

✠ THE SERVICE ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

✠ GATHERING ✠

*(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able.
Bold print are responses spoken by the congregation.)*

↑ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Patient God,

You have taught us all we need to be your faithful people. And yet we persist in going our own way, doing our own thing, and minding our own business when we ought to be about the business of your kingdom. Forgive our selfish neglect of others and bring us back into wholeness with our brothers and sisters. Amen.

God is merciful, patient, kind and forgiving. We have been pardoned for all that we have done, and all that we have overlooked. May we give now as we have received: generously and extravagantly, in the way of our loving teacher, savior and Lord.

Amen.

↑ GATHERING

Gather Us In

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↑ GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

↑ KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

*For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A-men. A-men.

↑HYMN OF PRAISE

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***Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, a-lmigh-ty God and Fa-ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:
have mer-cy on us;
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther:
re-ceive our prayer.
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High,
Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.
Amen.***

Gl-ory to God in the high-est, and peace to God's pe-ople on earth.

↑PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God,
your ways are beyond our understanding and your mercy is wide
enough to include everyone. May we lay aside our temptation to judge,
and instead seek after your heavenly kingdom on earth. In Jesus' name.
Amen.

↓ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30 worship service only)

*Following the Children's Message, parents of children who are six or younger are
welcome to take their children to child-care and retrieve them for communion.*

✠ WORD ✠

↓PSALM

Psalm 84:1-7

¹How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

²My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

³Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. *Selah*

⁵Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

↑ GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³¹He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour

until all of it was leavened.” ³⁴Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. ³⁵This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: “I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen! ⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↓SERMON

↓HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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↑ APOSTLES' CREED

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)

Prayer Leader: God of wisdom,
Congregation: hear our prayer.

✠ **MEAL** ✠

↑SHARING THE PEACE

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

The congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:
Peace be with you.

↓OFFERING

Oh How Amiable

Choir Anthem

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house.
They will be alway praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork.
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

↑PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Hymn

We Are An Offering

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***We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives, they are yours, we are an offering
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands
Lord use our lives they are yours, we are an offering
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be we give to you,
we give to you.***

***We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives, they are yours, we are an offering
We are an offering***

↑OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Like a pearl of surpassing value, so is the gift of your salvation to us. Loosen our grip on the things of this world, that our possessions need not possess us, and the energy of our lives be spent seeking ways to serve you ever more faithfully. Accept what we offer here for the work of your kingdom and bless others through these gifts. For the sake of your son who sacrificed everything. Amen.

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

↑PREFACE FOR THE DAY

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

↑HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,
heav-en 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.***

↑JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

↑LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.

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.

↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

You sow the good seed, O Lord, and with time it grows into fine wheat.
Make our hearts the fertile field where your word may flourish and thrive,
for all to receive. Give us now the food of your body and blood and
strengthen us to go forth and spread the seeds which will expand your
kingdom on earth. The time is now—come and eat!
Thanks be to God!

↓ DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. Dip the bread into the cup (intinction).

Gluten-free wafers and a gluten free common cup are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host. If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.

↓ LAMB OF GOD

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***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.***

↓ Distribution Music

***Lord, Let my Heart be Good Soil* #512**

***Children of the Heavenly Father* #781**

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We thank you, O God,
**that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine
beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us**

now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠ **SENDING** ✠

↑ **BLESSING**

May the God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

↑ **HYMN**

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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↑ **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ be your light.
Thanks be to God.

↓ **POSTLUDE**

Jesu, meine Freude

arr. Paul Manz 1919-2009

*Many worshippers choose to stay in the sanctuary to listen to the musical postlude
(3-4 minutes).*