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- When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are his people who have referred our wills to his. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray. Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved your neighbors as ourselves. We pray you of your mercy, forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Here's the good news, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That is God's own proof of his love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven, in the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen. (gentle pipe organ music)  
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- Let us pray. Lord open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit. That as the scriptures all read in the word proclaim, we may hear with joy what you say to us today, I was scripted lesson for the morning, comes from the gospel of St. Luke 22:14-20, "And when the hour came, he sat at a table and the apostles with them, and he said to them, 'After earnestly desire to this Passover with you before I suffer for I tell you I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' And he took a cup when he had given thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves. I'll tell you that from now on I should not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes' and he took bread and when he had to give him thanks he broke it and gave it to them saying, 'This is my body.'" May the Lord has blessing to the reading of his word. Let us pray. Jesus Christ, our Lord and whose name we pray. We ask with our mind open up our hearts so that we can participate in this service. And we ask ooh, God thy will be present with us. Amen. So, we are here this morning in this beautiful, peaceful and hallowed place. The beauty of this moment cannot be matched in many places in Durham. We are indeed blessed to be able to experience these moments of peace, these moments of reflection, and quite wise to reach out and grasp them when the lives of too many of us, these moments come to infrequent. And for those who are privileged to be able to experience frequent moments like these, there's always an occasion where are peaceful moments of reflection of (speaks faintly) or somehow bothered some intrusion which breaks in and manages to take away our beautiful moments. a thought here, and event, there are some other bothersome intrusion is always vying for attention. And as we meet this morning, that bothersome intrusions, which are banned for the attention of each of us, where all is attempting to break into this hallowed place and disturb us. A war still goes on. There's the threat of war in several places, people are hungry, sick, and dying. The economy has trouble spots. Racism is still with us and drugs threatened engulf our society. And men and women are campaigning for public office promising to solve these and other problems. We try in our own ways to decide, to participate, to serve these world and national problems. And as we think about individual and personal situations, we all face with other

bothersome intrusions. There is a son or daughter that I cannot reach the mother or father that does not understand the troubles that just not go away. The flaws in my character that I can not correct the societal problems that I will not understand. I cannot understand and will not attempt to solve. Indeed when we look at the world national local and personal problems, it appears as if the outside world is attempting to break into this hallowed plagues. And maybe it is good that we must contend with these bothersome intrusions we've there is to be any writing of the wrongs of the world. There has to be an infusion of new meaning into the world. Enough people who profess what we profess must contend with the bothersome intrusions. Well, this is easy to say, "How does one contend with bothersome intrusions in the face of so much confusion and meaninglessness in modern society? In what do we depend? In whom do we find direction and meaning? Too many traditions, institutions and values are losing meaning for us. (speaks faintly) the family, the schools, government, marriage, law, and yes, even the church are losing that meaning for us. Yes, in the midst of meaninglessness, too many things appear to be lost forever. Often it is as if our entire beings were threatened by the overwhelming meaninglessness of it all. And we have come to this beautiful, peaceful and hallowed place this morning, not seeking to escape or to participate in the holy communion. We must ask doesn't have real meaning for us. Or is it also like so many other things that we experience, we must answer no. Holy Communion is so rich and full of meaning that one cannot grasp no articulated school meaning. In a real sense, Holy Communion brings meaning to intrude upon and destroy meaninglessness, the way the Holy Communion and affects the participants individually can not be fully understood nor articulate. However, my task this morning is not to exhaust the meanings of the Holy Communion, nor is it to define it a new rather it is to reflect upon some essential dimensions of the Holy Communion and what they can mean for our times, the prominent theologian, John Macquarrie provide some insights into the Holy Communion that are a word the of serious reflection. He instructs us that in the Holy Communion, one can recognize the unity of a past, future, and present. Therefore, one can feel the Holy Communion as the remembering, the anticipating, and the making present. The Holy Communion, is the remembering of Christ, but it's also the remembering of his word, the re presenting of his saving word. It is God's action through Christ that we remember the life and self giving of Christ becomes a work of salvation for us. Not only do we remember who we also anticipate, we participate in the Holy Communion until Christ comes to complete his work. We look forward to his coming. We anticipate this completed word. We remember the work of Christ we anticipate the completion of the saving work. And we also acknowledge the making present of Christ and his word. The Holy Communion we have knowledge that Christ is with us working in the world, to right the wrongs of the world, bringing peace where there is war, love where there is hate, freedom where there is racist pressure, joy and fulfillment where there is sorrow hunger and death. (speaks faintly) with us, bringing meaning to our existence, infusing meaning and vain to those things that appeared to be devoid of meaning and vain. As we come together as one community to participate in the Holy Communion, we are participating in the representation of the saving work of Christ, where he seeks to communicate his presence to us and to incorporate us with him when we have gone far from this place and to the world, our existence will conform to the pattern of his life. Remembering that Christ says to those who follow him, do this in remembrance of me. Thank God. Amen.

