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WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: **And also with you.**

M: The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

P: **The commands of the Lord are trustworthy,
giving wisdom to those who lack it.**

M: The judgements of the Lord are just; they are always fair.

P: **They are more desirable than the finest gold: they are
sweeter than the purest honey. They give knowledge to his**

CHORAL INTROIT 400

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

We worship You, O God as Creator and Liberator. You led the captives out of Egypt, delivering them from the oppression of slavery. You gave laws which enabled people to relate to You, to one another, and to the whole creation. You implored people to worship only You, knowing that whatever was put in Your place would all too easily become the object of idolatry, and the priority of people's hearts. You showered us with blessings by revealing in Jesus just how precious we are to You and through Him You

delivered us into a new and living relationship with You and with one another - with a new commandment -a commandment of love. May we reveal the depth of our love as we praise and adore You, O God, in Jesus' name and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy 315

CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, when we believe that righteous behaviour means performing perfect deeds and that is what is required to secure Your love. Yet Jesus has shown us that we can neither earn or deserve all that You have done for us - all that we need to do is to accept Your love as gift. Forgive us, O God, when we find this hard to do because Yours is a love so contrary to the values of the world. Help us therefore to surrender any worldly attitudes and values so that, like Paul, we can celebrate new lives totally centred in Christ.

SILENT PRAYER ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

COMMUNION

HYMN Let Us Break Bread Together 480

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Exodus 20: 1-4,7-9,19-20

PSALM 19 740

*HYMN For The Healing Of The Nations 678

SCRIPTURE Philippians 3:4-14

SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:33-46

MESSAGE REVENGE

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

*HYMN Let There Be Peace On Earth 681(HFG)

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY 541

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN They'll Know We Are Christians 677(HFG)

*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BLESSING *Let There Be Peace on Earth* 681(HFG)

POSTLUDE