



Song of Praise:

O Worship the King LUYH 2:1,3,5

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

God meets us in the sacraments, holy acts where he calls for us to respond to him. In the supper, our Lord offers the bread and cup to believers to guarantee our share in his death and resurrection, and to unite us to him and to each other.

We take this food gladly, announcing as we eat that Jesus is our life and that he will come again to call us to the Supper of the Lamb.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Work of God in Creation

O God, in the sending of your Son, Jesus, to be born of Mary, your Word became flesh, and we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. His name is above every name, the Prince of Peace and Savior of all. In him we have been brought out of darkness into your marvelous light.

Thanksgiving for the Work of Christ

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem and there found no room, so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected. As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born, so by the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

As your Word became flesh, born of a woman, on that night long ago, so on the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union

[PRELUDE & GATHERING SONGS](#)

[VIDEO OF WORSHIP SERVICE](#)

***Live-stream video is unavailable for December 27/20.** *The worship service will be video recorded and will be available in the VIDEO LINK or on the "Bethel CRC Lacombe" Youtube channel after the Worship service at approximately 12 noon on Sunday.

Prelude & Gathering songs

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Welcome

Opening Prayer

You surprised a world, O God, by coming not in clashing thunder or flashing lights but in the quiet and simple splendor of a child's radiant face. Help us to understand this mystery of love beyond all loves, that we may be led to a new kind of love: a love that loves not by what we can get but in what we can give, a love that counts not who is worthy to receive but, beyond our human calculations, is showered freely on all. Show us the way of Bethlehem's child, that in seeing, we may believe, and in believing, we may learn again how to love. Amen.

Call to Worship Litany

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts in prayer: lift up your voices in praise. Let your eyes rise in expectation and your hands in exultation, for the Lord has drawn near and dwells among us.

PEOPLE: We lift them up. Amen.

God's Greeting

with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Work of the Spirit

- *Look around—at the people of God who promise to love each other and serve the world,*
- *Look back—over the long history of God's faithfulness, especially in the life of Jesus,*
- *Look forward—to the feast we will share in the kingdom of heaven,*
- *Look "up"—to think about how the ascended Jesus in heaven prays for us and how we trust in him,*
- *Look within—to see both our own sin and need for a Savior and to remember that we are loved by God and are a member of God's own family.*

Apostle's Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Preparing the Bread and Cup

The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Invitation

Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. If you are truly sorry for your sins, sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, and desire to live in obedience to him as Lord, you are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

These are the gifts of God and they are for the people of God.

Distribution

Take, eat, remember and believe that the body of Christ was broken for complete forgiveness of all our sins.

Take, drink, remember and believe that the blood of Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

Song: Jesus Messiah

Prayer for God's People

WE HEAR THE WORD

Scripture: Luke 2:36-40

Sermon: Anna Worships

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN HOPE

Song of Response:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel LUYH 61:1,4,5-7

Offering for Mission support for John & Marian Vandermeer

Prayer for Offering

GOD'S BLESSING

Go now into the world, carrying Christmas with you into everyday life.

Open the inn within you and make room for that gift of gifts, even our Lord Jesus Christ. The joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the Magi, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing song:

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus LUYH 56