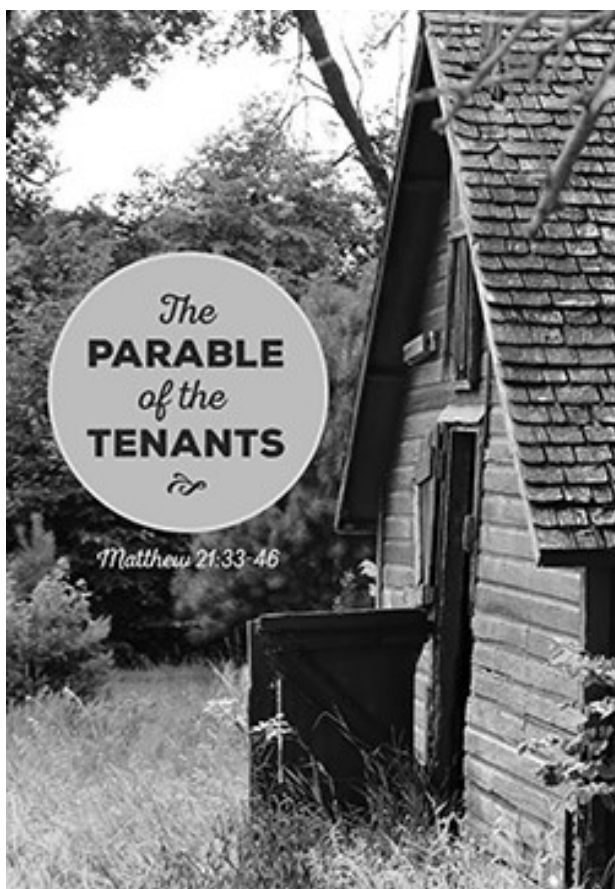




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World Communion Sunday

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. How often do we not do what we intended! What we confess is not how we act. We hear your word preached and we give our assent, but faith is found wanting when it comes time to obey. We are confronted by conflict; decisions are called for. Our desires are at odds with what

you command and we do not do what you wish. O God, have mercy upon us and in Christ forgive us. Give us the strength to do your will. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Again, hear the words of Paul when he writes that God has bestowed on Christ “the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend...and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” As we make our confession we have the assurance that the exalted Christ intercedes on our behalf. Amen.

✠ GLORIA PATRI “Glory Be to the Father”

#812

***Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you.

And also, with you.

Greet one another in Peace.

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Congregational Life

ANTHEM “Eat, Drink, and Remember”

(Unknown)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children are dismissed to their Sunday School Classrooms)

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Test.	Blk Pg.	Red pg.
Old	61	82
New	175	242
New	20	29

SERMON "Straining Forward"

✠ HYMN “Let Us Break Bread Together”

#460

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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 sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

The Prayers of the People

OFFERTORY "Communion"

(Blake)

✠ DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #814

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As we are called to be faithful in our work, O God, accept our gifts as we seek to respond. May our hearts be as willing as your grace is reassuring. May our faith be as firm as your forgiveness that frees us. May our decisions be as deliberate as your righteousness that delivers us. You have called us your own, O Christ. We confess you as Lord of all that we have and all that we are. Amen.

✠ HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#630

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE "March Heroique"

(Stickles)