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# Now the Feast and Celebration

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AN ALTERNATE EUCHARISTIC SETTING

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*The Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness may be used before this service.*

### Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

*Stand*

*Presider:* If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

*Presider:* Most merciful God,

*Congregation:* **have mercy on us.**

**All: We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

*Presider:* With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God!**

*Stand*

*The ENTRANCE HYMN or PSALM is sung.*

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

*Congregation:* **And also with you.**

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*The KYRIE may follow.*

## KYRIE

*Assistant:* In peace, in peace,

### Refrain

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*

God. A men.

*"NOW THE FEAST", "GLORY TO GOD", or another appropriate hymn may be sung.*

## NOW THE FEAST

### Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

### Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God.

*to Refrain*

### Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er.

*to Refrain*

### Verse 3

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new.

*to Refrain*

OR:

## GLORY TO GOD

### Refrain *(may be sung continuously)*


*Congregation:*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.


*to Verses*

## Verse 1


*(Refrain begins)*



1. You are God: we praise you. You are Lord;



we ac - claim you. You are God e - ter - nal;



*to Refrain*  
all cre - a - tion wor - ships you.

## Verse 2

*(Refrain begins)*



2. All the an - gels in the heav - ens chant your



praise in end - less song! Ho - ly, ho - ly,



*to Refrain*  
ho - ly, God of pow - er and might.

## Verse 3

*(Refrain begins)*



3. The a - pos - tles all praise you. All the




proph - ets ac - claim you. All the mar - tyrs and your




*to Refrain*  
faith - ful peo - ple wor - ship you.

## Verse 4


*(Refrain begins)*



4. God, Cre - a - tor, we praise you. Je - sus the



Christ, we a - dore you. Spir - it of the



*to Refrain*  
Liv - ing God, we wor - ship you.

## The PRAYER OF THE DAY

## SALUTATION

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Presider:* Let us pray . . .

*Congregation:* Amen.

Sit

The FIRST LESSON

The PSALM

The SECOND LESSON

Stand

The GOSPEL VERSE is sung.



The PRAYERS are said.

After each petition of the prayers:

Assistant: Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

Presider: . . . through your Son Jesus Christ.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The PEACE is shared.

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Sit

The OFFERING is received as the table is prepared.

As the gifts are received, AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT or another appropriate song may be sung.

Stand

## AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

### Refrain

Congregation:

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

### Verses

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when  
to Refrain  
may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

After the gifts have been presented, the following prayer is said.

Assistant: Let us pray.

Assistant: Merciful God,

Congregation: **everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The minister makes ready the bread and wine.

The GREAT THANKSGIVING is begun by the minister standing at the altar.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: Congregation:

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Congregation:

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

The preface appropriate to the day or season is sung or said.

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

## HOLY

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*The minister continues with the eucharistic prayer.*

*One or more of the eucharistic acclamations may be sung.*

### EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 1

*Presider:* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

*Congregation:*

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.  
Christ will come, come a - gain.

### EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 2

*Presider:* Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.  
A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

### EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 3

*Presider:* Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.  
A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

## THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

*Congregation:*

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is  
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.  
A - men.

*The LORD'S PRAYER*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

*The COMMUNION follows. The bread may be broken for distribution.*

*The LAMB OF GOD may be sung during the breaking of the bread, or as a hymn during the communion.*

# LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of      the  
 you break the chains of ha - tred      and  
 you are the way of jus - tice      and  
 you are the way of mer - cy      and

*Congregation:*

world:      have mer - cy on us,      mer - cy on us,  
 fear:  
 peace:  
 love.

**Final Stanza**  
*Congregation or Assistant:*

mer - cy      on      us.      Lamb of God,      you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of      the world:      grant us peace,

grant us peace,      grant us peace.

\*At the repeat, one or more of these verses may be sung, or one of the seasonal verses which follow.

- Advent:*      You give us hope as we wait for you:  
*Christmas:*      You are God's word of promise made flesh:  
*Epiphany:*      You are God's light to all of the world:  
*Lent:*      You call us to the way of your cross:  
*Easter:*      You broke the bonds of sin and of death:  
*Pentecost:*      You pour your Holy Spirit on us:  
*Sundays after Pentecost:*      You are the bread of life for us all:

## Stand

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words:

*Presider:* 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.

*Congregation:* Amen.

THANKS BE TO YOU or an appropriate hymn is sung as the table is cleared.

# THANKS BE TO YOU

*Congregation:*

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
 2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er!      Rais - ing high the  
 Thanks be to you for ev - er!      Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
 you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness,      strong is your

love,      re - mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant      of

life with us.      3. Praise to you, O

God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for

ev - er!      Thanks be to you for ev - er!



*The POST-COMMUNION PRAYER is said.*

*Assistant: Let us pray . . .*

*Congregation: Amen.*

*Silence for reflection.*

*The minister blesses the congregation, using these or other words.*

*Presider: May God bless and keep us.*

*May God's face shine on us and be gracious.*

*May God look on us with favor and give us peace.*

*Presider:* — give us peace. *Congregation:* A men.

*The minister may dismiss the congregation.*

*Assistant: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

*Congregation: Thanks be to God.*

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