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GATHERING SONG & PROCESSIONAL
Pat Boswell (MDiv ’14)
Lindsey Mullen (MDiv ’15)
Crystal Rook (MDiv ’15)

Song: Mary, First among Believers (page 3)

GREETING
Presider: In the name of God, our mother/ father, and of Jesus Christ Sophia, and of the Holy Spirit, our liberator. All: Amen.
Presider: My sisters and brothers, God is with you! All: And also with you.

PENITENTIAL RITE
Terrinae Watson (MDiv ’15)

Presider: O God, may we see your feminine face.
All: May we open our hearts, like Mary, to God’s mothering love.
Presider: Jesus, Christ Sophia, may we see the divine reality in the person of a woman.
All: May we like Mary, reflect the mothering aspect of God that human beings crave.
Presider: O God, may we see you in the lowly and oppressed.
All: May we, like Mary, live a connectedness and friendship with others.
Presider: May the God of love, forgive us our lack of trust in God’s Spirit moving with us, in us and through us as we reflect the feminine face of God in our witnesses for justice and equality. All: Amen.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth. O loving God, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. O Jesus, Christ, Sophia, Loving God; You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. You who are one with our God, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are Messiah. You alone are the Most High, Jesus, Christ Sophia; with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER
Amanda Ferguson (MDiv ’17)

Presider: God beyond all names, you reveal your feminine presence in Sophia, Holy Wisdom, and in holy women and men throughout the ages. May we, like Mary Mother of Jesus, live as prophetic witnesses to the Gospel as we work for justice, peace and equality in our world. We ask this through Mary’s child, our brother Jesus.

All: Amen.
Mary, First Among Believers

1. Mary, first among believers, Trusting in the angel’s word, You consented and, conceiving,
in the night, You left home with spouse and Infant,
from your Son, You held dear his words and actions,
neath the cross, You knew all the pain and anguish
beauty bright, You rejoice with saints and angels

2. Mary, first among the exiles, Seeking refuge
Brought to birth the Son of God. Mother now of all believers, Give our fragile faith increase;
Fleeing Herod’s sword in fright. Mother now of all the exiles, Give them sleep without alarm;
Pond’ring each, forgetting none. Mother now of all disciples, Help us listen day by day;
Of oppression, grief, and loss. Mother now of all the suffering, May we show Compassion’s face;
In your Son’s resplendent light. Mother now of all the blessed, Make your pilgrim people strong;

3. Mary, first among disciples, Listening, learning
May we, trusting in God’s promise,
Open to the Spirit’s prompting,
May the victims of injustice
Keep us faithful till we join you,

4. Mary, first among the sufferings, Standing bowed before
Doubts and useless fears release.
Keep them safe and free from harm.
Help us follow Jesus’ way.
Know, through us, God’s love and grace.
Praise God in endless song.

5. Mary, first among the blessed, Robed in heaven’s

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GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

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THE SIGN OF PEACE

Liam Hooper (MDiv '15)

Presider: Jesus, You said to your disciples, “My peace I leave you. My peace I give you.” Look on the faith of all and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

Presider: May the peace of Christ Sophia be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Presider: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

LITANY FOR THE BREAKING OF BREAD

Lindsey Mullen (MDiv '15)

ALL: Loving God, You call us to speak truth to power, have mercy on us. Loving God, You call us to live the Gospel of peace and justice, have mercy on us. Loving God, You call us to be Your presence in the world. Grant us peace.

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Song during Communion: One Bread, One Body

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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Hymn: God Beyond All Names

Presider: Blessed are you, O God of Abundance. Through your providence we offer this bread, which human hands have baked, it will become for us Holy Bread to nurture our lives.

