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GATHERING

Prelude

“Brother James’ Air”

arr. John Helgen

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance,
let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the
ways**

of the world in which we live.

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God’s mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Entrance Hymn

#532 "Gather Us In"

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ,
The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with
you all. **Amen.**

Kyrie

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Glory to God

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Prayer of the Day

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your
people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us,
and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice
and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE WORD

Readings and Psalm

[Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)

[Psalm 23](#) (Choir)

by: Srul Irving Glick

[Ephesians 2:11-22](#)

Gospel Acclamation

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The Holy Gospel

Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Mark 6:30-34, 53-56](#)

Response after the conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day:

#780 "Shepherd Me, O God" (Congregation Sings Refrain)

Apostle's Creed

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Prayers of the Church

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock. Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nourish this congregation, O God. Prepare a table where we receive food for our hungering spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another and revitalize our ministries of feeding and nurturing hungry neighbors. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens with the saints (*especially*). As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offertory Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

<h2>THE LORD'S SUPPER</h2>

The Great Thanksgiving

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Holy, Holy, Holy

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Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Lamb of God

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SENDING

Post Communion Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

Announcements

We have updated our procedures with the latest recommendations from the CDC: masks are not required for those who have been fully vaccinated but are welcome for anyone who wants or needs to continue to wear them. For the safety and comfort of those not yet vaccinated for Covid 19 or with underlying health risks,

please be considerate when sharing the peace, and please use the courtyard for conversations following worship.

Last Sunday's special offering at Church in the Park given to support the ministry of **Family Promise** raised **\$485**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

The Ascension Transition Team have submitted their report to the Council along with the first draft of the **Ministry Site Profile**. **The Call Committee** for selecting the next settled pastor will be appointed by the Congregation Council soon.

We are looking for volunteers to staff the Audio-visual equipment for broadcasting worship over Zoom and livestreaming in the future. Training sessions will be offered in the coming weeks.

We have reached approximately 79% of the goal for the purchase of the livestreaming and audio equipment. Thank you for your generous support!

Blessing

Life is short,
And we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who
make the journey with us.
So be swift to love,
and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of the triune God,
who made us,
who loves us,
and who travels with us
be with you now and forever. **Amen**

Sending Hymn

#536 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Pastorale”

by Domenico Zipoli

WORSHIP MINISTERS

- Reader
- Cantor Morgan Williams
- Ushers
- Organist Gaela Young
- Nursery Estelle Bennett

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