#### GATHERING

The HOLY SPIRIT calls us together as the people of God.

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### **Confession and Forgiveness**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your **HOLY SPIRIT**, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.** 

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

### Gathering Song We Give Thee but Thine Own

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

#### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the **HOLY SPIRIT** be with you all.

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison. Christe eleison.
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Christe eleison. Christe eleison.

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. This is a summer like no other, O Lord. We ask for your protection for ourselves and all your beloved children. We also ask for the gift of your **SPIRIT**, that we may have our empty spirits filled with your passion, wisdom, and love. **Amen.** 

#### WORD

We hear together God's Word for us today.

# First Reading: Hebrews 6:4-8

# A reading from Hebrews

<sup>4</sup>For it is impossible to restore again to repentance those who have once been enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy **SPIRIT**, <sup>5</sup>and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, <sup>6</sup>and then have fallen away, since on their own they are crucifying again the Son of God and are holding him up to contempt. <sup>7</sup>Ground that drinks up the rain falling on it repeatedly, and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. <sup>8</sup>But if it produces thorns and thistles, it is worthless and on the verge of being cursed; its end is to be burned over.

# Bible Acclamation Create in Me a Clean Heart (#185)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your **HOLY SPIRIT** from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free **SPIRIT**. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

# Second Reading: Acts 5:1-11

A reading from the book of Acts.

<sup>1</sup>But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; <sup>2</sup>with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. <sup>3</sup>Ananias, Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy SPIRIT and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? <sup>4</sup>While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" <sup>5</sup>Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. <sup>6</sup>The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him. <sup>7</sup>After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. <sup>8</sup>Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." <sup>9</sup>Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the SPIRIT of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." <sup>10</sup>Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. <sup>11</sup>And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

#### Sermon Moment

The assembly is seated.

### Hymn of the Day When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all

# **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the **HOLY SPIRIT**, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.** 

# **Prayers of Intercession**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

# HYMN Hear Our Prayer

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

We pray for the one church of Jesus Christ, for its ministry and the mission of the gospel; [Pause] for the well-being of creation; [Pause] for peace and justice in the world, for all nations and those in authority who serve them, for our community; [Pause]

for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, and lonely, for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, for this congregation, and the needs of its people; [Pause] for the faithful departed, who have joined the church triumphant. [Pause]

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.** 

# Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the **HOLY SPIRIT**, let us pray as Jesus taught us. Please bow your heads and pray quietly...

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 For ever and ever. Amen.

#### Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.** 

#### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# Postlude *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* BATTLE HYMN

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