THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table

Charles Poole

The Communion Litany

Pastor: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, “Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

People: Thanks be to God for the broken bread.

Pastor: After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

People: Thanks be to God for the cup.

Pastor: Thanks be to God for the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God for the table of communion.

The Bread

Worshippers will come forward by the center aisle. Receive the bread and, having received it, return to your seat by the outside aisle.

The Cup

Worshippers will be served the cup seated in the pews. Take the cup, a symbol of your willingness to receive the Grace of God. Once all have been served, drink the cup together.

COMMITMENT

Northminster is an open fellowship that wants to share its gift of life and ministry with others. During the Time of Response, this church extends to you an invitation to membership by your request for baptism, by letter from a sister church, or by statement of your Christian experience in another denomination. If you would like to unite with this covenant community, please express this desire by coming forward at this point of the service.

TIME OF RESPONSE

Go forth from God’s house and share God’s love wherever there is a need.

*The Recessional Hymn No. 749: “Rejoice in God’s Saints”

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Adapted from Psalm 37:27-28.

The Lectionary passages for November 3 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 ~ pages 762-763
Psalm 119:137-144 ~ page 496
II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 ~ page 961
Luke 19:1-10 ~ page 854

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PREPARATION AND PRAISE

The worship of God begins this morning as you enter the Sanctuary. You are encouraged to use these moments for meditation, reflection and prayer. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your fellowship with those around you.

The Meditation of Preparation

Lord, many of us came to your house today feeling we could not take another step. Help us to lay our burdens down at the door and give you our full attention for this hour.

Prelude

“Largo” Dvorak

The Call to Worship

“Be Glad in the Lord” Hopson

Be glad in the Lord, all you saints; be glad and rejoice: Give thanks and remember God’s holiness.

*The Processional Hymn No. 751: “For All the Saints” SINE NOMINE

*The Litany of Praise Jennifer Stribling

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Righteous are you, O Lord,

People: And upright are your judgments.

All: Give us understanding, and we shall live.

Psalm 119:137-144, adapted

*The Gloria Patri No. 807: “Glory Be to the Father” MEINEKE

*The Prayer of Invocation Jennifer Stribling

The Greeting Charles Poole

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Zacchaeus said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

- Luke 19:8-10, adapted

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Nature of Confession

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 692: “Faith of Our Fathers” ST. CATHERINE

*The Offertory Prayer Jennifer Stribling

The Offertory

“It Is Well with My Soul” Powell

*The Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Luke 19:1-10 Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Blessed Are the Dead” Larkin

Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord, our God.

“Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.”