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THE HOLY SUPPER: 2.

ALL STANDING, a hymn may be sung.

Having entered, the Priest opens the Word.

PRIEST: Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb! Revelation 19: 9

ALL SING: AMEN men.

PRIEST: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. Psalm 95: 6

ALL KNEEL.

PRIEST: O Lord, You have come that we may have life,

PEOPLE: And that we may have it more abundantly.

From John 10: 10

PRIEST: You have spoken to us that Your joy may remain in us,

PEOPLE: And that our joy may be full.

From John 15: 11

ALL: O Lord, You are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. You are good to all and Your tender mercies are over all Your works. You uphold all who fall, and raise up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Amen.

From Psalm 145: 8, 9, 14-16

PRIEST: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

PEOPLE: And all that is within me bless His holy name.

Priest: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

PEOPLE: And forget not all His benefits.

Psalm 103: 1, 2

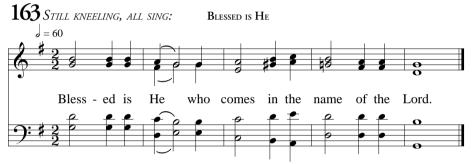
The Priest may offer a prayer.

ALL: Our Father, who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven so upon the earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Matthew 6: 9-13

PRIEST: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? PEOPLE: I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

Psalm 116: 12, 13



Psalm 118: 26; Matthew 21: 9; 23: 39; Mark 11: 9; Luke 13: 35; 19: 38; John 12: 13

ALL STANDING, the Priest and People read the following:

PRIEST: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

PEOPLE: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

PRIEST: Blessed are those who mourn,

PEOPLE: For they shall be comforted.

PRIEST: Blessed are the meek,

PEOPLE: For they shall inherit the earth.

PRIEST: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice,

PEOPLE: For they shall be filled.

PRIEST: Blessed are the merciful,

PEOPLE: For they shall obtain mercy.

PRIEST: Blessed are the pure in heart,

PEOPLE: For they shall see God.

Priest: Blessed are the peacemakers,

PEOPLE: For they shall be called sons of God.

PRIEST: Blessed are those who are persecuted for justice's sake,

PEOPLE: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

PRIEST: Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

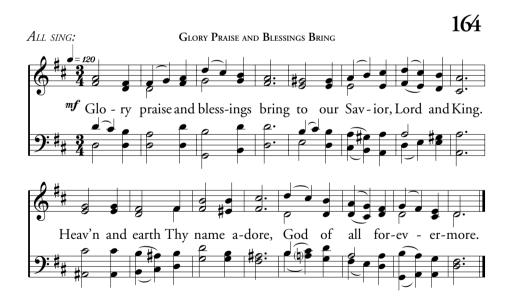
Matthew 5: 3-12

PEOPLE: Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever.

Revelation 7: 12

PRIEST: Amen. Praise the Lord: Praise Him, O you servants of the Lord!

Psalm 113: 1; 135: 1



The PEOPLE SITTING, the Priest reads selections from the Word.

An interlude may here be played, followed by an address.

All standing, a musical selection is sung.

- The People Sitting, the Celebrant reads one of the following or other selection of passages regarding the institution of the holy supper. Further readings can be found at numbers 157–159, 697–712, and 1154.
- **166** The Institution of the Supper by the Lord:

Jesus kept the passover with His disciples; and when evening had come He sat down with them. And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed, and brake, and gave to His disciples, and said, Take, eat, this is My body. And He took the cup and gave thanks, and gave to them, saying, Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many.

Matthew 26: 26-28; Mark 14: 22-24; Luke 22: 19-20; TCR 703

167 The Lord's Doctrine about His Flesh and Blood, and Bread and Wine:

Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you. Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. I am the bread which came down from heaven. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world. Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. John 6:27-56; TCR 703

168 Now on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do You wish us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?" And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Master says, "My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples." '" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and saying a blessing, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

The Holy Supper: 2 Sacraments and Rites (169)

Elevating the bread, the CELEBRANT says:

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The bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

John 6: 33

Breaking the bread, the CELEBRANT says:

He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

Psalm 111: 5

Elevating the wine, the CELEBRANT says:

The blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Matthew 26: 28

Pouring the wine into cups, the CELEBRANT says:

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1: 5, 6

When there are assisting Priests, they now advance to the holy supper altar.

CELEBRANT:

Let us pray.

All Kneel.

CELEBRANT:

O Lord, Immanuel, God with us, our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, You are our Father in the heavens; You are the Son of God that came into the world; You are the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth who leads to all truth; You are God, and You alone, over all the kingdoms of the earth, and Your kingdom shall endure forever. Amen.

The CELEBRANT and Assistants partake of the Sacrament.

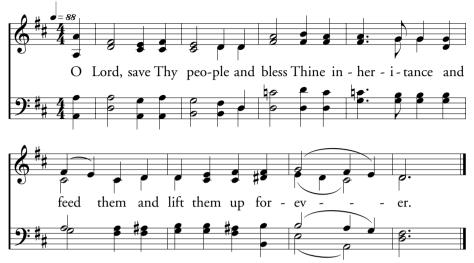
CELEBRANT:

He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me and I in him.

Amen.

John 6: 56

170 STILL KNEELING, ALL SING: O LORD, SAVE THY PEOPLE



Psalm 28: 9

ALL STAND.

CELEBRANT:

Come and gather together for the supper of the great God.

Revelation 19:7

The first group of Communicants advances to the altar rail, all others being seated.

The Celebrant, elevating the bread, shall say:

This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.

Luke 22: 19

The Celebrant, elevating the wine, shall say:

This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

Luke 22: 20

The Sacrament is now administered to each group until the last table has been served.

All Standing, a musical selection may be sung as an offertory.

PRIEST: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

PEOPLE: For His mercy is forever.

Psalm 106: 1; 107: 1; 118: 1, 29; 136: 1

PRIEST: Let us pray.

ALL KNEELING, the Priest introduces a closing prayer.

ALL SING:



The People still kneeling, the Priest pronounces the following or other blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Numbers 6: 24–26

ALL STANDING, the Priest closes the Word and retires.

A musical selection may be sung.