

One: We know those who are lonely, feeling unloved or unwanted.

All: So, we praise a God who turns our world upside down in the name of Love.

- GATHERING HYMN #651 “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” (*Verses 1, 2 & 4*)

- PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In unison*)

We have heard it said so often, Holy God, that we begin to believe it is your word, “Look after number one... Get them before they get you... Better be safe than sorry... What’s someone else’s problems got to do with me... Only the strong survive... Money makes the world go round... Revenge is sweet... Avoid pain at all costs...” Gracious God, forgive us when, as Christ’s own people, we believe these words to be life giving when through his life and teachings, death and resurrection, Jesus has shown us a better way.

- SILENT PRAYER

- WORDS OF ASSURANCE

- THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

(*Ushers pick up Prayer cards*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost.**

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and ever shall be

World without end. Amen. Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

- GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST “satta” – Peace

• CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #41 “Halle-Halle-Halleluja”

Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halle-Halle-Halleluja.

Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halleluja. Halleluja.

(Repeat as necessary)

(Children may leave for Sunday school ages 3 years – 5th grade)

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Micah 6:1-8** *(page 866)*

Psalm 15 *(page 495)*

Second Reading: **Matthew 5:1-12** *(page 4)*

I Corinthians 1:18-31 *(page 166)*

SERMON

CHORAL ANTHEM “Blessed Are They” -D. Haas *(Erma Politoski, soloist)*

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER *(In unison)*

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “Near to the Heart of God” -arr. J. Southbridge

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” *(Sung by all)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

• DEDICATION OF GIFTS *(In unison)*

O God, you bless us in so many areas of our lives. Help us have eyes to see and hearts to understand the depth of your love and blessing. Today, we give out of that blessedness, dedicating ourselves to lives of justice and love, giving all that we are and all that we have, to bring about your beloved community, here and now. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving #414: (*Sung by all*)

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Supper

Communion Hymn (*While serving*) #422 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*In unison*)

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west, and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. By the power of your Holy Spirit keep us faithful to your will. Go with us into the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant people of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

• SENDING HYMN #668 “For the Healing of the Nations” (*Verses 1,3, & 4*)

• BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Praising the Almighty” -E. Broughton

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly.

Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.

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Communion at Emanuel

At Emanuel we practice an open communion table. We invite all who have come seeking God’s grace to share in this holy meal. The ushers will invite you to come forward, you may take a piece of bread and dip it in the juice (white) or wine (red). Or you may take a small cup of juice. All the bread is now Gluten Free. If you choose to remain seated a communion steward will come to you.