

# Holy Eucharist

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## Proper 12B, Pentecost 10

### Prelude



All stand as they are able

### Opening Hymn

### Hymnal 51

*We, the Lord's people*

We the Lord's peo- ple, heart and voice u-  
 This is the Lord's house, home of all God's  
 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own  
 In the Lord's ser- vice, bread and wine are

ni- ting, praise him who called us out of sin and  
 peo- ple; school for the faith- ful, re- fuge for the  
 ma- king; day of cre- a- tion, day of re- sur-  
 of- fered, that Christ may take them, bless them, break and

dark- ness in- to his own light, that he might a-  
 sin- ner, rest for the pil- grim, ha- ven for the  
 rec- tion, day of the Spi- rit, sign of hea- ven's  
 give them to all his peo- ple, his own life im-

-noint us a ro- yal priest- hood.  
 wea- ry; all find a wel- come.  
 ban- quet, food ev- er- last- ing.  
 par- ting, day for re- joi- cing.

*Presider* Blessed be the + one, holy, and living God.

*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

*The Presider begins the Collect for Purity*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Collect of the Day**

*Presider* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

## **First Reading**

2 Kings 4:42-44

A Reading from the Second book of Kings.

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left.'" <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated*

## **Psalm 145:10-19**

*to be prayed responsively*

- <sup>10</sup>All your works praise you, O LORD, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.
- <sup>11</sup>**They make known the glory of your dominion \*  
and speak of your power;**
- <sup>12</sup>That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your dominion.
- <sup>13</sup>**Your reign is an everlasting reign; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**
- <sup>14</sup>The LORD is faithful in all words \*  
and merciful in all deeds.
- <sup>15</sup>**The LORD upholds all those who fall,\*  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.**
- <sup>16</sup>The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.
- <sup>17</sup>**You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**
- <sup>18</sup>The LORD is righteous in all ways \*  
and loving in all works.
- <sup>19</sup>**The LORD is near to those who call upon the Holy One, \*  
to all who make their petitions faithfully.**

## **Second Reading**

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All then stand as they are able.*

## Sequence Hymn

*O love of God, how strong and true*

Hymnal 455



O Love of God, how strong and true, e-ter-nal  
O wide-em-bra-cing, won-drous Love, we read thee  
We read thee best in him who came to bear for  
We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the



and yet e-ver new; un-com-pre-hen-ded  
in the sky a-bove; we read thee in the  
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa-ther  
dark-ness of the grave; still more in re-sur-



and un-bought, be-yond all know-ledge and all thought.  
earth be-low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.  
from on high, our life to live, our death to die.  
-rec-tion light we read the full-ness of thy might.

## Holy Gospel

John 6:1-21

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."



<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Sermon**

**Bill Stech**

*All then stand as they are able.*

## **Nicene Creed**

*Presider* Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*All remain standing as they are able.*

## **Prayers of the People**

*Presider* Brothers and sisters, children of God, we yearn for the fullness that comes only from God, that Christ may dwell in us and we in him.

*Intercessor* We lift before you the Body of Christ, our people, our bishops, priests, deacons, and Ministry Teams, that they may faithfully lead us in our calling to be a light to the world. Be present with those who take council for your church at General Convention in Louisville. **Amen, Lord. Hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept.*

We thank you for creative compassionate leaders throughout the world. May they devote themselves to justice, peace, and the common good. **Amen, Lord. Hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept.*

We thank you for the endless and beautiful diversity of humanity. We thank you for the gift of life and for our connection with all that you have made. Today we lift our thanks [for\_\_\_\_\_]. May we delight in your creation and protect it, and may we recognize and celebrate your image in every person we meet. Fill us with the fullness of God. **Amen, Lord. Hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept.*

We thank you for the promise of your presence in our lives. May our concern for those among us who are hurting bring us to prayer and may our care for [especially\_\_\_\_\_] be healing balm. **Amen, Lord. Hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the gift of new life in this world, and for the hope of new and everlasting life in the world to come. May those who have gone before us [especially\_\_\_\_\_] be filled with the abundance of your never-ending love and light. **Amen, Lord. Hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept*

*Presider* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*The Presider says to the people*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*All remain standing, or kneel, as they are able.*

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that 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.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*A Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, † forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*All stand as they are able*