- May we rise as we affirm our faith as Christian. We believe in God who has created and is creating, who has come and the true man, Jesus to reconcile and make new who works in us and others by a spirit. We trust him. He calls us to be in his church to celebrate his presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and

resist evil, to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen our judge and our hope and life and death and life beyond death. God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks the to God. Let us offer prayers of intercession for our world and our neighbors. Let us pray. Let us pray that the world may live in peace and that the church may achieve unity, fulfilling its service here and everywhere. This is our prayer that all ministers and teachers in the church may be faithful servants of the gospel, leading others into its way of life and strengthening their faith. This is our prayer that the leaders of this nation and that the world may govern with justice and mercy. (congregation speaking faintly) That all our work may be done for the common good that it'd be done in safety. And that all may be spared from grinding toil, which destroys the fullness of life. (congregation speaking faintly) That those who work on frontiers of truth, and those who enrich our lives with beauty and joy may be free to follow their vocations. (congregation speaking faintly) That those who suffered disease or poverty or loneliness or grief may be healed and comforted. That those who are oppressed or prosecuted, maybe strengthened and delivered. (congregation speaking faintly) But those whom we have known and love who have died in the faith may be a glorious memory to us and a source of renewed fellowship with all the saints. This is our prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and who desire to live in peace with one another. May the peace of the Lord be with you. (congregation speaking faintly) As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God. (gentle pipe organ music) (gentle pipe organ music) (gentle pipe organ music) (choir singing faintly) (choir singing faintly) (choir singing faintly) (gentle pipe organ music) (choir singing faintly) (choir singing faintly) (choir singing faintly) (choir singing faintly) (gentle pipe organ music) (choir singing faintly) (choir singing faintly) (choir singing faintly) (choir singing faintly) (choir singing faintly) (choir singing faintly) (gentle pipe organ music) (choir singing faintly) (choir singing faintly)

- Almighty God our Father, you have prepared a table before us. You break bread that we may taste heaven, you pour wine that we may receive salvation. We offer to you our gifts of wine and bread, the fruit of the earth, the gifts of our labor and our souls and ourselves. That we and they may be sanctified by your holy spirit and dedicated to your will and to your service. Hallow these gifts of your people, that they may be instruments of communion, renewal, and of salvation. To the end, that love may be incarnate in our blood. That mercy shall wedge itself in our flesh, that grace shall marrow into our very bones. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- The Lord is with you. (congregation speaking faintly) We lift up your hearts, (congregation speaking faintly) Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God Father. (congregation speaking faintly) Father, it is right that we should always and everywhere give you thanks and praise only. You are God, you created all things and call them good. You made us in your own image. Even when we rebelled against your love, you did not desert us. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our God and king and spoke to us through your prophets. Therefore, we joined the entire company of heaven and all your people now on earth and worshiping and glorifying you. 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 thank you, father, that you loved the world so much. You sent your only son to be our savior. The Lord of all life came to live among us, the healed and taught men eat with sinners and one for you, a new people by water and the spirit. We saw his glory. Yeah. He humbled himself in obedience to your will freely accepting death on a cross. By dying he freed us from unending death by rising from the dead. He gave us everlasting

