THE TABLE PHILADELPHIA

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Welcome & Opening Declaration

We have gathered in the name of Jesus Christ.
We have set aside this time to worship God together.
We have come to confess that Jesus is Lord.
We are here to tend to God's presence in and among us.
We praise and adore the living God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 32

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The Joy of Forgiveness Of David. A Maskil.

1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
2 Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
3 While I kept silent, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah
5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah
6 Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.

7 You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah
8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.
10 Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
11 Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

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11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade people, but we
ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your
consciences. **12** We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you an
opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who
boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. **13** For if we are beside
ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. **14** For the love of
Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore
all have died. **15** And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for
themselves but for the one who for their sake died and was raised.

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even
though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know
him in that way. **17** So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old
has passed away; look, new things have come into being **18** All this is from God,
who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of
reconciliation; **19** that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not
counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of

reconciliation to us. **20** So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. **21** For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Leader: The Word of the LORD

All: Thanks be to God

SING TOGETHER

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Blessing of the Children

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-23

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19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Leader: The Word of the LORD

All: Thanks be to God

HOMILY

TIME OF RESPONSE

APOSTLES' CREED

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
We 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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Gracious Father, whose Son stood among his frightened disciples and said, "Peace be with you": forgive us for the sins we have hidden and the doors we have locked against you, and make us a new creation in him, so that we may become ministers of your reconciliation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious Son, you were born among the poor, crucified outside the city gate, and you rose to stand among the frightened behind locked doors: we confess that together we have built walls and drawn boundaries that push our neighbors to the margins. We have looked at one another from a human point of view, profited from systems that wound the vulnerable, and kept silent while others bore the cost. Forgive what we have done and what we have allowed to be done in your name. **Amen.**

Gracious Spirit, breath of the risen Christ, poured out on all flesh, you hear the cries of those we have pushed aside and pray within us with sighs too deep for words: Breathe on us your grace and truth, so that we may tear down what has been built in fear, make room at the center for those we have pushed aside, and become one new creation in Christ; for you live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. **Amen and Amen.**

Officiant: Let us pray together as Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your 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.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen

The Lord's Table

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 thanks and praise.

All honor and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

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.

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

In sharing this meal together, we share in the mystery of our faith...
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Invitation

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord

It is a table prepared for those who love Godand who want to love God more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,

you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time,

you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, not because I invite you: Jesus invites you to take, eat, and drink, and it is His will that you who want God should meet God here.

SING TOGETHER

BENEDICTION

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