



"For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building."

- 1 Corinthians 3:9(NRSV)



"So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."

Gathering as the Body of Christ

CENTERING SONG

“GIVE ME JESUS”

(v. 1-3)

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Give Me Jesus

1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I
2 Dark mid-night was my cry, dark mid-night was my
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of
4 Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to

rise, in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
cry, dark mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
day, just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
die, oh, when I come to die, give me Je - sus.

Refrain Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus; you may

have all this world; give me Je - - sus.

Chords: G, C, G, Am, Em, F, G⁷, C, G, Am, C, D⁷, G⁷, C, F, C, Fmaj9, Em, G, F, Am, G⁷, C⁷, E⁷, Am, D⁷, G⁷, Am⁷, F, C.

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Open unto us, light for our darkness,

People: Open unto us, courage for our fear

Leader: Open unto us, hope for our despair,

People: Open unto us, peace for our turmoil

Leader: Open unto us, joy for our sorrow,

People: Open unto us, strength for our weakness

Leader: Open unto us, wisdom for our confusion,

People: Open unto us, forgiveness for our sins

Leader: Open unto us, tenderness for our toughness,

People: Open unto us, love for our hates

Leader: Open unto us, Thy Self for ourselves,

All: Lord, Lord, open unto us!

OPENING SONG [SOLO]

RAIN ON US

ARR. EARNEST PUGH

***CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

[Sat. only - All are invited to turn toward the Baptismal Font.]

The baptismal font reminds us of God's promise of cleansing and forgiveness. In that confidence, let us lift our voices in a prayer of confession.

God of majesty and power, we tremble when we become aware of who you are. We confess our preference for the predictable. We admit your resistance to your Spirit. We acknowledge our misuse of your gifts to us. We prefer our divisions to your unity. Forgive us, O God of power and might, that we might forgive. Draw us back into a right relationship with you, and with one another. Amen.

God has reached out to us once again, offering salvation, making us whole, drawing us into community, where life is integrated and filled with meaning. The Spirit comes to us, making holy the commonplace.

We are forgiven. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

You are invited to pass the peace to each other in a non-contact way that's comfortable to you and your neighbor.

Not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace, not a halfhearted peace, but the peace of God in Christ Jesus be with you all.

And also with you!

Let us share this peace with one another.

Service of the Word

POEM [SAT. ONLY]

“EQUALITY”

MAYA ANGELOU

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

NRSV

SERMON

REV. DR. DOMINIQUE DENMAN - FEB. 15

EQUILLA CURRY - FEB. 18

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Shelter God,

Help us to trust the promise.

There are times it feels like our present reality will always be.

It becomes difficult to dream.

Our imaginations for healing and health are far too small.

Expand them, God, that we might grow the branches of hope into something we can cling onto without them buckling under the weight of our next tragedy.

Let our dreaming be our rest,

a shade from the heat of the evils of this world—that our alienation and oppression would not resign us to the wilderness.

Be who you say you are.

If you are a stronghold, then keep the marginalized within the walls of your chest.

If you are destroyer of the veil, come and let it fall from the eyes of those who do injustice and make death.

And protect our dreaming, Lord,

that as we wait for you, our hope would not be tarnished by our tears, but renewed—sacred glints of light in the darkness. Amen.

Service of the Table

OFFERTORY SONG

INSTRUMENTAL

***THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. At the beginning of time, your Spirit moved upon the waters of chaos as you called forth the land and sea, mountain and valley, desert and tundra, jungle and grassy plain.

Your Spirit went before Moses and the Hebrew children, a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, leading them through the wilderness. Your Spirit roused the hearts of the prophets who proclaimed your judgment upon the nations and called for repentance among your people. For these mighty acts of your Holy Spirit, we praise your name and join in the eternal hymn of all the angels and saints who sang:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, indeed, and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son. By your Spirit you anointed him to bring good news to the poor and to proclaim release to the captives. By your Spirit, Jesus confronted the demons of oppression. In your Spirit, he rejoiced as his disciples did great work in his name. At his death on the cross Jesus yielded up his spirit to you, and by the Holy Spirit you raised him from the dead. This same enlightening, empowering, enlivening Spirit Jesus promised to all who keep his commandment to love as he has love.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

When the supper was over, he took the cup and gave thanks, saying, Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

Therefore, in remembrance of the mighty acts and blessed promised of Jesus, we offer ourselves to you in union with his offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered here out of love for you, and on this bread and wine. Let the bread we break be true fellowship in the body of Christ. Let the cup we share be a true participation in the new covenant in his blood. By your Spirit manifest in us the power of your redeeming love that we may be Christ for the world, serving in his name. Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

We have a few COVID related options for those who wish to partake. If you wish to receive from the ministers, take an empty eco-friendly cup from the stack on the aisle table and approach the minister, who will place a piece of bread in your open hand. All bread is gluten free.

Or you may take one of the sealed celebration cups with the wafer on top and juice beneath; hold them out to the minister for a blessing. A minister will pour grape juice into your cup. Eat, drink, and dispose of the cup in the waste baskets at the side aisles as you return to your seat.

COMMUNION SONG

“I NEED YOU TO SURVIVE”

HEZEKIAH WALKER

I need you, you need me.

We're all a part of God's body.

Stand with me, agree with me.

We're all a part of God's body.

It is God's will that every need be supplied.

You are important to me, I need you to survive.

You are important to me, I need you to survive. [Repeat]

I pray for you , you pray for me.
I love you, I need you to survive.
I won't harm you with words from my mouth.
I love you, I need you to survive. [Repeat]

It is God's will that every need be supplied.
You are important to me, I need you to survive.
You are important to me, I need you to survive.

Going Forth as the Body of Christ

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Fount of mercy, fire of justice, dearest friend, bind us to you and send us out to seek and serve and sing your praise, until you gather us up in glory and bright, unending song. Amen.

***CLOSING SONG**

"LORD, MAKE ME MORE HOLY"

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***BENEDICTION**

SENDING & POSTLUDE

Remember that you are not alone.
United by belief, purpose, humanity.

Altar Coverings: As we commemorate Black History month, our altar panels have been covered by the art work of Schirlyn Kamara. Schirlyn is a local self-taught African-American artist who works in a number of mediums. Her Santee Chapel installation “Sisters and Saints” consists of 6 wooden panels (acrylic) depicting black and brown women in various postures of prayer and praise. Painting is a spiritual discipline for Schirlyn and she hopes that her art inspires, causes people to pay closer attention to the world around them, and positively impacts their lives. We are grateful for her sharing her gifts with our community!

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