

FAMILY COMMUNION LITURGY

Gathering

Gathering Hymn

People Sing: Uyai mose/Come, all you people (eventually “Where Two or Three”)

Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Family of God, the Lord calls us together in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: May the Spirit give us ears to hear, eyes to see, hearts to feel, and minds to understand.

Hymn

(changeable)

Call to Confession

Leader: Family of God, we worship a holy Lord, but we haven’t lived holy lives. We need to say we’re sorry for our sins.

Confession

Leader: God, we’re sorry for the way we’ve hurt you with our thoughts and words, by bad things we’ve done and good things we haven’t done.

People sing:



Leader: We haven’t loved you with our whole heart; we haven’t loved others as much as we love ourselves. We are very sorry.

People sing:



Leader: Please forgive us because of your Son Jesus Christ and help us to walk in your way and bring you glory.

People sing:



(We remember our baptism as the water is poured.)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Family of God, we worship a merciful Lord whose grace is stronger than our sin. God promises that when we say we're sorry, he will forgive us. Our sins are forgiven!

Gloria

People sing:



Word

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Dear God, we pray that you would speak to us through your Word.

People: May the Spirit give us ears to hear, eyes to see, hearts to feel, and minds to understand.

Old Testament Reading

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Processional

Leader: People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

People: May the Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

People: May the Word of the Lord grow in your hearts.

Children: Thanks be to God!

People: Go in Peace.

Lectionary Psalm

Sermon

Hymn of Response

(Parents leave during the hymn to get their kids during this hymn)

Intercessory Prayer

Water

Renunciation of Sins and Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

People: We do.

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

People: We do.

Leader: With God's help will you be Christ's faithful followers, obeying his Word and showing his love?

People: We will.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

Baptism

Baptism Hymn

Table

Preparing the Table

Leader: Family of God, Jesus Christ invites us to a feast. Let us set the table with our best gifts.

Offertory Hymn

People sing: "God is So Good"

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is fitting for us to give thanks. It is right and fitting, our joy and our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, almighty, everlasting God, through Christ our Lord.

Preface

Leader: We thank you God, creator of all. You gave us life and loved us before we even knew you. With grateful hearts we join the song of the redeemed:

Sanctus

People sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
san - na in the high - est, — Blest is he who comes,
heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry,
he who comes — in the name of the Lord, —
Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Institution

Leader: The night before Jesus was arrested, he was eating with his disciples. Like always, he took some bread, thanked God, broke it. But on this last night with his friends he added some strange and wonderful words. “This is my body, which is given for you. Eat this and remember me.” When they finished eating, he took a cup and said, “This cup makes you sons and daughters in my blood. Drink this and remember me.” And so even today when we eat this bread and drink this cup we remember Jesus’ death until he comes again.

We thank you God, for your Son Jesus Christ. His death freed us from sin. His resurrection gives us new life. His return will bring us to live in God’s house forever. We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

People sing:

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

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: We thank you God, for the Holy Spirit. May the Spirit make this bread and cup a holy meal of faith. May it nourish us and unite us with Jesus and each other. We, your people, pray as one:

People: Our Father...

Preparation of the Elements

Leader: The bread which we break, is it not our sharing in the body of Christ?

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

Leader: The cup for which we give thanks, is it not our sharing in the blood of Christ?

People: The cup which we all share is our fellowship in the blood of Christ.

Peace

Leader: Family of God, the love of Jesus gives us peace. Let us share this peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Invitation

Leader: Family of God, Jesus Christ invites us to a feast. Anyone who loves the Lord is welcome.

The Dedication

People: With hungry hearts we come to the feast.

Invitation to the Table

Leader: The table is set. The food is ready. Come to the Lord's Supper!

Communion

The Thanksgiving

Leader: Lord, we thank you for this food. We could never repay you. The only way we can show our gratitude is to live our lives for you.

People: Lord, we thank you for ears to hear, eyes to see, hearts to feel, and minds to understand. Now as we go out into your world, give us hands to work for good and feet to walk in your way.

Sending

Benediction

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

People sing:

The image displays a musical score for the word "Amen". It consists of two systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The vocal line is written in a simple, melodic style with a dotted rhythm. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The lyrics "A men." are written below the vocal line in each system. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.