Prayer after Communion

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you;  
You are gentle with us as a mother with her children.  
Often you weep over our sins and our pride;  
Tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.  
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds,  
In sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.  
Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life;  
By your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;  
Through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.  
Your warmth gives life to the dead,  
Your touch makes sinners righteous.  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us;  
In your love and tenderness, remake us.  
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness,  
For the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

Blessing and Benediction

Jenny Replogle, preacher  
Abigail Visco Rusert, presider  
Eric Garner, liturgist  
Communion Servers: Crawford Brubaker, Kate Caldwell, John Moore, Thomas Rusert  
Brass Trio: Sam Funkhouser, Ben Heidgerken, Thomas Rusert  
Martin Tel, director of music  
Chi Yi Chen, choral associate  
Seminary Singers

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Scripture Lesson Psalm 22:1-11

Confession of Sin

God of all mercy,
We confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
In ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
That we may abide in your love and serve only your will.
Amen.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

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who forever sing this hymn to proclaim they glory of your Name:
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.

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we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Words of Institution and the Lord’s Prayer

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Music during Communion

Psalm 22 sung by choir

Christopher Webber

Lord, why have you forsaken me,
And why are you so far away
From my complaint and my distress
Poured out before you night and day?

Yet you are holy, and the songs
Of praise of Israel are your throne;
When our forefathers called on you,
You saved them, rescued all your own.

But I am mocked and put to scorn,
All those who see me laugh and say,
“You trust in God, so let us see
The help of him to whom you pray.”

Yet you, O Lord, have been my God
And only hope since I was born;
Trouble is near me, none can help;
My Savior, leave me not forlorn.

My soul shall live for him, my heirs
Shall serve the Lord at his command,
To people yet unborn make known
The saving deeds of his right hand.

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