

# GOD GATHERS THE BODY OF CHRIST

**Prelude:** “Your Grace is Enough”

## **Call to Worship:**

*L: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord + Jesus Christ, by whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ is risen!*

**P: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Gathering Song:** “Above All”

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## **Prayer of Confession**

*L: Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance...*

Silence for meditation

*L: God of life,*

**P: by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new. Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to voices that challenge us. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **Announcement of Forgiveness**

*L: People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.*

**P: Alleluia! Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise:** “Now the Feast and Celebration”

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## Prayer of the Day

L: *The Lord be with you.*

P: **And also with you.**

L: *Let us pray, Almighty God,*

P: **with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

L: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.* P: **And also with you.**

(Worshippers are invited to greet one another with "Peace be with you.")

# GOD SPEAKS TO US IN THE WORD

**The Lesson:** 1 John 1:1—2:2

New Testament P. 211

*The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.*

## Psalm 133

### Song for the Word: "Listen"

*Sing eighths with a triplet feel*

The musical score is written for three parts: Part 1 (Soprano), Part 2 (Alto), and a Piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 75. The score consists of four measures. The lyrics for Part 1 are: "Lis - ten to the Wo - rd of the Lord." The lyrics for Part 2 are: "Lis - ten. Lis - ten. Lis - ten." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line with triplet eighth-note figures in the right hand.

**PART 1** Lis - ten to the Wo - rd of the Lord.

**PART 2** Lis - ten. Lis - ten. Lis - ten.

**The Gospel:** John 20:19-31

New Testament Pg. 101

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Lord appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

**The Message:** “So You May Have Life”

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**Hymn of the Day:** “Blessed Assurance”

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**Affirmation of Faith: Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church**

(As each of the prayers concludes, *Lord, in your mercy*, the congregation will respond, **hear our prayer.**)

**Opportunities to Offer Our Time and Tithes for Mission and Ministry**

# GOD COMES TO US IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

## The Great Thanksgiving

L: *The Lord be with you.*

P: **And also with you.**

L: *Lift up your hearts.*

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## The Lord's Prayer

### The Communion

All persons seeking the forgiveness of sins and a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to meet the Risen Christ by eating and drinking at our table. You may choose from red wine or white grape juice in our tray of cups. Young children are invited forward to receive a blessing.



### Communion Music:

"In the Secret"

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"I'm Forever Grateful"

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## The Communion Blessing

# GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

## The Blessing

L: *The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and + bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

P: **Amen.**

**Sending Song:** "Your Grace is Enough"

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## The Dismissal

L: *Go in peace. Share the Good News!*

P: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**