

World Communion Sunday October 4, 2020 10:30 a. m.
Presented by the Elmira Area Clergy
Hosted by Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc.



CALL TO WORSHIP

10:20 a.m. The First Bell Rings. SSG Kenneth R. Ryan, US Army (Ret.) rings the St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi bell at Ray Of Hope Church, 380 W. 1st St. in Elmira, NY on the Feast of Saint Francis, October 4. The bell was a gift from Michael Quinnell of Syracuse, NY in 2005. The bell rings out 39 joyful rings, in contrast to tolling the bell in single rings. The 39 joyful rings are in honor of the 39 lashes Jesus endured that we now celebrate in victory and gratitude for our salvation. "The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5) We always ring the bell before worship and Bible Enrichment sessions. Listen carefully and see if you can hear all 39 rings.

Lisa Frost: Good morning. My name is Lisa Frost. I attend Ray Of Hope Church. Please be sure your microphone or audio is muted in your Zoom window at this time. Leave your speakers on at all times so you can hear what is happening in the Zoom room. Here is a very important instruction for our meeting. Please do not turn on your microphone / audio for any of the responses where the program reads **ALL:.** To avoid a feedback storm everyone will say the responses at home and in place without turning on a microphone / audio. There is a well rehearsed order of microphones that will turn on and off for our leader parts during the meeting. If you are not an assigned leader, please be sure to keep your microphone off, but leave your speakers on at all times. Our Zoom room is being hosted by Melody Chilson at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Horseheads, NY. Melody will be switching the view on our screens back and forth between gallery view and speaker view throughout the service. Please do not change those settings on your computer. At this time you may download a PDF of today's worship bulletin / program by going to www.rayofhopechurch.com and click on World Communion Sunday PROGRAM. As we prepare for worship we will now hear "Andante" by Felix Mendelssohn, "Siciliano" by J.S. Bach and "Communion" by Ceasar Franck played on the organ by Mrs. Janice Brown at the New Beginnings United Methodist Church.

(after the organ piece is finished)

10:30 a.m. The Second Bells Ring.

SONG: Alleluia written by Judith Blair of Bethany Lutheran Church for the 2013 World Communion Processional.

Alleluia

A - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words and music by Judy Blair, Minister of Music, Bethany Lutheran Church



WE GATHER TO PRAISE THE LORD AND TO GIVE THANKS

+ Pastoral Welcome

Veronica Floyd, Moderator of Ray Of Hope Church: Good morning and welcome. My name is Veronica Floyd and I am the Moderator of Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, a faith community in Central New York where everyone is welcome. It is our turn to host an Elmira Clergy all city worship event this morning. We welcome the other member churches: Bethany Lutheran Church, The United Baptist Church, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Grace Episcopal Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, New Beginnings United Methodist Church, and the Webb Mills United Methodist Church. There are eight congregations worshipping together this morning. This is a power house of the Lord in prayer today. Today is the Elmira Area Clergy

group's first virtual worship event and is reaching all over the Country through the Internet. In fact, I am coming to you from my home in John's Creek in Georgia, just north of Atlanta. You might remember in 2013 I flew up from Georgia for our service that was held at the Trinity Episcopal Church in their gym.

Today we also meet with the special circumstances of the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic that is touching every community. In fact today a nation-wide group of families of COVID victims and survivors are leading a National COVID-19 Remembrance Day with a ceremony at Noon in Washington, D.C.. We join them in spirit and in truth as we worship this morning. So many people have been sick, some have been sick and are in various stages of recovery, and many have come to the end of their lives unexpectedly due to this virus. We reach out with love, empathy, and compassion to those family members who are grieving the loss of loved ones at this time. In this situation, we, the faith community of Jesus Christ, bring the eternal message of "the Lord is with you" to everyone around us. So, we offer today's worship event as a spiritual sacrifice of praise, thanksgiving and hope to God for the wellbeing and safety of people everywhere and an end to this pandemic.

