

The Rising

From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down

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We've gathered to worship, Becoming a choir to sing Your praise.

Lifting our voices, joining our hearts in this house today.

People of God, in the power of God, For the Kingdom of God we sing:

From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down

Let the name of the Lord be praised!

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Let the name of the Lord be praised!

From the sky to the depths, From the east to the west, We give You praise!

We're gathered to go out, To cities and towns We'll take Your name.

Into the nations, shining Your light in the darkest place.

People of God, in the power of God, for the Kingdom of God, we live:

From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down

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Welcome

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: We are Gathered by God--

C: To Share the Love of Jesus!

Pastor's Opening Comments

Welcome
Ephesians
Unity

Gathering Prayer

P: Let us pray together: Almighty God, gracious Father,

C: Look with mercy upon all who are gathered to worship You and send Your Holy Spirit among us to unify us in Christ Jesus. Join our hearts and voices and keep us in unity with all Your people until we sing praise to our Lord together, gathered around His throne of glory! In His precious name we pray; Amen.

The Church's One Foundation

**The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride,
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.**

**Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation-One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.**

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Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For heaven-sent peace and the hope of salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the Church's growth in faith and hope, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for the hope that God builds within us here, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy, now and forever; Amen.

Collect

P: The Lord be with you;

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together:

C: God and Father of us all, by Your Holy Spirit, You have called us to one hope, in the one body of the one Lord, Jesus Christ! As You have also given Your people as gifts to one another, make us humble and gentle, bearing with one another building each other up in love, and making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace first made through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended higher than all the heavens, to fill the whole universe! In His name we pray; Amen.

Epistle – Ephesians 4:1-16

^{4:1} I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ^{4:2} with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ^{4:3} eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ^{4:4} There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—^{4:5} one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ^{4:6} one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

^{4:7} But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ^{4:8} Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men."

^{4:9} (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower regions, into the earth? ^{4:10} He who descended is the One who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

^{4:11} And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ^{4:12} to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ^{4:13} until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, ^{4:14} tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

^{4:15} Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, ^{4:16} from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“YOU-nity”

Ephesians 4:1-16

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Convergent.png

Come, Imagine Life Together

**Come, imagine life together, Far beyond what we've conceived,
Urged by love to live lives worthy Of the calling we've received:
Ever patient, gently caring, God's beloved family,
Each forgiven and forgiving In the Spirit's unity.**

**One in body, one in Spirit, One in hope, one Lord of all,
One in faith, one God and Father, One our blest baptismal call;
One our Savior in Christ Jesus, Ours His blood-bought victory,
Ours His Spirit-sealed redemption, His our praise eternally.**

**We in Christ are God's pure household, No more strangers but God's own,
Built on prophets and apostles, Christ Himself our Cornerstone;
We His Church, a living temple, Reaching upward, pointing toward
Our true home, where angel hosts sing, "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"**

**Till God calls us home to glory, Till our Savior we adore,
We on earth with saints in heaven Are one Church forevermore.
We in love are bound together, Joined in mystic unity:
We by faith now see our Savior; They by sight their Savior see.**

**Now to Alpha and Omega, The beginning and the end,
May our prayers and praise, like incense, To His throne of grace ascend.
"Amen! Come, O come, Lord Jesus!" Is the Bride's and Spirit's call;
Until Christ returns in glory, May His grace be with us all!**

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Apostles' Creed

P: Baptized into Christ Jesus and living together in trust and hope, we confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church--the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

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P: In response to God's Word of promise, let us pray for the Church, for the whole world, and for all those in need, saying: Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Gracious Redeemer, in the desert, You sustained Your people with bread from heaven as they fled bondage in Egypt. Through Your Son, You feed us the bread of life in the wilderness of this current age. May Your Holy Spirit ignite within all Christians a desire for godly unity, and urge us toward a true understanding and love of Your Word and Sacraments. Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

I: Merciful Father, may we rejoice in our baptism that mercifully adopts us into Your family through the work of Your Son and the Holy Spirit. May we live in the Baptismal faith that You alone begin and sustain within us. Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: King of Kings, may all world leaders strive for peace, promote justice, and encourage the resolution of conflicts among all nations. Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

I: Father in Heaven, embolden us to share Your awesome deeds and abundant goodness who are separated from You and do not yet know Christ as their Savior. By our words and deeds may we shout aloud and sing of Your love and righteousness, shown and delivered through the life and ministry of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Merciful Father, You are good and merciful to all You have created. May Your hands that hold and nurture creation, also heal and comfort those who are burdened with illness, pain, and grief, especially those that we raise to You now... Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

I: Good Shepherd, may Your Spirit guide those who travel during the coming week. By Your omnipotent hand, send Your protecting angels to guard them from trial and danger. Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Come, Let Us Return

Come, come let us return to the Lord.

Come, come let us return to the Lord.

In brokenness of heart we consecrate our lives, singing:

Come, come let us return to the Lord.

With the rending of a heart, with the bowing of a knee--

Lord, we are returning.

With a prayer and with a fast, with a song in minor key--

Lord, we are repenting.

Even now, even now, with all of our hearts--

For You may turn, You may leave a blessing behind.

Come, come let us return to the Lord.

