**Bulletin Insert ~ December 3, 2023**

**\*Invitation – Michele**

Jesus Christ who has sat at our tables now invites us to be guests at his.

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

The Holy One be with you. ***And also with you***

Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

***We open our hearts to you, O God***

Let us give thanks to God with us.

***To the One who took on flesh, we give thanks and praise.***

With saints, with angels, and with the whole creation,   
we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,***

***God of power and might,***

***heaven and earth are full of your glory.   
 Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.   
 Hosanna in the highest.***

With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you, sharing this holy meal, remembering Christ’s dying and rising, and praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

***Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.***

***Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

Come to the table, for all is prepared.

**Communion of the People**

**Music for Communion At This Table** (Menzel) Ensemble

**\*Prayer After Communion**

***Mighty God, holy is your name.***

***We thank you for gathering us at your table   
 and feeding us with the bread of life.***

***As we leave this table to go to the many places where you call us,   
 send your Spirit to accompany us, so that we may share in your***

***magnificent work: lifting up those who are laid low, showing mercy***

***to all in need of human kindness, and feeding the bodies and***

***hearts of all those who are hungry. Amen.***

***— Sending —***

**\*Hymn #107 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn**

**\*Blessing and Charge**

Siblings in Christ, do not be afraid of the light or darkness.

Go into the world and bring light to the lost and darkness to the weary.

Receive this blessing:

May you find hope in the sunrise and comfort in the sunset.

May you be beacons of light and shelters of warmth

for the travelers surrounding you.

May you remember the hope of Christ lives in you. ***Amen***.

**Postlude Ain't it Good** *from Children of Eden* Ensemble

*You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle.*

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