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[A prayer and sermon is given before the meal.]

OPENING WORDS (ALL)

The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains:
The heavens declare the glory of God;
And we exhibit his likeness,
 though marred by our misdeeds.

In the waters of baptism we are shown
 that we have died with Christ
 and are reborn by the Holy Spirit,
 to live now in the hope and joy
 of the resurrection.

United with Christ our Saviour, the Son of God,
 we form his body the Church,
 and now approach our Father in heaven as
 his children.

We offer ourselves,
 to be transformed by his word,
 to pray for his world
 and to witness to all of the goodness of
 our creator and redeemer.

Let us worship God.

[While the meal is served, we sing a hymn.]

HYMN

GRACE

Our Father in heaven,
 for your creatures
 you bring forth food from the earth,
 we thank you for all your goodness to us.

And for the gift of your son,
 the bread of life come down from heaven,
 we worship you.

As we live by the Spirit of Christ,
 may we demonstrate here
 the unity and peace that
 is ours for eternity in him.

Direct our hearts, we ask,
 that we would welcome all to this table,
 a sign for the world of the banquet
 that awaits in your coming kingdom.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*[The reader will say: 'This is the Word of the Lord'.
Together, we respond: 'Thanks be to God.']*

[Requests for prayer are written and collected.]

PRAYERS (ALL)

Jesus Christ is raised from the dead, he sits at the
right of the Father, always ready to intercede on our
behalf.

Adopted into God's family, let us then approach the
throne of our Father with confidence, so that we may
receive help in our time of need.

*[Matters for prayer are named and the community
prays silently for each. At the conclusion of each
period of prayer, one says, 'Lord, in your mercy'. In
response, all say, 'Hear our Prayer.' The concluding
prayer is the Lord's Prayer:]*

Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

OFFERING

[The offering is taken, after which all say:]

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, by whom we are
created, sustained and redeemed, you call us to
direct our lives in the paths of Christ. Use these gifts
we ask in the service of your kingdom. Amen.

HYMN

BENEDICTION (ALL)

Around this table, we have met
 in the presence of the risen Christ.

In him we form one body.

May our community continue to be
 a witness to all that he is
 in his faithfulness, wisdom and salvation.

And may we leave here now at peace, in the
knowledge that no trouble, hardship,
persecution or famine shall separate us
from the love of Christ.

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[Teas and coffees are refilled.]

