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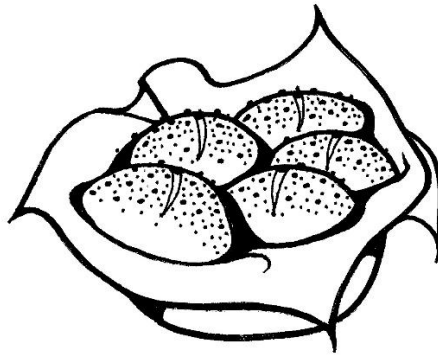
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WOV Holy Communion, Setting Five: Bread of Life

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

We at Grace Lutheran Church strive to reflect and proclaim the love of God shown to us by Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit by providing an inclusive and supportive environment through loving care and community service.

A warm welcome to those who are here worshipping in-person and on-line with us today! Here at Grace Lutheran we believe God is active in your life. Even you being here now is testament of God's calling and leading in your heart, which you have faithfully heeded. So we welcome you, and pray that today you will be nurtured and that the gifts that God has graciously given you will be stirred for the sake of God's mission in the world.

Grace Lutheran worships, prays, and serves on the traditional and unceded lands and territories of the hən̓q̓əmiñəm̓ (Musqueam) and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) peoples.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this day in the name of our Lord, who is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. For our God is good to all, upholding those who fall and lifting up the lowly, and righteous and loving in all possible ways. And so in our worship we shall sing praises to our Lord, and bless God's holy name forever, through Jesus Christ.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

GATHERING HYMN: Break Now the Bread of Life (ELW #515)

GREETING

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

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God (WOV p. 29)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, the whole of creation looks to you, and you feed and nourish us in due season. May your hand always be open to us, that we be satisfied by your redeeming grace and steadfast love, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;

come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread

and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22

- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- ⁹ **The LORD is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.**
- ¹⁵ The LORD upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- ¹⁶ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**
- ¹⁷ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- ¹⁸ **The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.**
- ¹⁹ The LORD is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- ²⁰ **He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and helps them.**
- ²¹ The LORD preserves all those who love him,
but he destroys all the wicked.
- ²² **My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Romans.

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (WOV p. 31)

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: I Come with Joy (ELW #482)

CREED (WOV p. 18)

Together with all those nourished by the love of God, let us confess the Christian faith with the Apostle's Creed:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

Called into God's abundant and steadfast love, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Each petition will end with "Lord, in your unending mercy," and you are all invited to respond with **hear our prayer**. Lord, in your unending mercy, **hear our prayer**.

O God, you are gracious and full of compassion, and all of our faith is in you. May the abundance of your inclusive love fill our lives and communities and move us in gracious welcome and service to all. Lord, in your unending mercy, **hear our prayer**.

O God, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and your forgiving grace lifts us up and strengthens our ministry. May our service to you and each other be faithful and reflective of your gospel in the world. We remember in prayer our neighbouring faith communities; those who use this building for worship, work, and play; our partners Anglican Church of Canada and Moravian Church in Canada; and all our bishops, rostered ministers, congregations, and ministries of the ELCIC. In particular, we pray for Hope Lutheran Church in Nanaimo and their pastor Derek Solberg; for Luther Court in Victoria and all the other care facilities and institutions that house our seniors; and for all the hospital chaplains across this country. Lord, in your unending mercy, **hear our prayer**.

O God, you are good to all, and your compassion reigns over all that you have made. Strengthen our stewardship of this planet, that our care of it will reflect your goodness and allow all people to recognise and appreciate your hand and presence in all of creation. Lord, in your unending mercy, **hear our prayer**.

O God, you uphold all who fall, and you lift up the lowly. Be with all areas of the world that face war, violence, and political turmoil, that your justice and grace act as a beacon of hope for all in need. We also pray for the continued support of those that we've sponsored to come into our country: Abraham Barhane; Solyana Amanuel; and Filimon Abraha; as well as for those who have not yet arrived: Maekele Kiflu, Selam Haile, and their children; and Meri, Surafiel, Nohom, and Elita Gabramikael. Lord, in your unending mercy, **hear our prayer**.

O God, you watch over us and you bring us into healing and wholeness. Be with all those among us who are sick, who mourn, or who feel lonely, that your love shine in and through us and our communities always. Especially we pray for Kathy and family; Bryan and Chona; Ron, Tess, and Mineko; Greg and Aikiko; Bev and family; John and Betty; Sukhwant; Pastor Kristen; Pastor Carol; Laura; Kandie; Will; Chris; Larry; Walter; Piet; Kelly; Betty; Ngan Kew (nan CUE); Matt; Patty; Sarasawathi; and all those we name aloud or quietly in our hearts at this time... Lord, in your unending mercy, **hear our prayer**.

O God, our mouths speak your praises and we bless your holy name forever and ever, in which you invite us to reside in forever. May the lives that we've loved and lost inspire us in our own lives of faith, which then can in turn serve as an inspiration for those that come after us. Lord, in your unending mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the feeding of your steadfast love and compassion, shown to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

PEACE (WOV p. 20)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

DIALOGUE (WOV p. 36)

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and places give thanks and praise to you, O God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who reveals to all of us the abundance of your grace and the steadfastness of your love, that we might be joined with all the choirs of angels, the hosts of heaven, and the church on earth, to praise your name with this unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (WOV p. 36)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Yes God, you are mighty and holy, and your steadfast love and righteousness inspire our compassion in and around our community, drawing us together into recognition and appreciation of all that you have done in creating us, reforming us, and saving us with your unending grace. And above all, you sent to us Jesus, your Son, to be with us as one of us, to lead by example and to teach us your Word of mercy and justice.

For on the night that he was betrayed, your Son Jesus sat with his friends for a meal, where he took the bread, gave thanks, broke and shared it saying, "Take and eat, this is my body broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And after they ate, he took the cup, gave thanks, and passed it around the table for them to drink from saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

It is in this bread and cup, O God, that we are fed by your abundant love, reminding us of your steadfast grace and mercy, emboldening us to confidently declare the basis of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

So it is to you, O God, that all honour and glory belong, for all that you do for our congregation, community, and church, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (WOV p. 25)

Gathered into the steadfast love of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see the abundance of God's love.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS: Lamb of God (WOV p. 39)
We Come to the Hungry Feast (ELW #479)
By Your Hand You Feed Your People (ELW #469)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, you have again fed and nourished us with your Word and truth, manifested by this food we just shared. Be with us as we go from here, that we might be continually strengthened and empowered by your steadfast love and grace, through Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May the God of compassion bless you and keep you,
the God of all mercy shine on you and be gracious unto you,
the God of steadfast love look upon you with favour, and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (ELW #461)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, abundantly blessed and steadfastly loved.
Thanks be to God.