Lisa Frost: My name is Lisa Frost and I am the Treasurer of Ray Of Hope Church. Today, October 4, is also the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. He lived from 1182 to October 3, 1226, therefore his homecoming to the Lord is celebrated on October 4 all over the world. Francis renounced wealth to become a servant brother and possibly a deacon, but was never ordained a Priest. Christians of all denominations celebrate his love for the Lord and all of God's creation. He not only preached to the animals, but also invited them into church buildings for worship. Today we welcome a set of readings chosen especially for the Feast of St. Francis because they are also perfectly appropriate for World Communion Sunday which, in fact, has been going on in places around the Earth since the first minute of the day in Greenwich, England at the prime meridian many hours ago! The celebration has been rolling across the earth since then and will continue until the end of the day. It is truly a worldwide event.

Veronica Floyd: God created one Human Race, only one human species, one People. Everyone is welcome here today; persons of all Nationalities, ethnicities, denominations, genders, and sexual orientation. St. Paul exhorts believers to "receive one another, just as Christ also received us to the glory of God" in Romans Chapter 15:7. You are as welcome here as Christ Jesus himself. Take a moment now and wave across the room, or into the camera, and across the Internet to each other as we welcome one another in the Name of Christ for the glory of God.

The Rev. Shawn Benedict: We begin in the name of God, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

The Rev. Shawn Benedict: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

The Rev. Shawn Benedict: As you know, we are not supposed to have large choirs yet during our COVID-19 infection prevention plans. So, I came up with the idea of using the DVD recording of our 2013 worship event, when Helen Vincent beautifully directed a very large combined choir and we had so many guest musicians from all over the County. I hope you can remember that glorious worship event. Using the recording is sort of the next best thing to being there. We will recognize ourselves and our friends in the video and we will remember the songs. I should also note we will also see a few of our sisters and brothers who have since gone home to be with the Lord in these video clips. When we see them, let us give thanks and praise that we are witnesses to their Faith, we sang with them, and so we know where they are, with Jesus. Follow the directions of your Pastors in your particular location as to if you can sing out loud during the music. So here we go.

+ The Candle Of Hope

Whitney Tipton: Good Morning. My name is Whitney Tipton, I attend Ray Of Hope on line every week. I am coming to you from Sandy Springs, Georgia. Every week we light our Resurrection Candle Of Hope at this

time. With this light we give our witness that we believe in the resurrection of all the dead, and we are looking forward to that moment when Christ shall call the Church home. Ken Ryan will light our Candle of Hope in the Elmira Chapel now. If you have a candle at home you could light now and show in the camera that would be awesome. If those of you who are in a sanctuary could light your Christ Candle, Resurrection Candle or a special candle and show us by turning your camera toward it that would be wonderful too.

Kenneth Ryan: Hello. My name is Ken Ryan and I am from Ray Of Hope Church. Please join me silently in this prayer. Lord Jesus, we light this candle to remind ourselves to pray for all the sick and all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones. Amen. It is our custom to read names from the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, and we will do that today. We are also going to read names that were submitted to remember before God of those who have been infected with or affected by COVID-19. To help us not forget their lives we say aloud the names of many who have passed, and those who are sick at this time.

Whitney Tipton: I will start with Names from the Quilt.

Jackie Draht: Hello. My name is Jackie Draht and I am from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. I will read the names submitted by the various congregations for those affected by COVID-19.

Jackie Draht: May the candle's flame remind us of the joy and happiness known in life, the comfort offered us by the Holy Spirit in our loss, and the "blessed hope" we have in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

ALL: AMEN



WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS

+ Confession and Forgiveness of our sins.

