

# AN ORDER FOR WORSHIP

895<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of  
The Presbytery of Baltimore

*May 12, 2022*

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## GATHER

*Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.*

Words in **bold** are read by the congregation.

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and you may appear on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.*

*Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.*

### Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### Prelude

#### Lighting the Christ Candle

Do not be afraid: Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:

**Christ is the light of the world and the center of our lives.**

### Prayer for the Morning

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Living God,**

**long ago, faithful women**

**proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection,**

**and the world was changed forever.**

**that our witness may be as bold,**

**our love as deep,**

**and our faith as true.**

**Amen.**

GATHERING

## Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way; here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



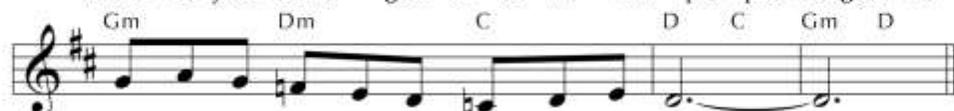
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song,  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Jesus, Child of Mary

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Savior of the World,

**Make peace within us.**

Christ, Ruler of the Universe:

**Be with us and for us, wherever life takes us.**

**Almighty God,**

**in raising Jesus from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death.**

**We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear.**

**You asked for faith and trust;**

**we demanded proof and certainty.**

**Your love was stronger than death;**

**we built tombs around our hearts.**

**You sent us into the world with a message of hope;**

**we lingered in comfortable despair.**

**Forgive us God of mercy.**

**Help us to trust your power**

**to change our lives**

**for the sake of Jesus Christ,**

**in whom all things are made new.**

*(We pause for quiet, personal prayer.)*

### **Assurance of Grace**

#### **\* Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(During these pandemic days, we share peace with a nod or a bow,  
perhaps with hand on heart or folded hands, or with the ASL sign for peace.  
If worshiping from home, share peace in the chat.)*

\* Response of Praise 379, verses 3 & 4 (singing together)

We Shall Overcome

3 We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;  
4 We are not a - fraid; we are not a - fraid;

we shall live in peace some - day.  
we are not a - fraid to - day.

Refrain

O, deep in my heart I do be -

lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

## HEAR

### Prayer for Illumination

#### A Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 133-134

<sup>1</sup> How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!  
<sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.

<sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,  
life forevermore.

<sup>1</sup> Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,  
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

<sup>2</sup> Lift up your hands to the holy place,  
and bless the LORD.

<sup>3</sup> May the LORD, maker of heaven and earth,  
bless you from Zion.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Commissioning of Commissioners to the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

#### Call to Discipleship

We are called by God  
to be the church of Jesus Christ,  
a sign in the world today  
of what God intends for all humankind.

**The great ends of the church are  
the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;  
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship  
of the children of God;  
the maintenance of divine worship;  
the preservation of the truth;  
the promotion of social righteousness;  
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world...**

... God has called you, through the voice of this presbytery  
to serve as commissioners to the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly  
show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,  
obeying his Word and showing his love?

**I will, with God's help.**

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service  
because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus,  
to love neighbors,  
and to work for the reconciling of the world?

**I do.**

Will you serve with energy, intelligence, imagination and love,  
relying on God's mercy  
and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

**I will, with God's help.**

Do we, members of The Presbytery of Baltimore, accept  
Audrey, Barbara, Billy, Gayelle and Keith to serve as  
Commissioners to the 225<sup>th</sup> GA?

**We do.**

### **Commissioning Prayer**

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us;  
and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives,  
empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling.  
We thank you for leading Audrey, Barbara, Billy, Gayelle and Keith  
to answer this call to service in your church.  
Establish them in your truth,  
and guide them by your Holy Spirit,  
that in your service they may grow in faith, hope, and love.

**Almighty God,**

**in Jesus Christ you called disciples**

**and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you.**

**Be with all members of the General Assembly.**

**Help them to welcome new things you are doing in the world  
and to respect old things you keep and use.**

**In their deliberation,**

**bring about what is best for us and for all people.**

**As they meet, let your Holy Spirit guide**

**so that the whole church may be joined in love and service  
to Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray,**

**Amen.**

### **Charge to the Commissioners**

## Scripture Lessons: Luke 24:13-32 and John 21:1-14

### Luke 24:13-32

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

### John 21:1-14

**21** After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped

into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

For the Word of God in Scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us:

**Thanks be to God!**

**The Church Gathered/The Church Dispersed**

*Teaching Elders Jon Nelson and Amy Carlson*

## **RESPOND AND SERVE**

\* **Affirmation of Faith** *(together)*

*from The Iona Community*

**We believe in God,  
whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,  
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,  
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all,  
and whose love, defeating even death,  
is our glorious promise of freedom.  
Therefore,  
though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,  
in God we trust;  
and, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,  
to seek justice and to live in peace,  
to care for the earth  
and to share the common wealth of God's goodness,  
to live in the freedom of forgiveness  
and the power of the spirit of love,  
and in the company of the faithful so to be the church,  
for the glory of God.  
Amen.**

# The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

## Invitation to the Table

\* Communion Hymn 508

Come to the Table

*Come to the Table*

LORD'S SUPPER

# 508 Come to the Table

식탁에 와서



\*1 Come to the ta - ble, all you who praise God.  
 2 Come eat this bread now, my bro - ken bod - y.  
 3 All is now read - y, like the first ta - ble.



