

Call to worship

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

Congregation: We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,

Congregation: A time to remember those we love, and time to remember the holy promises of God.

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,

Congregation: The table where we are fed, the feast we share with many is prepared.

All: Welcome, friends, and let us worship God.

John 5:1-9 (Amplified)

5 Later on there was a Jewish feast (festival), and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **2** Now in Jerusalem, near the Sheep Gate, there is a [a]pool, which is called in Hebrew (Jewish Aramaic) Bethesda, having five porticoes (alcoves, colonnades). **3** In these *porticoes* lay a great number of people who were sick, blind, lame, withered, [b][waiting for the stirring of the water; **4** for an angel of the Lord went down into the pool at appointed seasons and stirred up the water; the first one to go in after the water was stirred was healed of his disease.] **5** There was a certain man there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus noticed him lying there [helpless], knowing that he had been *in that condition* a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to get well?" **7** The invalid answered, "Sir, I have no one to put me in the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am coming [to get into it myself], someone else steps down ahead of me." **8** Jesus said to him, "Get up; pick up your pallet and walk." **9** Immediately the man was healed *and* recovered his strength, and [c]picked up his pallet and walked.

Holy Communion

LEADER: 1 John 1:8-10 **8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbors.

ALL: 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.

[Offer prayers of confession in silence.]

LEADER: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen. On the night of Your betrayal, Lord Jesus, You took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to Your disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood." Christ has come among us. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ abides with us. Christ will come again.

ALL: Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom 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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

