**Supper Service FULL SCRIPT (Season 2-Lent/Easter/Pentecost)**

**Cast List for (Today’s Date): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Lead Host (Coordinator/Coach):**

**Meal Hosts/Kitchen Clean Up Anchor:**

**Door Hosts/Rotunda Clean Up Anchor:**

**Art (Sidewalk Chalk or other):**

**Communion Bread (bake, buy, or bring):**

**Lead Liturgist (Coordinator/Coach & Seating Area Clean Up Anchor):**

**Presider:**

**Storyteller:**

**Reader:**

**Leader 1 (Word): Helper 1 (Bells):**

**Leader 2(Table): Helper 2 (Icon):**

**Leader 3 (Props): Helper 3 (Incense):**

**Dancers:**

 ***Holy God:***

 ***Psalm (plus those recruited “on the spot”):***

**Lead Music Coordinator/Coach:**

**Songleaders:**

 ***Gathering*** *(“Hamba Nathi” or Easter Troparian):*

 ***Holy God*** *(MFL #2):*

 ***Walking*** *(Alleluia):*

 ***Lamplighting*** *(Light Verses or Taize Veni Sancte Spiritus):*

 ***Prayer*** *(Leah’s Redeem Me or Come Holy Spirit):*

 ***Peace*** *(Come Now O Prince of Peace):*

 ***Sanctus*** *(Lanier Sanctus):*

 ***Lord’s Prayer*** *(Grace’s Lord’s Prayer):*

 ***Thank You*** *(Mungu mi Mwema):*

 ***Communion*** *(Bread Verses or Other):*

 ***Birthday Blessing*** *(Polychronia):*

 ***Clean up Song*** *(Mungu mi Mwema or Other):*

 ***Blessing*** *(Taize Nunc Dimittis):*

**Chanters:**

 ***Light:***

 ***Psalm (plus those recruited “on the spot”):***

 ***Bread:***

**Percussion:**

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**GATHERING**

***Leader 3*** *invites* ***helper 1*** *to ring church bells.* ***Leaders & People*** *gather in Rotunda.*

**PRESIDER: WELCOME SPEECH**

Good Evening. Come gather in the center of the room. We’ll begin our service by singing together.

[Optional: We make church together, and one of the ways we do that is by singing together. We’ll be teaching all the songs for tonight’s service by ear, as we go along. Our practice with each song is to let the song leader sing through the whole song once—and *just listen*, even if you already know the song. After we’ve listened to the song leader sing through the whole song once, we join in. Sing out strong, and feel free to add your own harmonies!]

**Gathering Song: *Hamba Nathi or Easter Troparion***

 **Songleader:**

**PRESIDER: PREPARATION SPEECH**

We are journeying through the season of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

As we journey through life, we carry the weight of many things: things done and things left undone. As we sing our next song: “Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One have mercy on us”, we bow down, releasing our burdens, and allowing God to lighten our load for the journey ahead.

**Preparation Song: *“Holy God” #2***

 **Songleader:**

**OPENING PRAYER & LAMPLIGHTING**

**LEADER 1 :TRAVELING SPEECH #1**

We’ll move into the seating area together, following the cross and the candle. (Take your place towards the center of the room, near the center platform, so you can see and hear all the readings.) As we go, we’ll sing an Alleluia.

**Walking Song: *“Alleluia”***

 **Songleader:**

***Presider*** *(with cross) &* ***Leader 3*** *(with candle)**lead everyone to seating area; all remain standing for opening prayer*

**PRESIDER: OPENING PRAYER**

The Lord be with you. .. (*And also with you…)*

Let us pray...

O God of love,

you gather your people

young and old

from near and far

to feast with you

and receive strength for the journey.

Gather us together this evening

shine your light upon us;

light your fire within us;

and lead us by your light on the path that leads to life.

*AMEN.*

**LEADER 1: LAMPLIGHTING SPEECH**

Take your seats. *(pause while people sit.)*

As we light the candles, our songleaders will chant verses from the Bible about light. Listen and watch, as the light of Christ spreads among us.

**Lamplighting Song: *Light Verses or Taize Veni Sancte Spiritus***

 **Songleaders:**

***Leaders*** *distribute candles to all children present and assist them with candlelighting.* ***Leader 3*** *brings deacon’s candle and* ***Reader*** *to lectern, and assists* ***Helper 3*** *in adding incense to the bowl*

***Cantors*** *continue chanting until all candles are lit and all candle-lighters have returned to their seats.*

**LISTENING FOR GOD IN STORIES & SILENCES**

**LEADER 1: SILENCE SPEECH**

God is always speaking, but sometimes we forget how to listen. When the bowl bells ring, we enter the silence. In the silence, we listen for God not only with our ears, but with our whole bodies and with our hearts.

