

ORDER OF SERVICE
Now the Feast & Celebration
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Page numbers refer to the *Now the Feast & Celebration* pamphlet. Please respond to those portions of the liturgy marked **C** in bold face print.

GATHERING

INTRODUCTION

Three weeks ago we heard John’s gospel’s version of Peter’s confession of faith. This week we hear Mark’s version, when Peter says, “You are the Messiah.” In John, the stumbling block is Jesus’ invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus’ words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus’ words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of “messiah”) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

Today the church commemorates the famous preacher John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople.

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

ELW 660

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen**

P: Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, confessing our sin and trusting in God’s mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God of truth,

C **we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory. We have turned away from you. We have not kept your commandments. We have not loved our**

neighbors as ourselves. We have neglected the poor, and we have not welcomed all people in your name. You know the fullness of our sin. Forgive us, and turn us again to you, so that we may receive the fullness of your mercy. Amen.

P Our great high priest, Jesus Christ, sacrificed himself for us and for our sins. In Christ, you are freed from your sins and given a place in God's household forever.

C **Amen**

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE (sung)

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A In peace, in peace,

Let us pray to the . . .

C **Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

A For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . .

C **Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

A For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . .

C **Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save and defend us, O God.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE – “Now The Feast...” (sung in unison)

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Refrain:

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom: praise and glory forevermore!

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. *Refrain*
2. Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. *Refrain*
3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

THE SALUTATION (sung)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God,

C: through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Jesus, My Friend”

Donald Moore

Words are from the beloved hymns “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” and “What a Friend We Have In Jesus”

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The prophet declares: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9



¹I love the LORD, who has ¹heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹supplication,
**²for the LORD has given ¹ear to me
whenev- ¹er I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me;
the anguish of the grave ¹came upon me;
I came to ¹grief and sorrow.
**⁴Then I called upon the name ¹of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, ¹save my life."**



⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

**⁶The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

**⁸For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

THE GOSPEL VERSE – “Alleluia, alleluia...”

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C Alleluia, alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life: Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

P: The gospel, according to Mark, the eighth chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”²⁸ And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”²⁹ He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.”³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan!” For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.”³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his father with the holy angels.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN’S TIME

THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW 798

THE PRAYERS

A: Lord of creation, with confidence in your abiding care, we are bold to pray for the world, the church, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the whole church, that we continue to walk in your presence, following the way of the cross, serving others through our transformed lives. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for a renewed awareness of the value of your creation, that we may recover our holy calling to good stewardship of land, earth, and ocean. Hear us, O God;

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for every land shattered by warfare, famine, injustice, and political oppression, that you raise up leaders who seek peace and exercise their authority in love. Hear us, O God;

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for all who need compassion, that with our community partners, we can provide decent shelter, fulfilling work, nutritious food, suitable medicine, and hope for all children. Hear us, O God;

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for our congregation, that our service in your name may transform our neighborhood and touch those who live around us. Hear us, O God;

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for our companion congregations: Holy Cross in Overland Park, St. Paul in Peabody, Redeemer in Salina, and Friends Home Lutheran in Savonburg, that they may follow the way of Christ in their communities. Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other prayers are offered.

A: In thanksgiving for faithful servants of Christ whose lives offer us a vision of service in your name especially John Chrysostom, whom we commemorate today and for all who now rest in you, we pray: Hear us, O God;

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Lord of creation, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

THE OFFERING

HYMN - "As the Grains of Wheat" *(sung in unison)* **p. 9**

Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread: so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

1. As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*
2. Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of majesty,

C in your might you have created all things, and you entrust to our care that you have made. Receive our offerings, and make them a sign of our dedication to provide for the needs of all people and creatures, in the name of the one who sustains all things by his word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(sung)*

p. 10

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 God thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY..." *(sung)*

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C Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

The minister continues with the eucharistic prayer.

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION *(sung)*

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

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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

C Amen, Come Lord Jesus; Amen, Come Lord Jesus.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER CONCLUDES

P Amen, Come Holy Spirit. Amen, Come Holy Spirit.

C Amen, Come Holy Spirit. Amen, Come Holy Spirit.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

“LAMB OF GOD...” *(sung)*

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C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak”

ELW 676

“Praise and Thanks and Adoration”

ELW 783

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen,
keep and unite us, now and for ever.

C Amen

“THANKS BE TO YOU...”

(sung in unison)

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1. Praise to you, O God of mercy, Thanks be to you forever! Raising high the weak and lowly: Thanks be to you forever!
2. From of old you loved and sought us, thanks be to you forever! Truth and justice you have taught us: Thanks be to you forever! Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love, remembering your covenant of life with us.
3. Praise to you, O God of mercy, Thanks be to you forever! Raising high the weak and lowly: Thanks be to you forever, Thanks be to you forever!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken. May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P The life-giving God, who sets us free in Christ, encourage you with the presence of the Holy Spirit and + bless you now and forever.

C Amen

SENDING HYMN

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

ELW 802

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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