Debbie Todd: Hello. My name is Debbie Todd and I attend Grace Episcopal Church with Michele Sanford and our priest Mother Jenny Scott-Jones. At this time we prepare our hearts to receive the Word of God and the Sacrament of Communion by confessing our sins in silence to Christ.
(silent prayer)

Debbie: We now pray together:

ALL: I confess to Almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do. I declare in the midst of this assembly of believers that I am truly sorry for having offended God in any way. I ask you, my brothers and sisters, all the angels and the saints to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Michele:

O Loving Holy Parent, you created us and provide for us daily. For the ways we have taken your gifts for granted, even supporting systems and institutions that are counter to your love, we pray: Lord, have mercy.
ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Michele:

Lord Jesus, we often put our own needs before others and forget we are all one body, your body. For our selfish tendencies, our complicity and complacency, we pray: Christ have mercy.
ALL: Christ, have mercy.

Michele:

Holy Spirit, you moved over the face of the waters making all of creation holy. We have failed our mandate to be good stewards of this creation by careless use of resources, degradation of the land, with pollution, and a lack of appreciation. We pray: Lord have mercy.

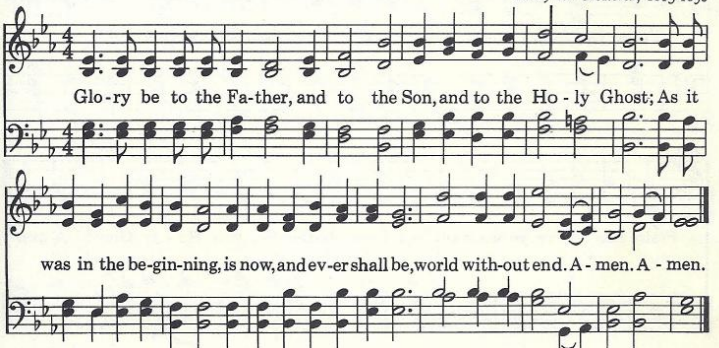
ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Rev. Jenny Jones-Scott: May Almighty God have mercy on all of us, forgive all our sins, and keep us in everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

Rev. Jenny Jones-Scott: Please rise together now to give glory and thanks to God for the forgiveness of our sins by singing the Gloria.

Gloria Patri 513
Henry W. Greatorex, 1813-1858



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it
was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men.

+ The Sign Of Christ's Peace

Michael Quinnell: Hello. My name is Michael Quinnell and I attend Ray Of Hope on line from Syracuse, NY. We are now at peace with Christ and with the Church. The forgiveness of our sins is God's great gift of full acceptance and opens the door into God's eternal Kingdom for everyone.

ALL: Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:1-2)

Michael Quinnell: At this time we are going to quickly and virtually share the sign of Peace. Wave across the room and into the camera joyfully as we share the Peace of Christ. Peace be with you.



THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF GOD

+ First Reading

Gwen Beckman: Hello. Please be seated and we remind everyone to be sure their microphone is muted. My name is Gwen Beckman and I attend the United Baptist Church. I will be presenting the first reading this morning. As an introduction to this reading we want to remember that Francis of Assisi was wandering in the hills on the outskirts of Assisi when he came upon a little church that was falling apart named San Damiano. He entered and knelt before a very large wooden icon of the Crucifix. Suddenly the eyes of Jesus seemed to open. Francis asked, "Lord, what do you want me to do? Show me what you want me to do with my life." Clearly and audibly a voice said; "Francis, go and rebuild my church which, as you see is falling down." Francis began what started out as a physical rebuilding project and soon turned into a renewal ministry

that continues through Franciscan inspired ministries all over the world to this day. Truly, Francis built upon the solid rock, Christ. In our first reading this morning we are exhorted to do the same.

Our first reading is in the Book of Jeremiah, chapter 22, verses 13-16 .

Woe to those who build their house by unrighteousness,
and their upper rooms by injustice;
who makes their neighbours work for nothing,
and do not give them their wages;
who say, "I will build myself a spacious house with large upper rooms",
and who cuts out windows for it, paneling it with cedar,
and painting it with vermilion.

Are you a king because you compete in cedar?
Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness?
Then it was well with him.
He first judged the cause of the poor and needy; so then it was well.
Is this not the way to know me? says the Lord.

Gwen Beckman: This is the Word of the Lord!
ALL: Thanks be to God!