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

Presider: Blessed are you, O God of Delight. Through your providence, we offer this wine, fruit of the vine and labor of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

ALL: Blessed be God forever.
Presider: Nurturing God, we are united in this sacrament by the love of Jesus Christ in communion with Mary, who proclaimed God’s power and mercy for the lowly and oppressed. Like Mary, First Disciple, may we live as prophetic witnesses to the Gospel. Like Mary, may we discover the liberating power of Woman-Spirit in our midst. We ask this through Jesus, our brother. **ALL: Amen.**

Presider: God dwells in you. **ALL: And also with you.**
Presider: Lift up your hearts. **ALL: We lift them up to God.**
Presider: Let us give thanks to our God. **ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Dr. Michelle Voss Roberts  
Andrew Burner (MDiv ’16)  
Hope Martin, (MDiv ’18)  
Crystal Rook, (MDiv ’15)  
Jessica Place (MDiv ’15)

Part One: O loving God, we give you thanks and rejoice that in you we live and move and have our being. Each day you embrace us in the hope of unending joy with you. Your gift of the Spirit, who raised Jesus from the dead, is the promise of the sacred banquet of heaven where all will be one forever. With joyful praise in the presence of Holy Wisdom, in the company of the angels we glorify your blessed presence always with us. **ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy God, God of wisdom and abundance. Heaven and earth are full of Your love. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are all who come in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest.**

Part Two: God, we rejoice always and everywhere that your nurturing love reflects the womb-love of God. You are the fountain of all wisdom. Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the Presence of Jesus, the Christ, Sophia’s child, the Wisdom of God dwelling among us.

*(please all extend hands as we recite the consecration together)*

**ALL: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you.**

Presider: When supper was ended, Jesus took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his friends, and said:

**ALL: 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. Do this in memory of me.**
Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL:** Christ Sophia, our love, has died, Christ Sophia, our hope, is risen, Christ Sophia, our glory, will come again.

Part Three: In memory of Jesus, our life and our love, we offer you, God, this nurturing bread, this sacred cup. We thank you that we stand in solidarity with the people of God and serve you. May we who share in this holy meal be blessed, broken and shared, the Body of Christ Sophia, in loving service to all.

God, remember your precious people throughout the world, make us grow in love, together with Pope Francis, our bishops and elders, presbyters and priests, pastors and prophets, and all God’s people who serve as ministers in our community.

Remember our brothers and sisters who are in need, all those who are sick and those who suffer. Remember our sisters and brothers and all who rest in your loving, tender, embrace. May all the departed sing and dance for joy with you, our Creator, with Mary, and with the angels and saints forever.

Part Four: Have mercy on us all; make us one with Mary, Mother of Jesus, our sister and friend, champion of the oppressed and witness to the Gospel, with the apostles, especially Mary of Magdala, Junia and all the holy women and men who have done your will throughout the ages. May we delight in your glory with our brother Jesus, the Risen Christ forever.

**ALL:** Through Christ, With Christ and In Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, Holy God forever and ever. AMEN.

**THE PRAYER OF JESUS**

**ALL:** Our Father and Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kindom 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...

Presider: Deliver us, God, from every evil and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**ALL:** For the kindom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.
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Lenten Gospel Acclamation

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BLESSING
(everyone please extend your hands in mutual blessing)

ALL: May our nurturing God bless all gathered here in the Name of the Creator, in the Name of Mary’s Child, and in the Name of the Spirit as we minister to one another as the people of God. Amen.

DISMISSAL
Presider: Go in the peace of Christ Sophia. Let the service begin! ALL: Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING HYMN
Canticle of the Turning (My Soul Cries Out)

Verses

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a
4. Though the nations rage from age to age, we re-

God of my heart is great, And my spirit sings of the
work great things in me, And your mercy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your
member who holds us fast: God’s mercy must de-

wonderous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
justice tears ev’ry tyrant from his throne. The
liver us from the conqueror’s crushing grasp. This

fixed your sight on your servant’s plight, and my
very name puts the proud to shame, and to
hungry poor shall weep no more, for the
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Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the
dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

Text: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney, b.1952
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