



Election Day Communion

November 6, 2012

Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.
When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;
on that very day their plans come to nothing.

⁵Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God.

PSALM 146:3-5

EVENING WORSHIP – 6:00 P.M.

(*Please stand if you are able.)

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WORSHIP

We Gather Together to Worship and Praise

Call to Worship

We have come together as
one.

**One people, gathered in the
name of one God.**

We will worship together as
one.

**One community, giving
praise and honor to the
Righteous One.**

We are being empowered as
one by One.

**One body and one Spirit,
called to the hope of one
calling, one Lord, one faith,
one baptism,
one God and Father of all
who is above all and
through all and in all.**

Now, in the name of the
Three-in-One, we act as one.

**One people, giving witness
to the power of One.**

**In Christ There is No East
or West (Gray #540:1-4)*

*In Christ there is no east or
west, in him no pride of birth
the chosen family God has
blessed now spans the whole
wide earth.*

*For God in Christ has made
us one from every land and
race;
he reconciled us through his
Son and met us with his
grace.*

*It is by grace we are assured
that we belong to him;
the love we share in Christ
our Lord, the Spirit works
within.*

*So, brothers, sisters, praise
his name who died to set us
free
from sin, division, hate, and*

*shame, from spite and
enmity.*

**We Confess Our Sins and
are Renewed**

Prayer of Confession

You have made from one
blood all peoples of earth, O
God. We have denied our
common humanity and
divided ourselves into
competing camps.

We yell at each other so
loudly that we cease to hear
your voice.

When those outside of the
church look at us, they see
nothing different from their
own lives.

We know better, Gracious
God, but we do not do what
we know is right.

Forgive us. Break down the
walls that separate us.

Make us to be the ONE
people of God you have
claimed in the waters of
baptism.

Help us to live as reconciled
people that we might be a
light for the nations.

We pray these things in name
of Jesus, the Christ,
and through the Holy Spirit.

**Assurance of Pardon-
Ephesians 2:14-22**

Song of Response: *God of
Justice Ever Flowing* (Green
#101:Lenten stanzas 1-3)

*God of justice ever flowing,
righteousness beyond degree,
breath of mercy ever blowing
through our world to set us
free.*

*Let your justice roll like
waters, goodness like the
living stream,
so that we, your sons and
daughters catch the vision,
dream the dream.*

*Scales are still unjustly
weighted, children sold to
make new shoes,
while our appetites are sated
and we turn from troubling
news.*

*Cleanse our hearts, give us
compassion, to respond in
Jesus' name,
Offering love through prayer
and action, peace with justice
to proclaim.*

*Some may live in ease and
pleasure, others, suffering
slave away.*

*Some have luxury and
treasure, others struggle day
by day.*

*Teach us how to live more
simply, that we all may
simply live.*

*Caring for the poor yet
worthy, in Christ's name our
love to give.*

**We Pray Together for Our
World: Prayers For.....**

At the conclusion of each Scripture
lesson, the reader will conclude:
The word of the LORD. We invite
you to respond: Thanks be to God.

Matthew 6:19-34

**Creation Care and
Stewardship**

The Kingdom of God

*The kingdom of God is justice
and peace, and joy in the
Holy Spirit.*

*Come, Lord and open in us
the gates of your kingdom.*

Psalm 146

Peace Among the Nations

The Kingdom of God

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

**Our Presidential
Candidates**

The Kingdom of God
Jeremiah 29:4-14

The Future of Our Country

**In Times of Great Decision*

*In times of great decision,
Be with us, God, we pray
Give each of us a vision
Of Jesus' loving way.*

*When louder words seem
endless*

*And other voices sure,
Remind us of your promise:
Your love and truth endure.*

*O God, whose gifts are
countless,
You send us bearing peace.
You fill our dreams with
justice*

*For all communities.
You give us global neighbors
That all may justly live.
May those we choose as
leaders*

Reflect the life you give.

*O God, you bridged the
distance;*

*You opened wide your door.
You call us by our presence
To reach to serve the poor.
You teach us: Welcome
strangers
Seek justice on the earth
May those we choose as
leaders
See every person's worth.*

*You call on every nation
To put aside all greed,
To care for your creation
And for your ones in need,
To care for those in prison,
For children, for the ill.
In times of great decision,
may we choose leaders well.*

**We Gather Together
Around the Table**

Invitation

**Great Prayer of
Thanksgiving**
The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the
LORD.**

Let us give thanks to the
LORD our God.

**It is right for us to give
thanks and praise.**

Lead us, O God, to see Your
Kingdom of love, justice and
peace at work in our world.
Teach us to live in
accordance with your
Kingdom: to do justice, to
love kindness and to walk
humbly with you, our God.
Keep us faithful in your
service until Christ -- who
has entered into our
humanity, was crucified and
buried, resurrected and
ascended -- now comes in
final victory and we shall
then feast with all your saints
in the joy of your eternal
realm.

Until that day, send your
Holy Spirit to make us into
Your people -- holy and held
together for the sake of Jesus
Christ. May we and all your
people remain faithful in
hope and in love as You
gather Your whole church, O
LORD, into the glory of your
Kingdom.

**Through Christ, with
Christ, in Christ, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, all
glory and honor are yours,
Almighty God, now and
forever. Amen.**

Preparing the Bread and Cup

Is not the bread that we break
a sharing in the body of
Christ?

**We who are many are one
body, for we all share the
same loaf.**

Therefore, take, eat,
remember and believe that
the body of our LORD Jesus
Christ was given to forgive
and heal our sinful
brokenness.

Is not the cup for which we
give thanks a sharing in the
blood of Christ?

**The cup that we drink is
our participation in the
blood of Christ.**

Therefore, take, drink,
remember and believe that
the blood of our LORD Jesus
Christ was shed to forgive

and heal our sinful
brokenness.

Distribution

**Song of Response- Praise
God From Whom All
Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from whom all
blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here
below.
Praise him above, ye
heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy
Ghost.
Amen.*

Parting Blessing

May God bless you with
discomfort at easy answers,
half truths and dogmatic
divisions

**And we will be free to live
deep within our hearts.**

May God bless you with
anger at injustice, oppression
and exploitation of people

**And we will be free to work
for justice and peace.**

May God bless you with tears
to share with those who
suffer rejection, hunger and
war

**And we will be free to reach
out with friendship and
comfort.**

May God bless you with
enough foolishness to think
that you can make a
difference in the world.

**And we will do what others
claim cannot be done: In
unity, we will share
kindness and peace with
one another.**

Go in peace to love and to
serve!

*(As you exit the sanctuary,
please greet one another with
a word of welcome and
peace.)*



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in all the callings of our lives -
all to the Glory of God.**

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