+ Psalm: 148: 7-14 selected verses with responsorial verse

Lois Swanson: Hello. My name is Lois Swanson and I attend Bethany Lutheran Church. I will read Psalm 148, verses 7 through 14 today. We will all say the response between the verses. The response today is; All creation gives you praise, O God.

R. All creation gives you praise, O God.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
8 Fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
9 Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

R. All creation gives you praise, O God.

10 Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and winged birds;
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
12 Young men and maidens,
old and young together.

R. All creation gives you praise, O God.

13 Let all people and all creatures praise the Name of the LORD,
for the LORD'S Name alone is exalted,
God's splendor is over earth and heaven.
14 God has raised up strength for the people
and praise for all loyal servants of the LORD,
for the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.
Hallelujah!

R. All creation gives you praise, O God.

+ Second Reading

Ann Welch Wood: c Hello. My name is Ann Welch Wood and I attend the Webb Mills United Methodist Church. The second reading is in the Letter to the Glatians, chapter 6, verses 14-18.

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Veronica Floyd: The reading of the Holy Gospel is a highlight moment, a mountain top experience in our celebration this morning. To express our faith and our love for the Gospel, the Gospel Book will be processed through the congregation just as the Torah is processed through the synagogue before it is read. Additionally, the early church began the custom of standing to hear the Gospel as a testimony to our belief in the resurrection of Jesus and our own resurrections. Please rise as you are able and sing the Gospel acclamation as we greet the Gospel of Christ.

We Love Your Word!

To my friends in Christ at Ray Of Hope Church "Music for Worship" Music by: Gaude! Liturgical Arts
October 31, 1993
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We love Your Word, O Lord for it set us free. We know the

truth, O Lord; We are Yours e - ter - nal - ly. So we stand to hear Your

Word. We praise You for Your Word. Al - le - lu - a! for Your Word. It heals our

hearts, souls and minds. For Your Word, Al - le - lu - ia! Thank You Je - sus!

Rev. Wanda Copeland: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 11:25-30.

ALL: Glory, to you, Lord Christ.

Rev. Wanda Copeland: This version of today's Gospel uses Inclusive Language as added by Br. Benedict.

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord God of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Loving God, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by our Creator, One and Only God; and no one knows the Only Begotten Son except the Father, and no one knows Almighty God except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal God.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Rev. Copeland: Please join in singing the second Gospel acclamation.

Forever, We Are Yours!

To my friends in Christ
at Ray Of Hope Church
for the 1996 New Year,
The Year of The Holy Spirit!

"Music For Worship" Music by: Gaude! Liturgical Arts
December 31, 1995

Glo-ry to the One God! Glo-ry to our Sa - vior Je - sus the

5 Christ! And, to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, for - ev - er You're Our God!

9 You brought us out of dark - ness, in - to Your mar - ve - lous Light! Your Word is our

13 joy! For this we give You glo - ry, both now and ev - er more!

17 For - ev - er we are Yours! For - ev - er we are Yours!

Homily: The Rev. Patricia Hubman, Pastor of New Beginnings United Methodist Church.



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ The Prayers of the People: written and shared by members of Bethany Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Roger Behrens, Bethany Lutheran Church: Good morning. I am joined today by Molly Mosier, Elizabeth Cleary, and Mikaelie Stedje for these prayers. Having heard the Word Of God we bring our prayers to God in Christ, through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit. Please respond to these prayers with "Hear our prayer."

Molly Mosier: From every place on this planet, we turn our face to you, O God. Gather us, all your people, together, to pray. (** *pause for silent prayer* **)

In the midst of the forces which would separate us, bind us in your love as your Church, together. Strengthen us through the grace of your people gathered, no matter how we gather, with the truth of your presence. Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our Prayer

Elizabeth Cleary: In a world aching to be made new, we cry out with those who suffer the pains of poverty, illness, racism, sexism, homophobia, xenophobia, and other forms of systemic exclusion. Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our Prayer

Mikaelie Stedje: In a world stretching toward wholeness, we celebrate with those whose lives bear the fruit of your Spirit and your transforming work in the world. May we be your people. Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our Prayer

Molly Mosier: Make us a world that grows into the shape of your communion table, welcoming all with liberty, generosity, justice and faith. When Jesus returns may he find us faithful and loving. Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our Prayer

The Rev. Roger Behrens,: I invite you to take a moment now to add your own silent prayers to the prayers that have been spoken. Together we lift up those who are in our hearts and on our minds as we join our sisters and brothers from around the world in their prayers.

