



WELCOME TO THE BANQUET

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray: **Almighty God**, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: **Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear what the Lord Jesus Christ says: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

GATHERING SONG

DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY

Please stand as you are able.

Traditional

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord show me the way
O sisters, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sisters, let's go down
Down in the river to pray
As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown?
Good Lord show me the way
O brothers, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on brothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray
As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord show me the way
O fathers, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down

O fathers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray
As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown?
Good Lord show me the way
O mothers, let's go down
Come on down, don't you wanna go down?
Come on mothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray
As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord show me the way
O sinners, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sinners, let's go down
Down in the river to pray
As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown?
Good Lord show me the way

Said by all

1 John 4:7-11

Beloved, let us love one another, *
for love is of God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, *
for God is Love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us, *
that God sent their only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *
and sent their Son that sins might be forgiven.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
and God's love will be perfected in us.

As we sing, the reader comes to the middle of the room, just as Christ comes among us. All turn in toward the reader.

**Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

READING

MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

Please sit.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

We are convinced that the wisdom and image of God is present equally in all people. Thus, after the homily and a brief time of pause and reflection, the floor will be opened for a discussion and sharing around the themes of the text. There is space provided in your bulletins or the art notebooks for you to take notes or reflect in any way that would be meaningful for you. All we be welcome to share.

HOMILY

TIME OF REFLECTION

I SEE AMERICA

Joy Oladakun

Please feel free to use the space below to reflect on what words or images might be emerging for you this morning.

CONVERSATION

We welcome now a time of sharing and conversation. There is so much wisdom here, we invite you to share what is coming up for you or what you have drawn or what questions you may have. All are welcome to share. All are welcome to disagree. Please raise your hand and a microphone will come to you.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

This is a statement that we repeat in order to remember who we are, who God is and how we want to live in the world.

Leader God is One God,

All **the almighty, creator of heaven and earth, of all that is - seen and unseen.**

God is Jesus Christ,

the eternal Son, divine and human, our Savior. His life, death, and resurrection reveal to us that God is love.

God is The Holy Spirit,

at work in the world. Speaking through prophets past and present, inspiring us, holding us accountable, leading us to grow into the full stature of Christ.

With God's help,

We will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers.

With God's help,
We will persevere in resisting evil, and when falling into sin, we will repent and return to God.

With God's help,
We will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.

With God's help,
We will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourself.

With God's help,
We will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

CONFESSON AND RESPONSE

God, you have called us to be Love in the world:

We do not always recognize our belovedness;
We do not always recognize the belovedness of our neighbor;
We know we harm our relationship with you
And our relationships with each other
With words said and unsaid
With deeds done and undone
We ask for your unreserved forgiveness.
We ask for your unconditional love.
Help us to forgive without reservation.
Help us to love without condition.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

PEACE

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited, to follow with us on the path of the cross and find the nourishment at the table of God's love.

Come, **Let us walk in love, as Christ loves us.**

As the music plays, the congregation will gather around the altar on the for communion. Please bring your bulletin with you.

SONG

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

LEVAS #189

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Eucharistic Prayer has been adapted from St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco.

Celebrant It is with all our hearts and all our minds

People **We give thanks to you, Mother and Father of all creation
You make all things and call them good.
You love us into being,
You form us in your image
and breathe into us the breath of life.**

Intercessor Give thanks for God's work among all of her people.
Free prayers from the people.

Celebrant When we turn away, when we ignore your love.

All **You remain steadfast. You are faithful to us.
You liberate us from captivity,
Freeing us to love your world more fully
You set before us the way of life.**

Intercessor Pray for enemies and for friends.
Free prayers from the people.

Intercessor Pray for the violent and for those who suffer at others' hands.
Free prayers from the people.

Celebrant Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By his baptism of suffering and death
you give your people birth into a living hope.
Raising Jesus from the dead,
you make a new covenant with us,
by water and the Spirit,
and give us to one another.

All **We who were lost people are now your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who calls us out of death into his Life.**

Intercessor Pray for the hungry and sick and afraid.
Free prayers from the people.

Intercessor Pray for prisoners and those without homes.
Free prayers from the people.

Celebrant On the night when he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said,

“Take, eat: this is my Body which is broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Intercessor Pray for the dead and for mourners.
Free prayers from the people.

Celebrant On the third day you raised Jesus from the dead
and revealed him to the women
who came to the tomb to care for his body.
On that day Jesus was recognized by his disciples
in the breaking of bread.
And so, remembering these your
mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
We offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
and we praise you and we bless you.

All **We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you
our God.**

Celebrant Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By your spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in loving service to all the world,
until all may feast at your heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, and
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
we are bold to say

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION

Behold what you are. Become what you receive.
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to gather at the table of God's love.

If you would like to receive the sacrament, please come forward.

Once you have received the bread, you are invited to dip it in the cup or drink from the cup if you would like.

If you would like gluten free, please let us know.

After, you are invited to return to your original seat.

COMMUNION MUSIC

DOES YOUR HEART BREAK?

THE BRILLIANCE

[Verse 1]

When the walls fell
And the hungry child
Cried out for help
Did you hear the sound?
Did your heart break?
Does your heart break now?

[Chorus]

Cannot feel it in my soul
Cannot see you I'm alone
Can the blind have sight, have sight?
When you see us all alone
Can you hear your people Lord?
Can the blind have sight, have sight?

[Verse 3]

The world is burning
As You're standing by

Are you watching
As your children die?
Did your heart break?
Does your heart break now?

[Chorus]

Cannot feel it in my soul
Cannot see you I'm alone
Can the blind have sight, have sight?
When you see us all alone
Can you hear your people Lord?
Can the blind have sight, have sight?

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Said by all, please turn to face the open doors of the nave, as we prepare to go into the world.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon dismisses the People and the People respond.

Thanks be to God.

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer!

We love the sound of kids in our service.

Here are some ideas to keep them engaged:

Relax: It's OK for kids to be kids. We offer coloring pages, worship bags, and books they can use during the service.

Sit Close: Consider sitting up front where it's easier for kids to see.

Explain: Kids are curious! Explain what's happening in the service.

Participate: Kids learn by mimicking what you do. So sing, pray, respond, etc. and kids will follow your lead.

Wander: It's OK to move around. Sometimes it's easier to let fidgety kids wander.

Need to Leave? No problem, there are spaces to take a break - kids need that sometimes. Come back when you're ready!

Ask: Questions or need help? Just ask our ushers.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Matthew 19:14 NRSV



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YOUR NAME
Here

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAG - As we gather together for worship today it is important to wear your nametag to help us all remember names or just meet for the first time. Don't have a nametag yet? Sign-up for one in the narthex/lobby near the entrance to the chapel. It will be ready for you next Sunday in the nametag cabinet.

CALENDAR

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Philip DeVaul
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<i>Sacristan</i>	Elise Allred
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Kelli Wisecup
<i>Intercessor</i>	Jo Henning
<i>Chalice Bearers</i>	Elise Allred. Kelli Wisecup
<i>Ushers</i>	Jared Utah, Kylie Utah
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Emily Esslinger, Pattie Kovach, Liz Schildknecht
<i>Bread Guild</i>	Cheryl Fast
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Christy Borneman, Vicky Carroll, Andrea Schenck, Melanie Schottelkotte

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