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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God
We Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion
We Celebrate the Baptism of Violet June Gately and Milo James Gately

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PRELUDE This Little Light of Mine

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song!
Rejoice and give thanks,
for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.
Hallelujah!

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, who calls your people into one beloved community, who teaches us the way of peace through life together, who fills us with visions of your eternal reign: as we now celebrate the communion of saints, pour into our hearts the power of Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: For All the Saints #326

CALL TO CONFESSION

For the peace and unity of the saints, trusting in the promise of grace, let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the covenant,
who calls all people to reconciliation,
you have made us members of the very body of Christ;
yet we persist in wounding that body
with our divisions, our suspicions, and our neglect.
Forgive us, and teach us to nurture unity and peace.
For the sake of Jesus Christ
and the world he came to save; Amen.
Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the great compassion of our God, the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus has shown us God's forgiveness for our sins.

Therefore, I declare to you the entire forgiveness for all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Baptism of Violet June Gately and Milo James Gately Presentation and Profession of Faith

... There is one body and one Spirit just as you were called to the one hope of your calling;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

APOSTLES' CREED (Please stand.)

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

n tne tnira day ne rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

THE BAPTISM

Welcome

... With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ.

Alleluia, Amen.

As we sing the next hymn, all are invited to come forward and touch the water, marking yourself as a remembrance of your own baptism

HYMN: Baptized in Water #482

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God; with your Word enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we might live in hope; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Responsive Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

¹I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

²Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

⁵On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

¹⁷The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

²⁰The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

¹In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying:

²Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, ³Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing?

⁴Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, ⁵according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear.

⁶For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; ⁷and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts.

⁸The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. ⁹The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

SERMON: "Generation to Generation" Rev. Dr. Rebecca Chaffee

Remembering the Saints with our Offerings

OFFERTORY: My Life Flows On In Endless Song

We read the Necrology: the names of Saints who have died in the last year.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear Lord, bless these gifts we collect today. May they be used to connect us with all the saints who have gone before us, honoring their gifts and sacrifices. May we tell their stories, remember all the ways they lived their faith, and be encouraged to step up and fill the places of leadership and service they leave vacant here in this community. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... we join in the song of all creation:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

... we remember what Christ has done for us:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN: For the Bread Which You Have Broken #516

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Jesus Loves Me

We would like to thank Rev. Dr. Rebecca Chaffee for sharing her gifts with us today.