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C: Guide our feet into the way of peace. *(Luke 1:79)*

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

During the distribution, one or more hymns may be sung. The worship leader and assistants administer the Sacrament with these words:

A. The Body of Christ, given for you.

A. The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

BLESSING AND RESPONSE

P: May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *(1 Thessalonians 5:23)*

C: Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for the glory of your people Israel. *(Luke 2:29-32)*

CLOSING HYMN

BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you ☩ and give you peace. *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

C: Amen.

P: May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. *(2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

C: Thanks be to God. *(1 Corinthians 15:57)*

SOLA SCRIPTURA SETTING



A SPOKEN LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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ABOUT THE SOLA SCRIPTURA SETTING

The historic Christian order of service and the traditional liturgy for worship are based upon the words of Scripture, from both Old and New Testaments. Various traditional elements of the service, like the *Nunc Dimittis* and Aaronic Benediction are taken directly from Scripture, while others like the *Gloria* and *Sanctus* are made up of many Bible passages brought together.

This setting of the service for Holy Communion attempts to make the connection to Scripture in worship even more explicit. The spoken dialog and prayers in this setting are taken directly from the English Standard Version (ESV), with the appropriate citations listed throughout.* These verses were chosen to convey the same sense and meaning found in the traditional liturgy, emphasizing the biblical basis for our worship.

Since this is a spoken liturgy, relying on musical accompaniment only for congregational hymns, it is well-suited for places where professionally-trained accompanists or vocal soloists are not available to lead a musical setting of the liturgy.

* In a few cases, the singular “I” has been changed to the plural “we” for use in corporate worship, with the grammar made consistent.

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PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

- P:** The Lord be with you. *(2 Thessalonians 3:16)*
- C:** **All the saints greet you.** *(2 Corinthians 13:13)*
- P:** Lift up your hearts. *(Lamentations 3:41)*
- C:** **To you, O Lord, we lift up our soul.** *(Psalm 25:1)*
- P:** Let us thank the Lord. *(Psalm 107:8)*
- C:** **We must always give thanks to God, as is right.** *(2 Thess. 1:3)*

SANCTUS

- P:** Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! *(Isaiah 6:3)*
- C:** **Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord ... Hosanna in the highest!** *(Mark 11:9-10)*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The worship leader declares the promise of Christ to the congregation, based on words found in Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, and 1 Corinthians 11:23-25.

- P:** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, 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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

- C:** **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, for ever and ever. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The worship leader and congregation call upon God in prayer.

P: Lord God of our salvation; we cry out day and night before you.

C: Let our prayer come before you; incline your ear to our cry.
(Psalm 88:1-2)

A: Let us pray ...

Here special supplications, intercessions, and prayers may be made.

A: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

P: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
(Philemon 1:3)

C. And also with you.

THE OFFERING

The congregation is seated. A hymn or other special music may be offered as the offering is received.

OFFERTORY HYMN

OFFERING PRAYER

The congregation is invited to stand.

P: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

C: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.
(1 Chronicles 29:10-11)

P: Who am I, and what is this people, that we should be able to bring you an offering?

C: For all things come from you, and from what is your own we have given you.
(1 Chronicles 29:14)

PRELUDE

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The worship leader begins with the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19)

C: Amen

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait.
(Psalm 25:4-5)

C: Amen

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.
(1 John 1:6-7)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen
(Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

The worship leader addresses the congregation.

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.
(1 John 1:6-7)

He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.
(Acts 10:42-43)

C: Amen

OPENING HYMN

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

C: **May the Lord your God be with you, also.** *(Joshua 1:17)*

VERSES OF PRAISE

The worship leader and congregation join in a dialog of Scripture verses, based on the themes of the Gloria.

A: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased! *(Luke 2:14)*

C: **Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever.** *(Revelation 7:12)*

A: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! *(John 1:29)*

C: **For the joy that was set before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.** *(Hebrews 12:2)*

A: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. *(Revelation 15:4)*

C: **For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.** *(Psalm 47:2)*

A: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. *(Acts 10:38)*

C: **And every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.** *(Philippians 2:11)*

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. *(2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray ...

The worship leader offers the Prayer of the Day.

C: **Amen.**

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

THE PSALM

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

GOSPEL INTRODUCTION

Prior to the reading of the Gospel, the congregation is asked to stand.

P: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,

C: **And we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.** *(John 6:68-69)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE SERMON

The sermon may end with the following blessing.

P: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *(Philippians 4:7)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Prior to the creedal confession of faith, the congregation is asked to stand.

C. **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