## Peace

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and the People may offer God's peace to one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The People then are seated.*

## Announcements

# Holy Communion

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.*

*The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

## Offertory Hymn

## Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*The people remain standing as they are able*

# Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

*The Presider proceeds*

All thanks and praise  
are yours at all times and in all places,  
our true and loving God;

through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,  
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world  
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;  
you brought forth all creatures of the earth  
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,  
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;



And so as the morning stars sing your praises  
we join the heavenly beings and all creation  
as we shout with joy:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people continue to stand, or kneel, as they are able.*

*The Presider continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all;  
your Word has never been silent.  
You called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,  
you delivered them from bondage  
and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus  
to be human, to share our life,  
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign  
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
you have freed us from sin,  
brought us into your life,  
reconciled us to you,  
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that, on the night before he died for us,  
Jesus took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,  
gave it to his friends and said:  
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,  
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,  
poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:  
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,  
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,

and presenting to you these gifts  
your earth has formed and human hands have made,  
we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit + upon us  
and + upon these gifts of bread and wine  
that they may be to us  
the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,  
may be a people of hope, justice and love.  
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,  
and in the fullness of time gather us  
with blessed Barnabas our patron, and all your people,  
into the joy of our true eternal home.  
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
we worship you our God and Creator  
in voices of unending praise.  
Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*The Presider then continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Presider says*

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.  
**Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*When all who desire have received, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior.**

## **Blessing**

*A priest blesses the people, saying*

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road,  
and the blessing of + God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Concluding Hymn**

*We all are one in mission*

**WLP 778**

We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,  
 We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.  
 We all be-hold one vis-ion, a stark re-al-i-ty;  
 Now let us be u-ni-ted and let our song be heard.

our var-ied gifts u-ni-ted by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min-i-stries are diff-erent, our pur-pose is the same:  
 the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.  
 Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.

A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove  
 to touch the lives of o-thers by God's sur-pri-sing grace,  
 Yet re-sur-rec-ted Jus-tice gives rise that we may share  
 We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to- ge- ther that all may know Christ's love.  
 so peo- ple of all na- tions may feel God's warm em- brace.  
 free re- con- cil- i- a- tion and hope a- mid des- pair.  
 Our var- ied gifts u- ni- ted by Christ, the Lord of all.

**Dismissal**

*Minister* And now, my sisters and brothers in Christ, I bid you go out as did St Barnabas, the Encourager. Go out with a good heart, full of joy and peace, to love and serve our Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Postlude**

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**This week in prayer**

**Please remember these persons and congregations in your prayers this week:**

**Our Bishops** Bonnie, Michael, Sean, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA) **and for** all bishops, priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation  
**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**  
 July 28 The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East  
**Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:**  
 July 28 St John's, Detroit; St Paul's, Romeo; St Cornelius, Cabarete, DR  
**St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer:** Karyn, Jim G, Mary G  
**and our continuing prayers for:** Jim M, Mardi, Pat, Robert, Selenah

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**Faith in Action** is in need of our continuing help. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*, with "St Barnabas" on the memo line. The **next Food Drive** is **Sunday, August 18**. In the Spirit of Jesus, please contribute as generously as you can.

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## Upcoming Commemorations

- July 28 Johann Sebastian Bach, 1750, George Frederick Handel, 1759, and Henry Purcell, 1695, Composers  
29 Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany; and, First Ordination of Women to the Priesthood in The Episcopal Church, 1974  
30 William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, 1833  
31 Ignatius of Loyola, Priest and Spiritual Writer, 1556  
Aug. 01 Joseph of Arimathea  
02 Samuel Ferguson: Missionary Bishop for West Africa, 1916

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### Proper 12B July 28, 2024

#### *Ephesians 3:14-21*

The second-generation Christians who received these words faced extraordinary existential questions, for they witnessed their founding members – the apostles – and many of their brothers and sisters in the church face torture, exile, and martyrdom. What’s more, by the time this text was composed, the Jerusalem Temple had been destroyed – the one external symbol of God’s presence and a visible connection to the faith of their ancestors. Now, the only people in their world who had holy gathering places were those who worshipped the emperor and gods of Rome; the Christians had no external supports. Therefore, the prayer that they be strengthened in their inner being through the power of the Spirit (v16) carried powerful resonance. The image of being rooted, as if in a nurturing garden of love, carries the symbolism of tapping inner strength in the fertile soil of Christ.

