



*2026 Creating Change Conference
A Mass of Reclamation and Radical Welcome*

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God did not become human to reject human bodies—especially ours.

Scripture: Luke 22:19 • 1 Corinthians 12 • John 6

Liturgical Arc: Wounded Bodies → Shared Table → Radical Communion

OPENING RITE

Gathering Song: "Your Song" by Elton John

Themes: Holy Moses, let us live in peace; belonging despite exclusion.

Call to Worship: The Body Arrives

Presider: In the name of the Creator who made us, the Christ who became flesh like us, and the Spirit who breathes through us.

Assembly: Amen.

Presider: Look at your hands. Look at the person next to you. We gather today not as spirits floating above the earth, but as flesh and blood. We gather with scars, with tattoos, with identities that have been policed and bodies that have been rejected. But here, in this space, what does God say about this flesh?

Assembly: This is God's temple. This body is holy ground.

Presider: We are here to reclaim the table. We are here to say that the Incarnation was not a mistake. God became human, so that being human—in all its diversity—might be divine.

Opening Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

God of Incarnation, who chose to be born in a body that bled, ate, wept, and touched;

Forgive us when we have believed the lie that our bodies are obstacles to your grace.

Heal the wounds inflicted by a church that turned the Bread of Life into a weapon of shame.

Open our eyes to see the Eucharist not as a prize for the perfect, but as food for the hungry, the queer, the questioning, and the brave. We ask this through the One who said, "This is my body," Jesus, the Christ.

Assembly: Amen.

Gloria / Hymn of Praise: "You Make Me Feel (Mighty Real)" by Sylvester
Reimagined as a liturgical shout of embodied joy and truth. "I feel real, I feel real, I feel real."

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many... The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable... God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm / Gospel Acclamation: "Thank You" by Walter Hawkins
Focus: A transformation of the spirit that affirms the self. "A change has come over me."

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Presider: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up

at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: "Gatekeeping the Grace"

Presider: *Rev. Jason Carson Wilson*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song: "Somebody to Love" by Queen (Freddie Mercury)

Themes: The desperate search for connection and the cry to the Lord. Bringing our loneliness to the altar to be transformed.

Preparation of the Gifts

Presider: Pray, beloved family, that my sacrifice and yours—our lives, our loves, our struggles—may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Creator.

Assembly: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's holy Church.

Eucharistic Prayer: The Table of Radical Welcome

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right and just.

Presider: It is truly right and just to give you thanks, Holy Parent, Source of all Life.

For you created us in your image—diverse, beautiful, and good. When we were told we were mistakes, you whispered our names.

When religion built walls, you came in the flesh to tear them down.
You chose to be born vulnerable, to live on the margins, and to love without limits.

And so, with all the angels, and with the saints of every gender and generation,
With Bayard, Marsha, Sylvia, Mychal, and Harvey, we sing the hymn of your glory:

Sanctus is spoken or sung.

Assembly: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. 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.

Presider: You are indeed Holy, O God, the fount of all holiness.
Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed—not by the "sinners," but by the religious elite—and entered fiercely into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

Presider: The fabulous mystery of faith.

Assembly: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

Presider: Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of Life and the Chalice of Salvation.

We thank you that we are worthy to be in your presence—not because we are perfect, but because we are yours.

Presider: Remember your Church, spread throughout the world. Remember those who have been exiled from their spiritual homes. Remember those who hide their truth to survive. Gather us all together into the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Presider: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

Assembly: AMEN.

The Communion Rite

Presider: At the Savior's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Please recite the Lord's Prayer together, holding hands across the aisles, if you're able.

Assembly: Our Father...

Presider: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, especially the evil of self-hatred and despair. Grant us peace in our days.
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Presider: Let us offer each other a sign of peace—a peace the world cannot give.

The assembly exchanges peace with enthusiasm and warmth.

Presider: Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Behold the One who welcomes all bodies to the feast. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Song: "Believe" by Cher

Re-contextualized as a spiritual anthem of resilience. "Do you believe in life after love?" becomes a question of resurrection after spiritual death.

The ministers of communion distribute the Eucharist. The invitation is explicitly open: "The Body of Christ, made for you."

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

God of Abundance, we have eaten the bread of heaven.

We have tasted that the Lord is good.

Let this Eucharist be a seal upon our hearts.

May the grace we have received in these queer and sacred bodies

empower us to build a world where no one goes hungry for love.

Through Christ our Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Final Blessing

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Presider: Bow your heads for the blessing.

May God, who created your body and called it good, bless you with fierce self-love.

May Christ, who fed the outcast and the stranger, bless you with community.

May the Spirit, who disrupts our boundaries, bless you with courage.

And may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever.

Assembly: Amen.

Dismissal

Presider: The Mass is ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, and to love and serve one another.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song: "Love Theory" by Kirk Franklin

A joyful, rhythmic sending forth. "I look for you and you're not there / I smile." Choosing joy as resistance.