(***silent prayer***)

The Rev. Roger Behrens,: Gracious God, we marvel at your love for us. Fill our hearts with gladness for your Word, for the traditions and the teachings of our faith that have been passed down to us throughout generations. Help us to think differently, to love deeply, and to live in peace with one another, caring for all who are in need in this world like brothers and sisters. We lift to you our spoken and unspoken prayers and we ask you to grant those requests which are according to your holy will. We are one body in Christ. We ask this in the name of Jesus.

ALL: Amen

+ The Offering Of The People

Andrew Maitland: Hello my name is Andrew Maitland and I attend the United Baptist Church. At this time we show our gratitude to God and our dedication to the Church of Jesus Christ, which is His Body present in the world, by offering our financial gifts and support for ministry. We will have some expenses today. After the expenses are met we will donate the remainder of the offering to Bampa's House Corning Comfort Care, Inc.. If you are making your weekly offering to your home church please follow your normal procedures you have been using during this COVID infection prevention time. If you want to make a donation to this World Communion Sunday worship event and Bampa's House Corning Comfort Care, Inc. you may drop a check or envelope into the offering plate in the sanctuary you are in now. Please write the check to Ray Of Hope Church and write World Communion in the memo or on the envelope. If you want to make an online donation go to http://www.rayofhopechurch.com/DONATE_RAYOFHOPE.htm

This will take you to the secure Paypal website. Follow the simple instructions on the Ray Of Hope page. In the description type World Wide Communion or WWC. Lisa Frost will receive these donations and collect them together. You will receive a receipt instantly. At Ray Of Hope we always say please give what you can, but never give your last. The offering begins now.

Music: Bethany Lutheran Church Ensemble: Marc Immerman – flute, Sue Laib – Oboe, Gary Holmes – Euphonium. Played live at World Communion Sunday, 2013.

The Rev. Arthur Reed: Sisters and brothers in Christ, join me in prayer as we dedicate this offering and ourselves to God. Oh, Holy One, even as we have received Your gifts to be healed and made whole, so we now share these our gifts for the healing and wholeness made tangible in Your Name. We pray this in the holy name of Jesus.

ALL: Amen.

The Rev. Arthur Reed: Please rise as you are able as we conclude this offering by singing the Doxology.

Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God, above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise God, the Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Veronica Floyd: The Service of the Word of God is complete. Let us joyfully set the Table of Christ Jesus as we begin the Service of the Holy Eucharist, the Sacred Meal of Christ. It is Ray Of Hope's practice to allow each person or group of persons present in this live broadcast to have wine or grape juice and a piece of bread at their location. This is not done when the recording is played later, but only during the live broadcast. We understand that each congregation has special policies for worship at home during the COVID-19. Follow your Pastor's instruction. For those who are visiting who are not part of any particular Congregation you are invited now to bring some wine or grape juice and a small piece of bread to the table and pray the prayers out loud

with us as we go forward in this worship event. While we prepare our Tables and Altars we will listen to music played by John Manfredi and Margaret Matthews.

Music: Improvisation on Joyful, Joyful provided by Grace Episcopal Music Ensemble members John Manfredi on guitar and Margaret Matthews on violin. (2013 World Communion Sunday)



WE CELEBRATE THE SACRED MEAL OF CHRIST

The Rev. Arthur Reed: Please lift your bread and pray silently with me as I speak this prayer aloud. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. It is through your goodness that we have this bread, which the Earth has given us and human hands have lovingly made. Now, through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit this bread will become for us the Bread From Heaven, the Bread Of Life, the bread of the New Covenant, the very Body Of Christ.

