SENDING

*Closing Hymn Sing of God Made Manifest GtG #156

*Charge and Benediction



A service of Word and Sacrament

GATHERING

Prelude

He Comes to Us As One Unknown REPTON/arr. Robert J. Powell

He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard; as though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown, a pulse of being stirred, a pulse of being stirred.

He Comes in love as once He came by flesh and blood and birth; To bear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving name, for every child on earth, for every child on earth.

He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored: The Christ in all the Scriptures shown, as yet unseen, but not unknown, Our Savior and our Lord, our Savior and our Lord.

-Timothy Dudley-Smith

*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

For he strengthens the bars of your gates;

he blesses your children within you.

People: He grants peace within your borders;

he fills you with the finest of wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth;

his word runs swiftly.

Leader: He gives snow like wool;

he scatters frost like ashes.

He hurls down hail like crumbs —

who can stand before his cold?

People: He sends out his word, and melts them;

he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob,

his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

Leader: He has not dealt thus with any other nation;

they do not know his ordinances.

People: Praise the Lord!

(Psalm 147:12-20)

*Opening Hymn

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

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*please rise in body or spirit

*Call to Confession

Leader: "The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice.

He saw that there was no one, and was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm brought him victory, and his righteousness upheld him."

Trusting in the righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us humbly confess our sin to God and one another.

(*Isaiah 59:15b-16*)

*Confession

People: God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your life. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

moment for silent confession

*Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: Amen.

(1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24)

*The Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 4:46-54

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

HOLY COMMUNION

The Eucharistic Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.People: And also with youLeader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise ...

...

... who at every hour sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ,

your Son, our Lord ...

. . .

... Great is the mystery of our faith:

People: Christ has died,

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again!

Leader: Gracious God, pour our your Holy Spirit upon us

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... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Hymn *He Came Down*

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Prayer after Communion