*L****iturgy of Healing and Holy Eucharist for the Prevention of Suicide*** *(Quiet music as the people gather. Lights dim if possible, may be brightened for the opening hymn. To begin the service – ring a chime or bell; light candles.)*

**Opening Hymn** -- (Suggested Hymn: *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale)*

### Call to Worship

Leader**:** Jesus said, “Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.” And so we invite each other to this time of peaceful worship.

*All: We come, bringing our hurts, our worries and our fears.*

Leader: We come seeking relief from pain, anxiety, loneliness and despair. With the psalmist of Scriptures we say, “O Lord, you are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living, Give heed to my cry, for I am low.”

*All: We come to rest in God.*

### The Collect of the Day

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|  | The Lord be with you. |
| People | And also with you. |
| Celebrant | Let us pray. |

God of Mercy, hear our prayer for ourselves, our friends and families who hold painful memories of loss, grief, and suicide. We ask for strength for today, courage for tomorrow and peace for the past. We ask these things in the name of the Christ who shares our life in joy and sorrow, despair and promises, death and new life. *Amen.*

**Psalm 34** 7-10,15-18

The angel of the Lord encamps

around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,

for those who fear him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger,

but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against evildoers,

to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

**New Testament Reading**: (Romans 8: 18, 35, 37-39)

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Sequence Hymn--

**Gospel** –John 10: 1-10

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

### Sermon

### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Through Jesus Christ, who intercedes for us and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

### Prayer for Those Touched by Suicide (written by Rev. Bernadine Craft)

Leader: Holy Father, we pray the words of Psalm 34:18: “The Lord is close to the broken hearted, and saves those crushed in spirit.”

*All: We thank you for your steadfast and life-giving love. To this love and care we commend all those overcome by the chaos around them and the torment within them.*

Leader: We pray that all those who sought relief by their own hand will know the comfort of your eternal presence, where you wipe away every tear and where there is no sorrow.

*All: We ask your comfort to all those whose lives have been touched by the pain of suicide, that you would lighten their darkness and bring them out of their distress.*

Leader: We ask that you touch all our hearts with your love and compassion, allowing it to overflow through us, touching the hearts of others.

*All: Give us grace to care for one another: forgiving all, sharing all, and striving to always radiate your loving presence in our pain filled world.*

Leader: Uphold us, enfold us, and sustain us with the joy and comfort of your never ending peace and never ceasing love.

*All: We pray all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our salvation. Amen.*

**Confession of Sin** (from Enriching our Worship 1)

*The Deacon or Celebrant says* : Let us confess our sins to God.

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*All: 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.*

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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|  | The peace of the Lord be always with you. |
| *People* | And also with you. |

**The Holy Communion**

## Offertory Sentence- Offertory Hymn:

### Anointing will be offered as you come forward for communion:

### *This thanksgiving over the oil may be offered.*

Leader: O God, the giver of health and salvation, we give thanks to you for the gift of oil. As your holy apostles anointed many who were sick of body and spirit, so pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on this gift, that those who in faith and repentance receive this anointing may be made whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*(For those who wish to be anointed, the sign of the cross will be made on your forehead with oil. The words spoken will be, “I anoint you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Your response is “Amen.”)*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer 2 from Enriching Our Worship 1*

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

***All:*** *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.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace,

you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son,

Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,

healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself

yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life,

and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you,

broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat:

This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you,

gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,

do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,

who was and is and is to come,

we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts

that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation,

the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,

with [ and] all your saints,

from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared

from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

**Celebrant**: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

***All:*** *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done,*

*on earth as in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread.*

*Forgive us our sins as we forgive those*

*who sin against us.*

*Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power,*

*and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.*

# The Breaking of the Bread

## [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]*

## The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### Communion Hymn—

**Closing Prayer**: Prayer of St. Francis

Leader: Lord make us instruments of your peace ….

*All: Where there is hatred, let us sow love;*

*where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.*

*Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

### Blessing

Priest: The Blessing, Mercy and Grace of Our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you for ever more. Amen.

**Closing Hymn** (Suggested: HY 335, *I Am the Bread of* Life)

### Dismissal