

Episcopal Church of the Ascension
 Contemplative Eucharist - 25 February AD 2018

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

Gather Us In



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
 2. We are the young— our lives are a mys-t'ry,
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter,
 4. Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing,



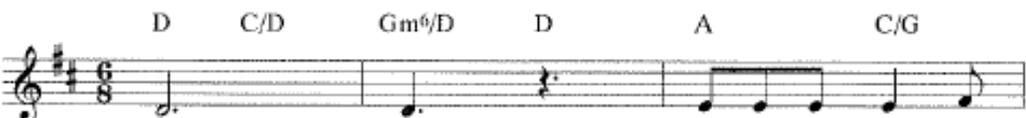
Now is the dark-ness van-ished a-way,
 We are the old— who yearn for your face,
 Here we will take the bread of new birth,
 Not in some heav-en, light-years a-way, But



See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 We have been sung through - out all of his-t'ry,
 Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this
 Called to be light to the whole hu-man
 Call us a-new to be salt for the
 Now is the King-dom, now is the



day.
 race.
 earth.
 day.
 Gath-er us in— the
 Gath-er us in— the
 Give us to drink the
 Gath-er us in and

D/F# G A C/G
 lost and for - sak - en, Gath - er us in— the
 rich and the haugh - ty, Gath - er us in— the
 wine of com - pas - sion, Give us to eat the
 hold us for ev - er, Gath - er us in and

D/F# G A D A
 blind and the lame; Call to us now, and
 proud and the strong; Give us a heart so
 bread that is you; Nour - ish us well, and
 make us your own; Gath - er us in— all

C G Gm/Bb Dm 3/8
 we shall a - wak - en, We shall a - rise at the
 meek and so low - ly, Give us the cour - age to
 teach us to fash - ion Lives that are ho - ly and
 peo - ples to - geth - er, Fire of love in our

C Am7 D C/D Gm6/D D
 sound of our name.
 en - ter the song.
 hearts that are true.
 flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1952
 Tune: GATHER US IN, Irregular; Marty Haugen, b.1952
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Psalm 22

Read responsively.

I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
 I will praise you in the very center of the congregation!

All of you who revere the LORD—praise him!
 All of you who are Jacob's descendants—honor him!
 All of you who are all Israel's offspring—
 stand in awe of him!

Because he didn't despise or detest
 the suffering of the one who suffered—
 he didn't hide his face from me.
 No, he listened when I cried out to him for help.

I offer praise in the great congregation
 because of you;
 I will fulfill my promises
 in the presence of those who honor God.

Let all those who are suffering eat and be full!
Let all who seek the LORD praise him!
I pray your hearts live forever!

Every part of the earth
will remember and come back to the LORD;
every family among all the nations will worship you.
Because the right to rule belongs to the LORD,
he rules all nations.

Indeed, all the earth's powerful
will worship him;
all who are descending to the dust
will kneel before him;
my being also lives for him.

Future descendants will serve him;
generations to come will be told about my Lord.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark [8:31-38]
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead." He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: "Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts." After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father's glory with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Silence, and Response

Meditation

Randy Lord-Wilkinson

Verses
Capo 3: (D)
F



1. Come back to me with all your heart.
 ‡ Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
 2. The wil - der - ness will lead you
 In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice, With
 3. ‡ You shall sleep se - cure with peace;

(G) (D) 1. 2. *To refrain*
 B \flat F



Don't let fear keep us a - part.
 so must we to oth - ers' call.
 to your heart where I will speak.
 ten - der - ness, ‡ you shall know.
 faith - ful - ness will be your joy. (*To refrain*)

Refrain
(A) (Bm)
C Dm



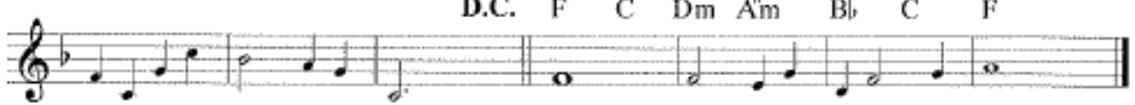
Long have I wait - ed for your com - ing

(E) (D) (A7) 1.-2.
G F C7 (D)
F F



home to me and liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

Last time
D.C. (D) (A) (Bm)(F#m) (G) (A) (D)
F C Dm Am B \flat C F



life.

Text: Based on Hosea 6:1, 3:3, 2:16,21; Joel 2:12; Gregory Morbet, b.1940
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Intercessions

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, pausing for silence between petitions, and then offering spoken prayers as inspired to do so.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

God of love.
You hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

God of love.
You hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

God of love.
You hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

God of love.
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Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

God of love.
You hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

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God of love.
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At the conclusion of the prayers, the leader says:

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and to do. In God there is forgiveness. Let us confess our sins.

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The celebrant says

Through the cross of Christ, may God have mercy on us, pardon us and set us free. Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

1. All who hun-ger gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na
 2. All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er, Je-sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring.
 wel-come guest. Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing.
 liv-ing bread. Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 lost and scat-tered in com-mun-ion's love have stood.
 from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal.
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Taste and see that God is good.
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Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)

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We offer gifts of money, bread and wine to show that all we have and all that we are comes as a gift from God.

The Holy Communion

It is recommended that people stand as they are able throughout the following prayer.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father in heaven,
holy is your Name,
your kingdom come
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us
as we forgive others.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The Celebrant invites the people saying

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and lives in you.

Administration of the Sacrament: At Ascension, all are welcome to receive the bread and wine. Come to the communion station and receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you, or you may hold the bread and dip it into the wine when the cup is offered to you. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Make your need known to the Clergy by holding up three fingers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than receive communion, please join in the movement to the communion station and cross your arms over the front of your chest - this will alert the Clergy of your desire to be blessed.

The ministers say the following words:

The Spirit of Christ, the bread of life.
The Spirit of Christ, the cup of life.

The communicant may respond each time
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in Jesus and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

How Can I Keep from Singing

Verses

1. My life flows on in end-less song A -
 2. Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I
 3. What though the tem-pest 'round me roar, I
 4. When ty-rants trem-ble, sick with fear, And
 5. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A

F B \flat

bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion. I hear the real though
 hear that mu-sic ring-ing; It sounds and ech-oes
 hear the truth it liv-eth. What though the dark-ness
 hear their death knells ring-ing; When friends re-joice both
 foun-tain ev-er spring-ing. All things are mine since

F F/A B \flat C F

far-off hymn That hails a new cre-a-tion,
 in my soul; How can I keep from sing-ing?
 'round me close, Songs in the night it giv-eth.
 far and near, How can I keep from sing-ing?
 I am his; How can I keep from sing-ing?

B \flat F/C C 7 FSUS 4 F

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm, While to that rock I'm

F Am B \flat F Am

cling-ing. Since love is Lord of heav-en and earth,

Dm 7 F Am B \flat F

How can I keep from sing-ing?

F/C C 7 F B \flat F

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The Dismissal

Celebrant:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.