

October 6, 2013
World Communion Sunday

LET US WORSHIP GOD

LIFE AND WORK IN THE CHURCH

WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

PRELUDE *“Communion”* Alexandre Guilmant

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
and also with you.

With unity of spirit, we praise God who rules over all.

God claims the universe, and everything in it.
God claims the world, and all who live in it.

We join all creation in worship of the living God!

Let the people praise you, O God,
Let all the people praise you!

The breath of the wind carries God’s grace;

The mountains echo the glory of God.

We gather as God’s people from north and south,
from east and west, and sit at table with God’s people
for this joyful feast.

God calls us. God leads us. All blessings flow from God.

*PRAYER

Jesus Christ, cornerstone of creation,
you are the founder of faith which sustains us;
you are the voice of peace which gives us hope;
you are the gift of life which makes us God’s own
forever.

We gather this morning with sisters and brothers
around the whole wide world to feed upon the Living
Word and to sing your praise. Amen.

*HYMN 481 *“Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we grieve that the church, which shares
one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling, has become a
broken communion in a broken world. Our one body spans

all time, place, race, and language, but in our anxiety we have
fled from and fought one another, and in our pride we have
mistaken our one part for the whole. Yet we marvel that you
gather the pieces to do your work, that you bless us with joy,
with growth, and with signs of unity. Forgive our sins, and
help us seek and show the unity of the body of Christ.

(Moments of calm for reflection and personal confessing)

Singing 333

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
Repeat...

Trusting your abiding grace,
we offer our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (received with eyes wide open)

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit’s call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God’s power will make us
strong.

PASSING THE PEACE

Peace before us,
Peace behind us,
Peace under our feet.

Peace within us,
Peace over us,
Let all around us be peace.

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ESPECIALLY FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Jane Murray

ANTHEM *“We Gather at Your Table, Lord”*
Traditional Irish

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 37:1-9

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Timothy 1:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *“It’s All About Gifts”* Rev. Bob Undercuffler

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN 367 *“Jesu, Jesu, Fill us With Your Love”*
Ghanaian folk melody

OFFERTORY *“Elevation”* Thomas DuBois

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 591
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TELLING JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

Sisters and brothers in Christ, this is the joyful feast of the
people of God.

All will come from north and south, east and west,
and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with
his disciples, he took the bread and broke it, and gave it to
them,

And their eyes were opened and they recognized
him.

This is the Lord’s Table.

Our Savior invites us to share the feast, which he has
prepared.

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Happy are all who find safe haven in God!