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GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL SONG

ELW 819



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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. This order may be led at the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The service continues with gathering song. As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly may be sprinkled with water during the singing.

GATHERING SONG ELW 453

Baptized and Set Free



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Minnesota, U.S.A.

GREETING

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

KYRIE

Merciful God, in baptism you have joined us to Christ in his death and resurrection, and you have united us with all who are baptized in Christ's name; but too often we fail to live as one people and to seek the unity of your church.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

In baptism you have called the church to witness to Christ in all realms of life; but too often we do not seek to discern your will and to carry your your mission in the world. **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison**

In baptism you have sent us to serve all for whom Christ died; but too often we have ignored the suffering of the oppressed and the needs of the poor.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

Sisters and brothers:

In baptism you were buried with Christ and raised to new life in him.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life is drowned, and a new life has begun.

Our Lord hears our prayers.

By his grace he shows us mercy,

and by his love he heals our brokenness.

Amen.

From Koinonia

From a 1997 Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Hong Kong, China



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

O God of all, with wonderful diversity of languages and cultures, you created all people in your image.

Free us from prejudice and fear

that we may see your face in the faces of people around the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

From Koinonia

WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 42:5-9

PSALM Psalm 67

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Hallelujah ELW 171

Heleluyan, heleluyan; hele, heleluyan. Heleluyan, heleluyan; hele, heleluyan.

Hallelujah, hallelujah; halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah; halle, hallelujah.

Muscogee (Creek) Indian

GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.



England, Mexico

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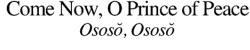
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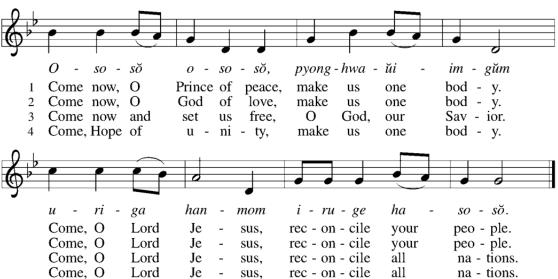
Petitions, prepared locally by the congregation, are prayed between verses of the following hymn. The worship leader may begin with these or similar words:

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

The congregation sings verse one.

ELW 247





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Korea

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. [Multi-Cultural note: Peruvian and other Latino congregations see their fellow parishioners as brothers and sisters. During the sharing of the peace, they take a lengthy pause in worship to greet everyone in "their family." You may wish to try this in your setting. Or if you are in a larger congregation, perhaps you could have people greet everyone in their section. Encourage people to be extra friendly. We are Christ's family!]

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

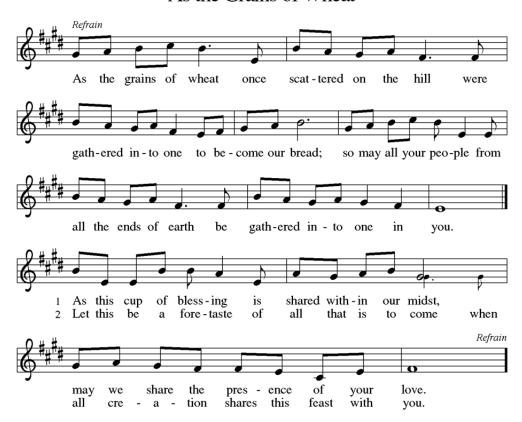
OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. [Multi-Cultural note: Ethiopian and other African congregations find joy in bringing their offerings forward. Each parishioner files forward to place their offering in a basket by the altar. You may wish to do this in your setting, and also bring forward the bread and wine for communion at this time.]

The following song may be sung during this offering.

OFFERTORY ELW 465

As the Grains of Wheat



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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.

Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW 473

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you. My heart is glad to say, the words: You are holy, God.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God you are worthy of our praises for you rule from the rising of the sun to its setting and though you are holy, you dwell with the humble and the needy. You liberate the oppressed, the poor, and the abused, and heal their wounds. You bring justice and peace to the world and healing to the whole creation. You come to us in Jesus Christ, our healer.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As we enjoy this meal, we look toward the day when hunger, thirst and suffering are over and God will wipe away our tears.

And so we pray:

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we pray for your Spirit: Enliven this bread, awaken this body, and pour us out for each other. Transfigure our minds, ignite your church, and nourish the life of the earth. Make us, while many, united. Make us, though broken, whole. Make us, despite death, alive! And so we pray:

Amen, Come Holy Spirit!

All honor and glory belong to you, O God, now and forever!

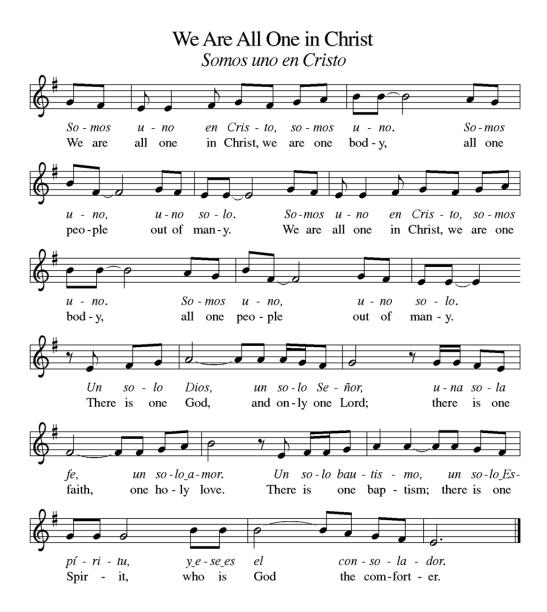
Amen!

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads the following prayer after communion.

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son.

By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness.

Be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good;
render no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor all people;
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

SENDING SONG ELW 538

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios



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Central America

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