Come, come let us return to the Lord.

In brokenness of heart we consecrate our lives, singing:

Come, come let us return to the Lord.

In Your mercy You will come, In Your mercy You will come!

Surely as the rising sun, Surely as the rising sun!

In Your mercy You will come, In Your mercy You will come!

Surely as the rising sun, Surely as the rising sun!

Come, come let us return to the Lord.

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Confession & Absolution

P: Saint Paul urges us "to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

As we prepare to receive the body and blood of our Lord in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider the ways we have not been worthy of His calling, and clinging to His mercy, confess our sins.

(We keep silence for reflection)

P: For the times we have failed to live up to the name of Christ into which we have been baptized,

C: Forgive us, O Lord.

P: For the times we have lacked humility and gentleness,

C: Forgive us, O Lord.

P: For the times we have been impatient and intolerant,

C: Forgive us, O Lord.

P: For the times we have abandoned one another instead of making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,

C: Forgive us, O Lord.

P: For all the sins which rest heavy upon our hearts, we turn in repentance and pray:

C: Forgive us, O Lord.

P: Saint Paul also reminds us: “there is one Lord,” – who has created you and all things; “there is one faith,” – in Christ, who by His death has paid for your sins, and by His rising has opened the way to eternal life; and “there is one Baptism,” – by which the Holy Spirit has brought You to faith in the one God and Father of us all, who is over all and through all and in all.

In light of all this, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I rejoice to forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Let The Walls Fall Down

**Let the walls fall down, Let the walls fall down,
Let the walls fall down, By His love let the walls fall down.**

**One by one we're drawn together;
One by one to Jesus' side;
One in Him, we'll live forever;-
Strangers He has reconciled.**

**Let the walls fall down, Let the walls fall down,
Let the walls fall down, By His love let the walls fall down.**

**In His love, no walls between us;
In His love, a common ground;
Kneeling at the cross of Jesus
All our pride comes tumbling down.**

**Let the walls fall down, Let the walls fall down,
Let the walls fall down, By His love let the walls fall down.**

**Let the walls fall down, Let the walls fall down,
Let the walls fall down, By His love let the walls fall down.**

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Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

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Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray together: Heavenly Father, source of all good things,

C: As You have blessed Your children with many gifts, make us not only aware of them, but also joyful and willing to use them to serve and build one another up. Make it the norm, and not the exception, that we share Your love and compassion with those around us. In this, may we grow in every respect into the mature body of Him who is our head, Jesus Christ, our Lord. In His name we pray; Amen.

Communion - Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Communion - Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ! By His Spirit, He joins us together and builds us up as His Body that we may attain true unity in the faith and build one another up in love. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Communion - Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might! Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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 forever and ever; Amen.

Communion – Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Communion - Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace.

Instructions for Receiving Holy Communion

Communion - Table Prayer

P: Let us pray: Dear Savior,

C: We come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever; Amen.

O Lord, We Praise Thee

**O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.**

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish

Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,

That our sins and sorrows did carry,

And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given,

Life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;

May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee

That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.

All our debt Thou hast paid;

Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor

That we follow Christ our Savior,

And live together here in love and union

Nor despise this blest communion! O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;

Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;

Give Thy Church, Lord, to see

Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

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Communion - Reception

P: Take, eat: this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

C: Amen

P: Take, drink: this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins.

C: Amen

Communion - Dismissal

P: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C: Amen.

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

**Thine the amen, Thine the praise, Alleluias angels raise,
Thine the everlasting Head, Thine the breaking of the bread,
Thine the glory, Thine the story Thine the harvest, then the cup,
Thine the vineyard, then the cup is lifted up, lifted up!**

**Thine the life eternally, Thine the promise, let there be,
Thine the vision, Thine the tree, All the earth on bended knee.
Gone the nailing, gone the railing Gone the pleading, gone the cry—
Gone the sighing, gone the dying, what was loss lifted high!**

**Thine the truly, Thine the yes, Thine the table, we the guest.
Thine the mercy all from Thee, Thine the glory yet to be.
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war;
Thine the living, Thine the loving evermore, evermore!**

**Thine the kingdom, Thine the prize, Thine the wonder-full surprise,
Thine the banquet, then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways.
Thine the glory, Thine the story, Then the welcome to the least,
Then the wonder all-increasing at Thy feast, at Thy feast!**

**Thine the glory in the night, No more dying, only light.
Thine the river, Thine the tree, Then the Lamb eternally.
Then the "Holy! Holy! Holy!" celebration jubilee,
Thine the splendor, Thine the brightness, only Thee, only Thee!**

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Communion - Collect

P: Let us pray: O God, Your infinite love redirects those who err to the right way, reunites the scattered, and preserves those whom You have gathered.

C: **In Your tender mercy, pour out on us the grace of unity so that all divisions may be restored, all schisms healed, and the whole Body of Christ be united with one another under our gracious and glorious Head, Jesus Christ, our Lord. In His name we pray: Amen.**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

The Church's One Foundation

**Through toil, and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
'Til with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
And mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O blessed heavenly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, may see You face to face.**

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Sending

P: We are Gathered by God

C: to Share the Love of Jesus!

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Farewell & God's Blessings