Finally, we note that the author begins this prayer with a sentiment that challenges us today as powerfully as it did our ancestors-in-faith 2000 years ago – God is the loving father of every “family” (the Greek *patria* can also be rendered “clan”). Theirs was an era similar to our own in its factions and polarization, yet the Ephesians are being called to reclaim and live in the reality that all belong to God.

- How are you being invited to nurture and become more deeply rooted in your “inner being with power through [the] Spirit”?

#### *John 6:1-21*

I’ve often heard preachers try to explain this Gospel by saying that Jesus convinced the people to share their food with each other. Their open-heartedness and mutuality were the true miracles. This is a fine lesson, but there is something deeper here – the power of the “Bread of Life” in the face of overwhelmingly hopeless circumstances. Let’s briefly explore what this text might teach us about Christian hope, as well as the notion of testing (v6) and finally the move to make Jesus king (v15).

We note that John evokes the memory of the Exodus by setting this story in the wilderness near the time of the Passover festival. Those sacred events from Israel’s past were also apparently hopeless situations overcome by the creative, surprising power of God. Ronald Rolheiser observes, “What do we need to understand about the loaves? We need to understand that we are with the bread of life, everything we need to feed the world we already have...We have the resources already; though on the surface those resources will always look over-

matched, hopeless, dwarfed, nonsensical, wishful thinking. On the surface, invariably, we will look...not up to the task of ...feeding a hungry, greedy world.” *Hope* is trust that God, with our cooperation, will find a way.

John records that Jesus questioned Philip to “test” him (Greek *peirazon*). This word is also used in Matthew 4 (the “Temptation” narrative). Does God test us? Many well-meaning people attribute hardship in their lives to the testing of God (or the devil). I think they’re trying to say that God is present with them when it’s difficult. But the notion that God “tests” us is discomfiting. Adults don’t do that to each other – we call that “mind games.” When the Bible talks about testing, we might interpret that as saying that life sends us challenges and God watches how we respond. This is what Jesus was doing with Philip.

Finally, notice how Jesus runs from the move to make him king. This desire to “crown” Jesus is the reaction of people who are “amazed” (never a positive thing in the Gospels!). Jesus realizes this is a gut response from an overwrought people. It’s not from discernment, from maturity, from the soul. Jesus models for us how the spiritually conscious leader responds to and redirects the overwrought energies of excitable people.

- Where in your life are you being called to exercise the kind of “hope” discussed above?

