



We know that we will remain less than the whole persons you have called us to be in Christ Jesus until we acknowledge our sins to you, and so we bow before you and pray:

**Almighty God, we confess that we have tried to run away and hide from you. We constantly deceive ourselves into thinking that we can live without you. We have made idols of our own achievements. We have treated other persons as though they did not bear your image. We have failed to enfold and include all persons within the outstretched and open arms of Jesus Christ, our Savior. And we have left undone those deeds of lovingkindness and godly justice that you want us to pursue in your name. Bring your Spirit upon us in a gracious, healing way. Make us agents of reconciliation as we live within your holy presence. Amen.**

BEECHER

**Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
let us all in you in-her-it, let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

We thank you, gracious God, for establishing the church as a single body of interdependent members, each having a place and purpose.

**We know that we need each other and are called to appreciate the great variety of gifts you have given us to use.**  
Help us to rejoice with those who are feeling joy and delight.

**Help us to sing with those who are singing your love and praise.**  
Help us to taste the agony of those who are hurting.

**Help us to share the burden of those who are in distress.**  
Take away jealousy and resentment from our hearts when we see others achieving success.

**Fill us with that spirit of unity in Christ that lets us see and feel and know that we all belong to you through the grace we have received.**

Teach us to know and love the world-wide church called out of all peoples and nations. Make visible the unity that you desire as we express a spirit of reconciliation in all our relationships. Show us that we are part of the one and only body of Jesus Christ, unified by faith, scattered for witness and service. Lead us to appreciate the richness of our diversity and your creative power at work in our various traditions and customs. Make us all one with you by the inspiration and guidance of your Spirit.

**Lead us into lives worthy of our calling in Christ, with all lowliness, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, and eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We pray for this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Please Stand if able)*

Let us pray together for the grace that we need, saying:

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.  
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Dear God, as we your people gather in every time and place around this wondrous earth, may we be strengthened by your awareness of one another and united by our mutual prayers.

**Hear us and help us all, we pray.**  
May the variety of traditions and customs of your whole church become a multitude of lights to reveal the good news needed by people everywhere. May the variety of our ministries and service convey your redemptive love and bind us ever closer to one another.

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GAUDEAMUS PARITER

Join we all with one accord; praise we all our common Lord;  
for we all have heard his voice, all have made his will our choice.  
Partners with the saints of old, no more strangers in the fold,  
one the Shepherd who us sought, one the flock his blood has bought.

One the name in which we pray, one our Savior day by day;  
with one Cup and with one Bread thus one cov-'nant way we tread.  
One in spirit, one in life, one a-mid earth's frequent strife,  
one in faith and one in love, one in hope of heav'n above.

(Sitting)

## Offering Our Gifts to God

**Doxology: "For the Life That You Have Given"**

Blue Book Page 819

*For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring. Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.*

**Prayer Of Blessing: (All)** For the life that you have given us dear Father; we give you thanks. We thank you for the bounty that you provide for us. We ask that you bless what we have returned to you in gratitude for the goodness that you have shown. May we use these gifts to further your kingdom.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

## THE INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

(Standing)

**Let us pray:** *Lord, Redeemer of all, we thank you for the call to be your servants.*

*Grant us, we beseech you, the inspiration of your Holy Spirit so that we may commit ourselves to work in the center of your will. Continually remind us of our duty to proclaim that you are King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Help us in all we do, to bring harmony and health back to your good creation. We do this for your glory, Amen.*

### **Ephesians 4:11-16 (Read by those who are being installed)**

11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to the prophets, some to be evangelists and some to be pastors and teachers

12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.

15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ

16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

**Leader:** We are gathered together in the sight of God, to publicly install into office our brothers and sisters as elders and trustees of our Congregation. We believe that they have been called by God to this great office. We pray that God will endue them with love and power, that they may exercise the ministry of his word, calling many to repentance, edifying his Church, and live to the honor and glory of his holy name. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!

**All:** Your Watchmen shall lift up their voices, with their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye when the Lord brings back Zion.

*(Those who are being installed are to stand)*

**Leader:** Dear brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we heartily welcome you into these positions in which the members of this congregation have called you. Remember the mission committed to his Church by our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the means he has been pleased to use for the development of his Church and the extension of his kingdom.

**Leader:** Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord; and do you pledge to be a faithful officer of his holy Church?

**Officers: I do**

**Leader:** Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to be Elders and Trustees in the Church of Jesus Christ our Lord?

**Officers: I do**

**Leader:** Do you promise to be diligent in prayer, and in reading the Holy Scriptures and in such studies that help in the knowledge of the same?

**Officers: I do**

**Leader:** Do you promise to encourage the members of Great Kills, strengthening the weak, and restoring the fallen?

**Officers: I do**

**Leader:** Do you promise to set an example in giving your time, treasure, and talent to the work of the church?

**Officers: I do**

*(For the Congregation)*

**Leader:** Will you as the congregation of Great Kills Moravian Church receive and affirm these leaders. That you will support, pray, be understanding, lend assistance joyfully, and work together for us all to be an instrument in doing the work of Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: We will**

**Leader:** Having heard your testimony we in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, joyfully install you as officers of this congregation.

**Leader:** The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you his peace.

**All: (Musical Response) In the name of Jesus. Amen**

**Leader:** I give you the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the Congregation as a token of welcome by the Church, and in recognition of your place as Elders and Trustees of this Great Kills Congregation.