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

The Rev. Arthur Reed: Please set your bread on the Table or Altar at this time.

The Rev. Jenny Scott-Jones: Please lift your cup and pray silently with me as I speak this prayer aloud. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. It is through your goodness that we have this fruit of the vine, which the Earth has given us and human hands have lovingly made. Now, through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit this fruit of the vine will become for us the Cup of Our Salvation, the Cup of Everlasting Life, the Cup of the New and Everlasting Covenant, the very Blood Of Christ.

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

The Rev. Jenny Scott-Jones: Please set your cup on the Table or Altar at this time.

The Rev. Holly Strickland : The Lord is with you!

ALL: And also with you!

The Rev. Holly Strickland: Lift up your hearts!

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord!

The Rev. Holly Strickland: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Rev. Wanda Copeland: We give you thanks and praise for all of creation and the beauty of life. We praise and thank you for this opportunity to be together and celebrate your great gift to us in the Blessed Sacrament. Now we join our voices with the angels and the saints who are already with you in paradise and with the church on earth where ever she is. May our voices and prayers be as one as we sing and praise you as holy, holy, and holy:

SONG: Holy Holy

Holy, Holy, Lord!

To my friends in Christ
at Ray Of Hope Church

"Music for Worship"

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Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

+ We Invoke the Blessing Of The Holy Spirit

The Rev. Pat Hubman: We make our prayer to God in humble faith. Jesus said: "...truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by God in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:19-21)

(***) Please pause and wait for the onscreen video to start. Thank you. (***)

ALL: Further, Jesus also said: "Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to God. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that God may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it." (John 14:12-14)

Fr. William Lutz (WCS 2013): Everyone is invited now to extend your hand(s) forward in the blessing toward the Table Of Christ and pray aloud this prayer where we ask the Holy Spirit to give us the Bread Of Life and the Cup Of Salvation. Together let us pray:

ALL: O God, in the Name of Jesus, we your faithful people, ask your Only One and Holy Spirit to bless and separate this bread and fruit of the vine for Christ's purpose. Through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit, give to us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in precisely the exact same manner that He gave them, and commissioned us to do often in His Holy Name. You alone, O Loving, True God, authenticate for us that this is the Messiah, Christ, New Covenant Meal that Jesus instituted for our Spiritual well-being. We ask this in the Name of Jesus. Amen

+ The Words Of The Institution Of The Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Shawn Benedict: Please lift the Bread Of Life. Everyone is invited to say aloud with the clergy The Words of Institution for the bread. Together:

ALL: Before He was given up to death, a death He freely accepted,
He took the bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread,
gave it to His disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it:
This is my body which will be given up for you. Do this in memory of me.

The Rev. Shawn Benedict: Please set the Bread of Life down on your Table or Altar. Please lift now the Cup of Salvation. Everyone is invited to say aloud with the clergy The Words of Institution for the cup. Together:

ALL: When the supper was ended, He took the cup. Again He gave you
thanks and praise, gave the cup to His disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and drink from it: This is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you
and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

The Rev. Shawn Benedict: Please set the Cup of Salvation down on your Table or Altar.

The Rev. Roger Behrens : Having heard the Word of God and having remembered the sacrifice of the cross, we invite everyone to pray together the prayer of Jesus.

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen (Evangelical Lutheran Worship book, 2006)

The Rev. Holy Strickland: Lord Jesus Christ, trusting in your love and your mercy we now partake of your body and blood as you commanded. We pray that our participation not bring us condemnation as St. Paul warned, but sanctification and health in mind, body, soul and spirit.

The Rev. Roger Behrens: We pray that all God's people will one day be reassembled without the loss of anyone in your kingdom of love and glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: AMEN

The Rev. Shawn Benedict: Please lift up the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Eucharistic Bread and Cup and sing together.

SONG: Great Amen

Doxology/Amen!

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All hon - or and glo - ry be un - to You. Al - migh - ty
God world with - out end. A men! Al - le - lu - ia
A men! Al - le - lu - ia! All hon - or and glo - ry to you! A - men!