***LEADER 1*** *RINGS BELLS & times 30 seconds of SILENCE*

***READER*** *stands at the lectern. When the silence is over, the Reader says:*

**READER: READING INTRO**

Listen to a reading from\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***READER*** *finishes reading and returns to seat.*

***Leader 1*** *RINGS BELLS and times 30 seconds of SILENCE*

**PRESIDER**: **PSALM INTRO**

The Psalm for today is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We’ll pray the Psalm together in this way.

Anyone who wants to help pray the Psalm by chanting, stand up where you are. Someone will bring you a copy of the Psalm. When it is your turn to chant a verse, you can chant it using any tone you wish. You can chant it all on one tone, or you can make up your own tone. The only rule is to chant loudly enough that everyone can hear all the words.

Anyone who wants to help pray the Psalm by using your body, come stand up here on the solea, and help us make a living sculpture. Listen to the words of the Psalm, then respond by making a shape with your body. The only rule is that you are always connected with at least one other person. The bell is your signal to change shapes. Stay connected, and move on the bell.

Everyone else, you’re going to help pray the Psalm by placing one hand on your heart, and making a humming sound, called a drone, to support the prayer.

***People*** *pray the Psalm. The Psalm concludes with the words, “Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.”*

***Leader 1*** *RINGS BELLS and times 30 seconds of SILENCE*

***Psalm Sculptors*** *return to their seats.* ***Storyteller(s) stand.***

**STORYTELLER**: **STORY INTRO**

Tonight’s story comes from (or “is inspired by”) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***Storyteller*** *shares a story, then returns to seat.*

***Leader 1*** *RINGS BELLS and times 30 seconds of SILENCE*

***Presider*** *leads sharing & wondering, then nods at* ***Leader 1,*** *who says:*

**LEADER 1 KEEP IT UP SPEECH**

Keep sharing your stories! Keep listening to the silence! Keep asking questions! God is speaking in all of it.

**PRAYERS & PEACE**

**LEADER 2: TRAVELING SPEECH #2**

We’ll move into the rotunda together, following the candle, and make one big circle for the prayers. As we go, we’ll sing an Alleluia.

**Walking Song: *“Alleluia”***

 **Songleader:**

***Cantor, Leader 3 (with candle), Helper 2 (with incense), Helper 3 (with icon)*** *lead everyone to rotunda; make one large circle*

***Cantor, Leader 3, Helpers, Leader 2 & Presider*** *stand beneath the Dancing Jesus*

**LEADER 2: PRAYER SPEECH:**

We offer our prayers for the whole world, for friends and strangers, and for ourselves. When the icon passes in front of you, reach out to touch it, and call your prayers out loud!

**Praying Song: *Redeem Me or Come Holy Spirit***

 **Songleader:**

***Prayer Leaders--Cantor, Leader 3 (with Candle), Helper 2 (with incense), Helper 3 (with icon)--*** *travel slowly around the circle to bid prayers, stopping to face the center whenever the cantor begins to sing.*

***Presider*** *concludes the prayer with a collect*

**PRESIDER: COLLECT AT THE END OF THE PRAYERS:**

We entrust these prayers, and all the prayers of our hearts, to the heart of God, who is love, in the name of Jesus our savior and brother and friend. AMEN.

**Peace Song: *Come Now O Prince of Peace***

 **Songleader:**

***Songleader*** *teaches the song and leads the congregation in singing the song through 2-3 times. Songleader cues the congregation to stop.*

**PRESIDER: PEACE SPEECH**

Before we share God’s feast, we always share God’s peace.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. (And also with you.)

We’ll greet one another with a sign of peace--a touch or a gesture--as we continue singing...

***Songleader*** *cues people to resume song and exchange peace.*

***Leaders*** *help* ***Presider*** *bring bread & wine to the Altar, and pour wine into chalices, as people exchange the peace.*

**COMMUNION**

*Once table is set, as peace song concludes,* ***Leader 2*** *calls people to the table*

**LEADER 2: COME TO THE TABLE SPEECH**

Come close! Make space right around the table for shorter people, and lift up small children so they can see. Come join in the prayer of Great Thanksgiving! Come bless the bread and wine!

