

## GATHERING

### GREETING

### PRELUDE

“’Tis Good, Lord, to be Here” (David Blackwell)

### PRAYER

#### ▲ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” (Hymn No. 327)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
We confess that we have sinned;  
We have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things  
which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done;  
and apart from your grace,  
there is no health in us.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

(Silence is held)

### CHORAL RESPONSE

*O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me.  
“Come, home, come home!  
You who are weary, come home.”  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling,  
“O sinner, come home!”*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### ▲ SHARING OF PEACE

# WORD

## ▲ GATHERING SONG

"He Came Down" (Hymn No. 137)

*1. He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love,  
Hallelujah, forevermore.*

*2. He came down that we may have light...*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON + BLESSING

### REFRAIN

"Listen to the Word that God has Spoken" (Hymn No. 455)

LISTEN

Sung 2X

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20**

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13**

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LISTEN

**▲ GOSPEL READING: MARK 1:21-28**

### SERMON

Voices, Pt. 4: "A Voice in the Synagogue"  
The Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak

# OUR RESPONSE

## ▲ HYMN

“O Christ, the Healer”

TALLIS' CANON



1. O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for  
2. From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies  
3. How strong, O Lord, are our de - sires, how weak our  
4. In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og -  
5. Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com -



health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to  
clam - or to be freed; yet in our hearts we  
knowl - edge of our - selves! Re - lease in us those  
-nize the world's dis - ease; our com - mon life de -  
-mu - ni - ty may find the whole - ness that, en -



be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?  
would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.  
heal - ing truths un - con - scious pride re - sists or shelves.  
-clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
- rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

## ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## OFFERING + CHORAL ANTHEM

“Praise the One Who Makes Us One” (Text: Rusty Edwards)

*Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.  
Praise the One who frees the prisoners turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, curing every dread disease,  
calming storms, and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.*

*Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.  
Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert’s burning sand.  
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.*

*Praise the One true love incarnate Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the One redeeming glory. Praise the One who makes us one.*

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

# DEPARTING

### ▲ HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision” (Hymn No. 450)  
SLANE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ▲ CHORAL BENEDICTION

“The Star of Bethlehem” (Ethan McGrath)

*And may the radiance of one star, so beautiful and true,  
make bright the path you tread afar the whole year through.  
And may the star of Bethlehem give light to all you love,  
and bring to all of you, with them, a blessing from above. Amen.*

### ▲ CHARGE

### ▲ POSTLUDE

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” (David Blackwell)