



## CHILDREN'S TIME

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### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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God, whose law is perfect and whose covenant with us is sure, teach us today as Jesus taught the crowds long ago. May we hear the voice of compassion and sense that which we need as much as they did. Multiply among us the food of your Word, that as we are fed, we may be eager to pass on your gifts to us with a transforming generosity of spirit.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### **Isaiah 55: 1-5**

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live; I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I had made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

#### **Matthew 14: 13-21**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd; he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

## **RESPONSE**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved. Thanks be to God.

## **SERMON**

Rev. John Milne

**MEDITATIVE MUSIC**    *“Let Us Break Bread”*    setting by Charles Callahan

## **INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE**

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People will come from the north and south, and from the east and west to sit at table in the Kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, He took bread, blessed and broke it, and he gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

## **EUCCHARIST**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

Leader:     The Lord be with you.

**People:     And also with you.**

Leader:     Lift up your hearts.

**People:     We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People:     It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Prayers of Intercession and The Lord’s Prayer**

#### **Breaking of the Bread**

Leader:     On the night he would be betrayed, Christ ate a meal with friends and he took bread and after thanking God for it broke it and gave it to his disciples saying,

**All:         “Take, eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

Leader:     And in the same way, Christ took the cup and said,

**All:         “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”**

**Communion of the People**  
**Prayer after Communion**

God of abundance with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**HYMN**

***"We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"***

Text and Music: Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1984

*We gather here in Jesus' name;  
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;  
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:  
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.  
No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.  
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.*

*He joins us here; he breaks the bread;  
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;  
the one we love the most is now our greatest host:  
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.  
We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.  
Though unseen, he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.*

*We'll gather soon where angels sing;  
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;  
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:  
come, take the bread, come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.*

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**POSTLUDE**

***"Allegro Con Spirito"***

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau