

26th Weekend Ordinary Time

September 28, 2024

Responses of the People are in **bold**

Welcome

Opening Song: # 735 Gather 'Round This Table

Gather 'Round This Table

Verses



1. Come, gath - er 'round this ta - ble, all you from far and near,
2. O come and join the ban - quet, ho - ly and hap - py feast,
3. And here we taste sal - va - tion, break now the bless - ed bread;
4. The cup of God's own glad - ness, sweet and a - bun - dant wine,
5. And here we share the sto - ries an - cient and ev - er new,



gath - er 'round this ta - ble, for all are wel - come
God has spread a ban - quet where the great - est shall be
joined with all cre - a - tion, ev - 'ry hun - ger shall be
saved from sin and sad - ness, let your spir - its bright - ly
cross and crown and glo - ry, our death and life a -



here, yes all are wel - come here.
least, the great - est shall be least.
fed, all hun - gers shall be fed.
shine, all spir - its bright - ly shine.
new, our death and life a - new.

Refrain



Bless - ed are they who will feast in the Reign of God.



Bless - ed are they who will share the bread of life.



Bless - ed are they who are least in the Reign of God;



they shall re - joice at the feast of life.

Teri: Let us continue as one expression of God's people. + Father, Son, Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Teri: May the Love of God, the care and compassion of the Incarnation, and the Fire of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer for new Parish Council members:

Gracious God, you know our needs and desires for our leadership here at Light of Christ. We ask for your continual guidance and direction in bringing us those individuals to serve on parish council. Inspire them and encourage them to bring their gifts forward to serve our community. We ask Sophia Spirit to move our beings toward the greater good. Thank you. Amen!

Penitential Rite

Let us turn to our God, who sits at every table:

God, You offer gifts of reconciliation and renewal. Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy

Christ, You are the Anointed One in whom we follow, creating sacred space where we can be vulnerable and uncertain. Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

Spirit of God, You give breath to the Gospel through us. Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

Hear the Good News! Christ's life, death and resurrection have revealed life eternal for you. Your sins are forgiven. Go forth refreshed and renewed in the name of God, in the name of Love, in the name of New Life. Together now we pray. **Amen**

Gloria

Mike Anderson

Last time to 



Glo - ri - al! (clap, clap) Glo - ri - al! (clap, clap) In ex - cel - sis De - o!



v.1 Lord - God hea - ven - ly - King, peace you bring to
 v.2 Je - sus, Sa - viour - of all, Lord - God, Lamb - of
 v.3 At the Fa - ther's right hand, Lord, re - ceive our
 v.4 Glo - ry Fa - ther and Son, glo - ry Ho - ly



us! We wor - ship - you, we give you thanks, we
 God, you take a - way our sins, oh Lord, have
 prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly - One and
 Spi - rit! To you we raise our hands up high! We

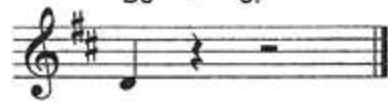
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sing our song - of praise! In ex - cel - sis
 mer - cy on - us all!
 you - a - lone are Lord!
 glo - ri - fy your name!



De - o! In ex - cel - sis De - - -



o!

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Opening Prayer

Teri: Let us pray....

God. You remind us today that we do not need to be the greatest, or the best. Instead, you encourage us to live into our questions. To speak them. To honor them. To contemplate them. How many times in our

Scripture do you ask questions? How many times did Jesus ask questions of his followers, Pharisees, and others? Today, what questions does the Holy Spirit raise up in our own hearts. Thank you God for this gift of prayer where we can turn to you, uncertain, frightened, vulnerable and filled with questions. Thank you for the safe space to sit with you and our questions. We pray together in Jesus' name. **AMEN**

First Reading:

Shannon: Our First Reading is from the Book of Numbers (11:25-29)

God appeared in the cloud and spoke to Moses. God took some of the prophetic spirit that was on Moses and rested it on the seventy elders who had left the camp with Moses to worship in the Tent of Meeting. When the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied; but they did not do so again.

However, two of the seventy elders remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad. The spirit remained on them. They were among those registered as elders. They had not gone out to the Tent with Moses and the other elders, so they prophesied within the camp.

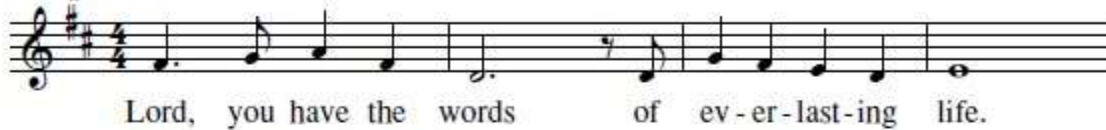
Someone from the camp ran to tattle on them to Moses, saying: "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." Joshua, Moses' assistant, one of those Moses chose to be a leader, said, "Yes, Moses, stop them!" But Moses said, "Are you jealous for my sake? If only all of God's people were prophets! If only God would bestow the spirit on them all!"

This has been a reading from the Book of Numbers. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 19: # 21 Words of Ever Lasting Life

Psalm 19: Words of Everlasting Life / Palabras de Vida Eterna

Bilingual Refrain



Verses

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, giving wisdom to the simple.
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, delighting the heart;
the command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye.
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, enduring forever.
The decrees of the Lord are true, all of them just.
4. They are more precious than gold, than the purest of gold;
and sweeter are they than syrup, or honey from the comb.

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Second Reading: Shannon

Our Second Reading is from the Letter to the Ephesians (4:7, 11-16)

Gifts were given to each of us that, together, we may be the gift of Christ to the world...some of us were gifted as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers. Each helps to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, the building up the body of Christ, until we all attain the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Chosen One, maturing into the fullness of humanity. For we are not infants, tossed by waves and swept by every wind of "teaching" arising from deceitful

interests. Living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into the one who is the head, the Christ.

In Christ, the whole body is joined and held together by every supporting ligament. The proper functioning of each part brings about the body's growth and builds itself up in Love.

This has been a reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

Thanks be to God.

ALLE, ALLE, ALLELUIA

(refrain only)

Fr. Richard Ho Lung, M.O.P.
Caribbean Mass

Refrain: Al - le, al - le, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le, al - le, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le, al - le, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le, al - le, al - le, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le, al - le, al - le, al - le - lu - ia.
ia. Al - le, al - le, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le, al - le, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le!

Teri:

The Risen Christ be with you all. ***And also with you.***

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (9:39-41) ***Glory to you, O God+***

Sometime later, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name. We tried to stop it since the person isn't one of us." Jesus responded, "Do not stop such a one! No one who does a powerful act of compassion in my name can, in the next moment, say anything ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ, will not lose God's gratitude."

A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily -

Prayers of the People - Shannon

Response: Our response today is: God of love, unite us. ***God of love, unite us.***

For the nations of the world. That war, strife and division can be overcome as we work to see that our similarities far outweigh our differences. We also pray for those in the left in the wake of Hurricane Helene. We pray: ***God of love, unite us.***

For our church and all who strive to make God's dream of universal flourishing a reality. That we may be a warm, welcoming space that feeds the souls of those longing for peace and friendship. We pray: ***God of love, unite us.***

For those who are sick. For those who struggle. For those who feel isolated and alone. (We pray especially for_____). That their hearts may

open and Your healing and protection fill them. We pray: **God of love, unite us.**

For those who have died, (especially_____). That they may rest now in everlasting peace and joy. And for those who mourn a loss, that they may find solace in Your companionship. We pray: **God of love, unite us.**

Shannon : Fr. Teri will now read the prayers that have been typed in the comments (PAUSE until Teri tells you to go on.) For these and for all the prayers we share through our hearts, we pray: **God of love, unite us.**

Shannon : In addition, Prayer Partners will be available after Mass here in the Sanctuary by the back altar. For those at home, or those who have a prayer to share during the week, you can email our Prayer Companion Team at prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org and someone will reach out to you. These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words.

Teri: Collect (*adlib*)

Sign of Peace

Offertory Song: #667 One Lord

One Lord

Refrain

One Lord, one faith, one call to serve
 each oth - er. One heart, one mind,
 one com - mon ground; we stand all as one.

To verses Last time

Verses

1. Give us new hands, o - pen and free,
 2. Give us new eyes, lov - ing and wise,
 3. Give us new hearts, hum - ble yet strong,
 4. Breathe out your Spir - it up - on the land.

to serve with grace and dig - ni - ty. May we be wor -
 to seek the good we all have in - side. May we be wor -
 to love like you our whole life long. May we be wor -
 in hope and peace we'll firm - ly stand, to live lives wor -

D.C.

thy of our call.
 thy of our call. We have but
 thy of our call.
 thy of our call.

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Eucharist Prayers for Season of Creation adapted from

<https://www.greenanglicans.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/manual-2021-final.pdf>

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine to place on your table. Work of earth and human hands. May these become our spiritual food and drink. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Teri: Wash away my iniquity, cleanse me.

(After the offertory song finishes.)

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your table. They represent our entire lives, and all that we have to offer. These gifts have traveled through purses, pockets, and even the mail. May these become the Light of Christ in your world. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Teri: Pray my sisters and brothers, my family, that these our gifts, our lives may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

May God accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's world.

Teri: The peace of our God be with you all.

And also with you.

Teri: Open up our hearts.

We open them up to God.

Teri: Let us give thanks to our Loving God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Teri: You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants. As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the warmth of your love. Through you all things are brought to new life. And

now we give you thanks for the glories of your creation given into our care, and for the opportunities we have to share that richness with all your people. And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we praise you now and forever as we sing:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord. _____

Ho - ly is the Lord God of hosts. _____ Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who

comes in God's name. _____ Ho - ly is the Lord God of

hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, _____ ho -

san - na in the high - est. _____ He comes in the



name, in the name of the Lord. He comes in the name, in the
name of the Lord. He comes in the name, in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord. Ho - ly is the
Lord God of hosts. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!
Ho - san - na in the high - est!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Teri: God, Goodness of the World, you prepare tables before us. Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around these tables throughout your world and gathered as one Body that we may become signs of your love and transforming work in the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine before us to make them holy so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying - **"Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you."**

We remember also, that on the night before Jesus died, He took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying, **"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."**

Teri: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.....

Memorial Acclamation

Fr. Richard Ho Lung, M.O.P.

Christ has died, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Christ will come a - gain. Christ will come a - gain. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Teri: Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation; we who need reconciliation one with another; we who hope for reconciliation with all creation, draw close to this mystery.

In being broken, poured out and buried, life sprang forth again. In the breaking, there is an opening up; in the pouring out, there are the roots of

sharing; in death and burial, there is the seed of the new life to come.

Through the giving in the bread and wine and food from our own cupboards, reconcile us to our world.

Send upon us, and upon all your creation, the life-giving Spirit who first moved upon the waters of the deep. Awaken this spirit in our chosen bishops, especially Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul. Stir in all of us the creative, and redeem the destructive.

As we gather in diversity, unite us with you through the body and blood of your Eternal Son, your Word made flesh. Remember all who have died, but remain one with this Body in eternal love. May we live fully in the present, in love and with love, delighting in our dance with the Holy Three in One.

Teri: Together now, we say.....

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours all loving God, forever and ever.

AMEN

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Caribbean Mass

A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men. A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men.

Our Father

Teri: Let us join hearts together, a symbol of how God is circling the world right now and prayer words that have been prayed for centuries.

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 the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

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All:

Lamb of God, — you take a - way — the sins of — the
world: have mer - cy, — have mer - cy — on us.
Oh — Lamb of God, — you take a - way — the sins of — the
world: have mer - cy, — have mer - cy — on us.

All:

Je - sus Christ, — Lamb of God, — Lamb of God, —
— take a - way our — sins. — Je - sus Christ, —
— Lamb of God, — Lamb of God, — grant us peace. —

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Teri: This is the Living God. This is the Body and Blood of Christ. The one who transforms the world with love. The one who transforms us. Blessed are we who are called to this meal.

God, I am ready to receive you. Because by your invitation, I am here.

It is here at these tables that we find hope and imagination to see God's dream and promise of a world of wholeness, and it is here that we receive the nourishment and strength to continue on the paths of justice. No matter where you are on your journey, you are invited to come and receive.

(Receive the grace that Christ shares with you this day.)

Communion Song: # 806 Eat This Bread

Eat This Bread

Refrain

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and common time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a bass line. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry." The second system also has a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a bass line. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst." Both systems end with a double bar line.

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Prayer after Communion:

Teri: Let us pray...

We thank you, God, and Jesus who meet us at these tables and feed us with this food. We are filled with Your love and Your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. ***Amen.***

Teri: The Love of God be with you. ***And also with you.***

Teri: Let us open our hearts to receive God's blessing.

Receive the blessing of questions. Even when your questions are met with silence, receive the blessing of the questions. May your questions be an opening into new insight, new trust, and new faith. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Teri: Please repeat our sending forth after me:

We are Light of Christ....

Let us go forth as such.....

Loving and serving God.....

As we get to love and serve in God's world.

Thanks be to God.....

Closing Hymn: # 498 All You Works of God

All You Works of God

Refrain

All you works of God, ev-'ry moun-tain, star and tree, bless the One
 who shapes your beau - ty, who has caused you all to
 be one great song of love and grace, ev - er an - cient, ev - er
 new. Raise your voic - es, all you works of God!

Verses

1. Sun and moon:		Stars of heav - en:
2. Winds of God:		Cold and win - ter:
3. Night and day:		Light and dark - ness:
4. All the earth:	Bless your Mak - er!	Hills and moun-tains:
5. Wells and springs:		Seas and riv - ers:
6. Fly - ing birds:		Beasts and cat - tle:
7. All who live:		Men and wom - en:

Chant your praise! Show - ers and dew:
 Snow - storms and ice:
 Light - nings and clouds:
 Green things that grow:
 Whales in the deep:
 Chil - dren at play:
 Ser - vants of God:

Raise up your joy - ful song. **D.C.**

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