*(Sitting)*

**God's Words for us Today:**

**1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31**

**Pew Bible Page 755**

**2nd Scripture Reading : 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (Responsive)**

**Pew Bible Page 1199**

16 For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! **17 If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me.** 18 What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full

use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel. **19 Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.** 20 To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. **21 To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law.** 22 To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. **23 I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.**

**Ascription of Praise: Glory Be to You O Lord**

**MBW Page 846**

**The Gospel: Mark 1:29-39**

**Pew Bible Page 1046**

**Ascription of Praise: Praise, praise, praise, praise be to you. To you O Christ**

**MBW Page 846**

**The Sermon: "The True Kindred of Jesus"**

**Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant**

(Standing)

**Hymn of Response and Preparation for Holy Communion**

**"Become to Us the Living Bread"**

**MBW Page 424**

**Become to us the living bread by which the Christian life is fed, renewed, and greatly comforted: Refrain:**

***Alleluia!\_\_\_ Alleluia!\_\_\_ Alleluia!***

**Become the never failing wine, the spring of joy that shall incline our hearts to bear the cov-'nant sign: Refrain**

**May Christians all with one accord unite around the sacred board to praise your holy name, O Lord: Refrain**

(Please remain Standing if able)

**Service for Holy Communion: In Celebration of the Holy Spirit**

**MBW Page 222**

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

*{Standing, the congregation gives a nod or a wave of fellowship, signifying oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with one another}*

**Hymn: "I Come with Joy"**

**MBW 222**

**I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free;**

**in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends;**

**the love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

**Lord's Prayer: 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 Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

*(Sitting. As the bread is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)*

**Hymn: "Spirit, Working in Creation"**

**MBW 223**

**Spirit, working in creation, bringing order out of strife: come among God's gathered people, giving harmony and life.  
Spirit, breathed on the disciples, giving peace where there was fear: come among us, touch us, send us,  
making Jesus' presence near.  
Spirit, wind and flame, empow'ring fearless witness to the lost: come unite, renew your wonders; give us a  
new Pentecost.  
Praise and glory, Holy Spirit, for your love on us out-poured, giving honor to the Father and proclaiming  
Jesus "Lord".**

**Hymn: "Spirit of God" MBW 224**

**Spirit of God, who dwells within my heart, wean it from sin, through all its pulses move. Stoop to my weakness,  
mighty as you are, and make me love you as I ought to love.  
Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame: the baptism of the heav'n  
descended Dove; my heart the altar, and your love the flame.  
(When the bread has been served, the communicants stand.)**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
(All partake together)

**Silent Prayer**

By your divine presence, By the holy sacraments, By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

**Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.**

In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

*(Sitting. As the cup is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)*

**Hymn: "Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us" MBW 226**

**Holy Spirit, come, confirm us In the truth that Christ makes known; we have faith and understanding through your  
promised light alone.  
Holy Spirit, come, console us, come as Advocate to plead, loving Spirit from the Father, grant in Christ the help we  
need.  
Holy Spirit, come, renew us, come yourself to make us live; holy through your loving presence, holy through the  
gifts you give.  
Holy Spirit, come, possess us, you the love of Three in One, Holy Spirit of the Father,  
Holy Spirit of the Son.**

**Hymn: "The Lord is Here" MBW 227**

**The Lord is here! His promised word is evermore the same, himself to be where two or three are gathered in his  
name.  
The Lord is here! Where Christ is come his Spirit too is there, with all who raise the song of praise or breathe  
the voice of prayer.  
The Lord is here! He comes in peace with blessings from above, by pledge and sign of bread and wine to fold  
us in his love.  
The Lord is here! To ev-'ry soul this gift of grace be giv'n, to walk the way of Christ today, and share the life of  
heav'n.**

*(When the cup has been served, the communicants stand.)*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Drink from this, all of you. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(All partake together.)

**Silent Prayer**

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**Grant to us your peace. Amen.**

**AUSTRIAN HYMN**

**For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord. By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to  
heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

**With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heav'nly board, may the church that's waiting for you keep  
love's tie unbroken, Lord. In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world where you  
have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death,

**Until he comes.**

*(The congregation gives a nod or a wave of fellowship, signifying renewed dedication and unity of purpose in the  
service of Christ)*

**LAND OF REST**

**I come with Chris\_\_tians far and near\_\_ to find,\_\_ as all are fed,\_\_ the new community of love\_\_ in Christ's  
communion bread.\_\_**

**Together met,\_\_ together bound,\_\_ we'll go our different ways;\_\_ and as his people in the world,\_\_ we'll live  
and speak his praise.\_\_**

The Lord Bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace;

**In the name of Jesus, A-men.**

(Please remain standing if able.)

**Parting Hymn: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"**

**MBW 581 vs. 1,3, 6**

**Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan, above the noise of selfish strife we  
hear your voice, O Son of Man.**

**From tender childhood's helplessness, from human grief and burdened toil, from famished souls, from  
sorrow's stress your heart has never known recoil.**

**till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n  
above shall come the city of our God.**

*(Please be seated in quiet meditation during the postlude.)*

**Postlude**

**Next Sunday, February 11, 2024, we will be collecting the Joyful Noise Collection. It will be going to Camp Hope.  
Please bring your loose change to put into the cans to make all the noise as you are dropping them into the cans.**

# **Upcoming Pysanky Egg Workshops at Great Kills Moravian Church**

Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am

Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am



To register contact Janice Hermansen, Nancy Walker or the church office at 718-317-7788.

***Cost of each class is \$25.***