WE SHARE HIS MEAL AND PRAY

Lisa Frost: Please set down your Holy Communion cup and bread on your Table or Altar. Please be seated. At Ray Of Hope Church I am one of the licensed Servants of the Eucharist, our Eucharistic ministers, so I will assist us at this time. Please be sure your microphone or audio is muted in your Zoom window at this time. Continue to leave your speakers on so you can hear what is happening in the Zoom room. Today we will receive our first virtual ecumenical Eucharist together. It will be in three steps.

Step Number 1) Some people are watching from a location where they do not have actual Holy Communion Bread and Wine with them. We will all now pray with them this prayer from the Episcopal National Cathedral Prayer book for a Spiritual reception of Holy Communion that gives all the benefits and blessings of a physical reception. Together we pray with them:

Oh My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Spiritual Communion Prayer from the Episcopal National Cathedral Prayer Book.

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Step Number 2) Those who are with Pastors in churches and sanctuaries please begin to receive Holy Communion now. Follow the instructions of your Pastors and your COVID-19 infection prevention policies. Please begin to serve now.

Step Number 3) Now, for everyone who has Holy Communion at home; if you are with someone, you may give Holy Communion to each other. For everyone receiving at home I declare: The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for you. Amen. Please now receive the bread and drink all of the wine or grape juice. Please gather all the bread crumbs into the cup and add some water and be sure to drink all of the wine or grape juice and all of the crumbs. Then dry your cup please.

We will now sing together verse three of Here I am Lord.

Music: Here I Am Lord text and music by Daniel Schutte

Verse three: I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide 'till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life for them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you led me. I will hold your people in my heart. Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you led me. I will hold your people in my heart.

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WE ARE SENT FORTH

The Rev. Br. Shawn Benedict : Announcements

The Rev. Jenny Scott-Jones: Please join me in prayer. God, we bless you and praise you for this marvelous time we have shared today. As we go forth from this place we ask you to strengthen us to go out and tell others of your wonderful love. Send us forth now with your blessing, in the name of God, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

The Rev. Arthur Reed: We go forth in peace, love and unity to serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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For All the Saints

Heb. 12:1

William W. How, 1864; alt.

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who to the
 2 You were their rock, their ref - uge, and their might: you, Christ, the
 3 Still may your peo - ple, faith - ful, true, and bold, live as the
 4 Ringed by this cloud of wit - ness - es di - vine, we fee - bly
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the

world their stead-fast faith con-fessed, your name, O Je - sus,
 hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you
 saints who no - bly fought of old, and share with them a
 strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet in your love our
 ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, then hearts are brave a -

be for - ev - er blessed,
 were their one true light.
 glo - rious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 faith - ful lives en - twine,
 gain, and faith grows strong.

This traditional All Saints Day hymn originally consisted of eleven stanzas written for the Sarum Hymnal (1869) and set to a tune by that name, Sarum. It has grown in popularity since it was later paired with the enduring Sine Nomine in The English Hymnal (1906).

Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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INSTRUMENTAL POSTLUDE

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Participating Clergy

The Rev. Jenny Scott-Jones, Pastor of Grace Episcopal Church

The Rev. Roger Behrens, Pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church

The Rev. Br. Shawn F. Benedict, Pastor of Ray Of Hope Church

The Rev. Arthur Reed, Pastor of United Baptist Church

The Rev. Holly Strickland, Pastor of Webb Mills United Methodist Church

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The Rev. Wanda Copeland, Pastor of St. Mathew's Episcopal Church, and Trinity Episcopal Church

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For more information on the National COVID-19 Remembrance Day happening in Washington, D.C. today [Click Here](#).

Any errors or omissions in the text of this program are my personal mistakes and are unintentional. Please forgive me. Thank you, Br. Shawn.

Thank you to everyone who worked together to make this event possible. May your efforts come back to you from Almighty God as grace where you and your family may need it most today. Br. Shawn.