



Reader: Lord, we thank you that you gave to all your creatures the right to food, and caused the earth to provide food for us; the earth is filled with your goodness. Help us always to remember and acknowledge that we and all creatures receive our food from you.

**People: We praise your name, O Lord, for your love and faithfulness.**

Reader: The Lord said to Moses: "Now I am going to make food rain from the sky for all of you. The people must go out every day and gather enough for that day." ... The people of Israel called the food manna. It was like small white seed and tasted like biscuits made with honey. (Ex. 16: 4, 31)

Reader: O Lord, you listened to the cry of your people for food and fed them with manna in the wilderness; make us always grateful for the food we have, and to be attentive to the cry of the millions who have no food.

–Moment of Silence–

–Hunger statistics–

**Hymn: When We Are Living (2<sup>nd</sup> verse) #400**

Reader: You give us food to keep us alive; give us this day our daily bread.

Reader: You shall sow your fields, prune your vineyard, and gather your crops for six years. But the seventh year is to be a year of complete rest for the land, a year dedicated to the Lord. ... In this way you shall set the fiftieth year apart and proclaim freedom to all inhabitants of the land. During this year all property that has been sold shall be restored to the original owner or his descendents.... (Lev. 25:3-4, 10)

**People: Lord, give us understanding to treat the earth as a common heritage and not to plunder it or claim it for ourselves; to respect the rights of those who till the land and to struggle to ensure that those who produce food have enough to eat.**

–Moment of Silence–

Reader: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they who dwell in it. (Ps. 24:1)

**People: And as the day wore on, his disciples came up to him and said, "This is a lonely place and it is getting very late; send the people off to the farms and villages round about to buy themselves something to eat." "Give them something to eat yourselves," he answered. (Luke 9:12-13)**

–Moment of Silence–

**Hymn: When We Are Living (3<sup>rd</sup> verse) #400**

Reader: Lord, we remember all those who must go hungry today, especially the children who suffer from malnutrition and die of starvation in a world where enough food is produced for all mouths. Forgive us our selfishness, as individuals and nations, that denies life to many.

**People:** **Out of the depths we cry to you, Lord; hear our cry and listen to our prayer.** (Ps. 130: 1-2)

Reader: And he will say to those on his left, "I was hungry but you would not feed me, thirsty but you would not give me a drink. ...I tell you, whenever you refused to help one of these important ones, you refused to help me." (Matt. 25:41-43)

—*Moment of Silence*—

Reader: Lord, we confess with shame the hunger in our world: the unjust systems that allow the poor to cry out to you for bread. Move our hearts not to look away from the poverty that stares at us; teach us to know that we cannot share in your life without sharing our lives with others.

**All:** **Lord, inspire us with your love, challenge us with your truth, empower us with your strength to work for a world in which all persons will have enough to eat. Amen.**

Hymn: *When We Are Living* (4<sup>th</sup> verse) #400

## ❖ THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

## OFFERING

Call for the Offering  
Offertory

*Jesus Christ, Our Lord Redeemer*

Bach

❖ Doxology for Eastertide

*(sung to the tune "Praise G\_d From Whom All Blessings Flow")*

**O Jesus, risen now to bless,  
Do thou thyself our hearts possess,  
That we may give you all our days  
The willing tribute of our praise! Amen.**

❖ Prayer of Dedication

**O G\_d, we thank you that Christ has entrusted us with the task of feeding your people. Make us faithful and courageous in our ministry of love and may we use these gifts to your glory. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper  
Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer  
Distribution of the Elements

*(Eat the bread as you are served.  
Hold the cup. We will commune together.)*

Prayer

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Words of Wisdom. Words of Truth.

**Thanks be to G\_d!**

*Matthew 5:3-10*

**MESSAGE**

*Sermon on the Mount*

musical by Celeste and David T. Clydesdale

**BENEDICTION**