Laid in a sta - ble, God's gift of love:  
 My vow re - mem - ber: I am your Lord.  
 Pray for the Spir - it; lift up your hearts.



Je - sus our Sav - ior poured out his life's blood.  
 Drink of this wine, the cup of sal - va - tion,  
 Christ has a - ris - en, our Lord and Sav - ior.



Our sins for - giv - en, God's gift of love.  
 for you are mine, and I am your Lord.  
 With great thanks - giv - ing, lift up your hearts.

### KOREAN

- 1 식탁에 와서 찬양드리세,  
 사랑의 선물 나누시네  
 주님의 몸과 주님의 피를  
 우리를 위해 주시었네
- 2 너희를 위한 나의 몸이니  
 받아서 먹고 기념하라  
 이 잔은 나의 새 언약이니  
 죄사함 위해 흘린 피라
- 3 주님의 성령 임-하시네,  
 거룩한 주의 살-과 피  
 나를 새롭게 바꿔주시네  
 새생명 주심 감사하세

\*Stanza 1 may be sung by a leader.

This Korean text accomplishes a rare feat in a Lord's Supper hymn by dealing with the full range of Christ's life from the Nativity to the Resurrection. The first and third stanzas are in the voice of the congregation, while the middle stanza recalls Christ's words of institution.

TEXT: Paul Junggap Huh, 2007; English trans. Paul Junggap Huh, 2011, alt.  
 MUSIC: Hyun Chul Lee, 2007  
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 Music © 2007 Hyun Chul Lee

COME TO THE TABLE  
 5.5.5.4.D

## **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

People of God, open your hearts.

**We open our hearts to Christ, who reigns in glory.**

Let us give thanks to the living God.

**We thank God with joy!**

*[The pastor continues to lead us in prayer. We gather up all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, as we pray together:]*

**God in heaven, your name is to be honored.**

**May your new community of hope be realized  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today the essentials of life.**

**Release us from wrongdoing**

**as we also release those who wrong us.**

**Do not test us beyond our enduring;  
save us from all that is evil.**

**For you embrace justice, love and peace,  
now and to the end of time. Amen.**

## **Breaking the Bread**

### **Communion of the People**

**\* Prayer After Communion**

# SEND AND BLESS

\* Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

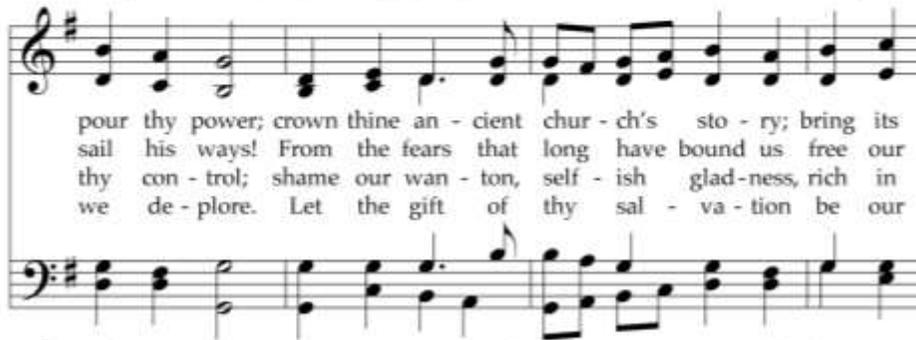
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THE CHURCH

## 307 God of Grace and God of Glory



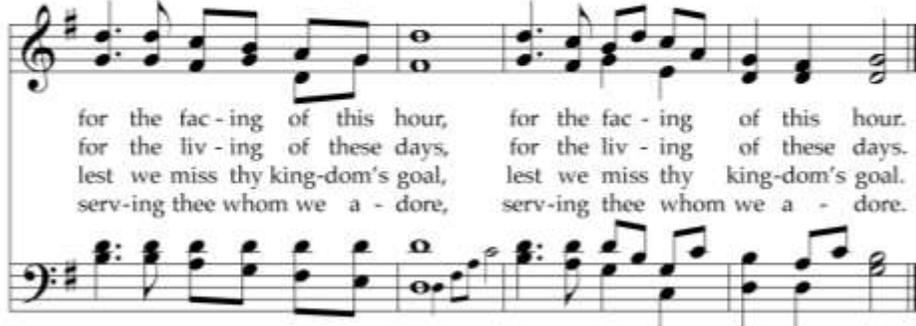
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.  
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA  
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\* **Closing Responses**

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

**Let the sea roar and all that fills it!**

Let the field exult, and everything in it!

**Let the trees of the wood sing for joy!**

For Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

\* **Blessing**

\* **Postlude**



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