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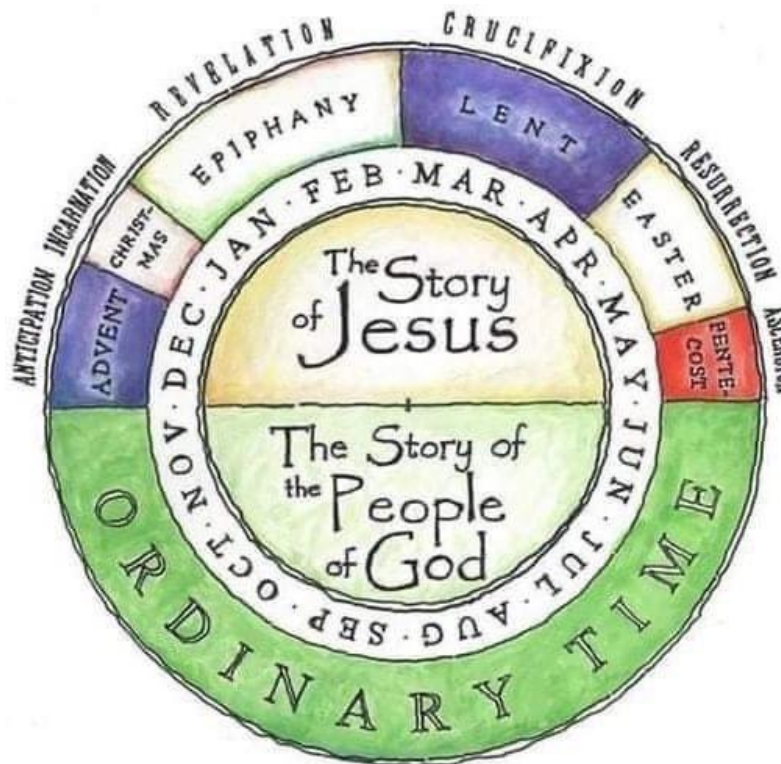
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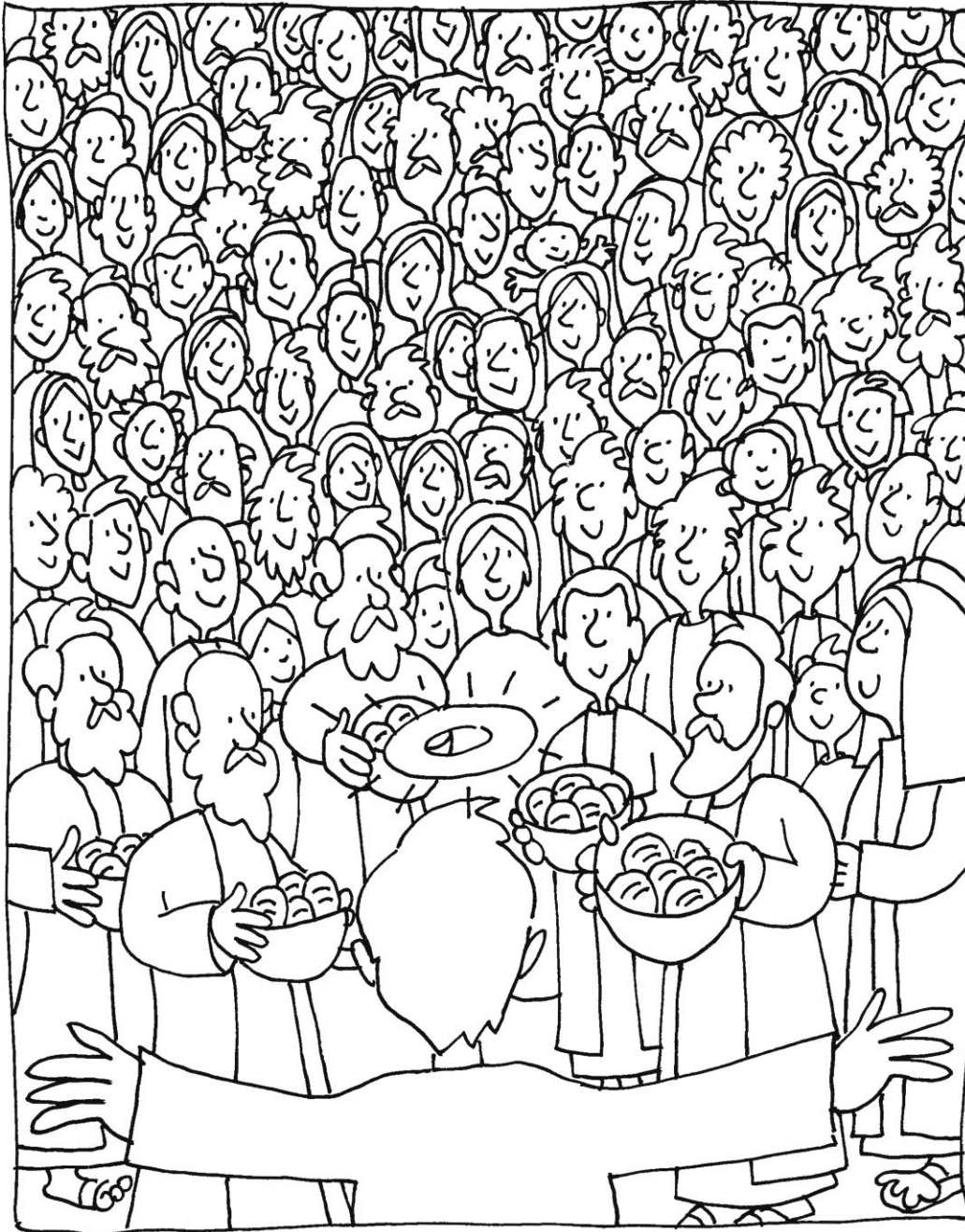
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## **Our Mission:**

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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