Gathering Song: We will sing verses 1 & 2.

THERE’S A WIDENESS IN GOD’S MERCY

IN BABILONE

1. There’s a wideness in God’s mercy Like the wide-ness
2. For the love of God is broader Than the mea-sures
3. Troubled souls, why will you scatter Like a crowd of

1. of the sea; There’s a kind-ness in his jus-tice
2. of our mind, And the heart of the E-ter-nal
3. fright-en ed sheep? Fool- ish hearts, why will you wan-der

1. Which is more than lib-er-ty. There is plen-ti-ful re-
2. Is most won-der- ful- ly kind. If our love were but more
3. From a love so true and deep? There is wel-lome for the

1. demp-tion In the blood that has been shed; There is
2. sim-ple We should take him at his word, And our
3. sin-ner And more grac-es for the good; There is

1. joy for all the mem-bers In the sor-rows of the Head.
2. lives would be thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.
3. mer-cy with the Sav-i or, There is heal-ing in his blood.

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Music: Oude en Nieuwe Boerenlities, c. 1710.
Gloria
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Sirach 27:30---28:7

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia No. IV

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35
Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.
Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.

Mystery of Faith

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

OR
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

OR

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and  
the glory are yours, now and forever.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter  
under my roof, but only say the word and my soul  
shall be healed.
As you worship with us remotely, we invite you to pray an Act of Spiritual Communion.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer for Peace

Lord, be with us, so that we might not look forward in fear to the changes in life.
We are your very own and we believe that you will lead us safely through all things.
And when we cannot stand it, you will carry us in your arms.
May we not fear what will happen tomorrow.
You are our everlasting Parent, who cares for us today, and we believe that you will care for us every day.
Lord, either shield us from suffering, or give us the unfailing strength to bear it. May we be at peace, and so put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.
In this peace, we know that the love of God surrounds us,
the Light of God shines in us,
the Spirit of God hovers over us,
the Presence of God unfolds as us, and wherever we are, God is.

Through Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Family like us, we ask all of this now and forever. Amen.
Closing Song:

THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH

1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve; We go in Jesus’ name
2. We go to comfort those who mourn And set the burdened free;
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, To scatter joy like seed
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, The gospel to proclaim.

1. To bring glad tidings to the poor, God’s favor to proclaim.
2. Where hope is dim, to share a dream And help the blind to see.
3. And, all our days, to cherish life, To do the loving deed.
4. God’s Spirit it has empowered us; We go in Jesus’ name.

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