***Presider, Leader 2, & Cantor*** *lead people Great Thanksgiving*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**PRESIDER:**

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 God thanks and praise)*

**Leader 2 (or youth cantor):** God, our Father, our Mother, our Creator: You call the whole world into being. You call us your friends. You call us to journey through life in friendship with all of creation and with you.And so, with saints and angels and all the children of light we sing:

**Song: *Lanier Sanctus***

 **Songleader:**

**Presider:**  When the journey grew long, and we began to lose our way, you sent Jesus to be our guide. We thank you God for sending Jesus, the Water, to refresh us on the journey; Jesus the Light, to brighten our path; Jesus the Way to lead us singing and dancing back home to You.

On the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to them, and

said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

Then Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and

said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new

and everlasting promise, which is shed for you and all people for theforgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the

remembrance of me."

With this bread and this cup we remember the life, and death, and new life of Jesus.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine. Let your life fill them. Let your life fill us.

**All Leaders:** Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor, and glory is yours, O God, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

**Leader 2:** Now we pray in the way Jesus taught us...

**Song: *Grace’s Lord’s Prayer***

 **Songleader:**

**LEADER 2: COMMUNION SPEECH (JESUS WELCOMES EVERYONE)**

Jesus welcomes everyone to his table, and so we offer everyone the bread and wine, which are Christ’s body and blood. We’ll share the bread and wine with eachother. After you receive the cup, turn and offer it to the next person, saying, “The blood of Christ.”

***Communion Song: Bread Verses or Other***

**Songleaders:**

***Presider & Leader 2*** *share the bread, beginning at front doors and moving in opposite directions around the circle to end at font doors*

***Leader 1 & 3*** *follow with chalices*

***Leaders*** *receive communion once everyone else has received*

**THANKSGIVINGS & COLLECTION**

**LEADER 2: COLLECTION SPEECH**

Everything we have is a gift from God. In thanksgiving for all God’s gifts we offer our prayers and our gifts of money for the work of the church. Bring your gifts of money to the basket as we sing “Thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus, thank you Lord.”

**Thanksgiving Song: *Mungu mi mwema***

 **Songleader:**

**LEADER 2: THANKSGIVINGS SPEECH**

For what do you give thanks this night? Call out loud your thanksgivings!

***Repeat Thanksgiving Song to Conclude Thanksgivings***

**PRESIDER: SPECIAL BLESSING SPEECH**

In just a moment we’ll break for dinner, but first: Is anyone celebrating a birthday, an anniversary, or another special occasion this month? Raise your hand up high, so we can lay our hands on you and bless you! We’ll bless these people by placing our hands on them, and singing “God grant them many years! God grant them many years! God grant them many years!”

**Birthday Blessing Song: P*olychronia***

 **Songleader:** Presider

**PRESIDER: DINNER TIME SPEECH**

The Feast continues! We’ll have ~ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ minutes for dinner. When the church bells ring, it’s time for everyone to stop eating, help clean up, then gather around the table for our final songs and a blessing. You can sit on the floor, or a table. Sit with someone you don’t know. And enjoy.

**DINNER**

***PEOPLE*** *line up for dinner*

***LEADERS*** *spread out picnic blankets; sit with strangers; make people feel welcome and included*

***DOOR HOSTS*** *go into the vestry to record attendance & count, record, and deposit collection money before eating dinner.*

**CLEAN UP, BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

***Leader 3*** *invites* ***Helper*** *to ring church bell around 6:15PM (on Presider’s cue)*

**PRESIDER: CLEAN UP SPEECH**

Now is the time for everyone to finish eating and work together to clean up the church, then gather close around the table for our final song and a blessing. (Insert any special instructions) As we clean up, we’ll sing together…

**Cleaning Song: *Mungu mi mwema or Other***

 **Songleader:**

***Leaders*** *help facilitate cleaning, making a special effort to include young children in the work of cleaning up.*

*As cleaning begins to wind up,* ***Presider*** *dims the lights and gathers everyone around the table*

**PRESIDER: FINAL BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL**

Draw near. Everyone gather together close around the altar. Place your hand on the shoulder of someone near you so we are all connected for our final blessing.

**Final Blessing Song: *Taize Nunc Dimittis***

 **Songleader:**

**PRESIDER DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! (*Thanks be to God.)*

*ANNOUNCEMENTS AS NEEDED*