

✠ THE SERVICE ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELL CHOIR PRELUDE

Light of Light

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✠ GATHERING ✠

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

↑ CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

We 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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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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-Imigh-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-o-ple on earth.

↑PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Loving God,

**you desire a simple, humble relationship with us. Turn our hearts away
from seeking others' approval and toward your way of mercy and peace,
as our savior taught us. Amen.**

↓ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*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. (10:30 worship service only)*

‡ **WORD** ‡

↓PSALM

Psalm 20:7

⁷Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the
name of the Lord our God.

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 6:7-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁷“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹“Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. ¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The congregation may be seated

↓ THE GOSPEL CONTINUES

Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life

more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↓SERMON

↓HYMN

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

WOV #783

- 1. Seek ye...first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.*
- 2. Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.*
- 3. We do not live by bread...alone, but by ev’ry word that proceeds from the mouth...of...God. Allelu, Alleluia.*

↑ 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: Gracious God,
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

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying by Ken Medema
Choir Anthem arr. Jack Schrader
Geoff Burnaford & Karol Luque, soloists

↑PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Hymn *We Are An Offering* #692
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.
Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Give us riches within, that we might be generous in what we are willing to give away.

**Bless these gifts to your service and bless us in the act of offering them.
In Jesus' name. 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 pow-er 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

As you give us our daily bread, O Lord, we ask you to give us now the bread which never runs out—your body and blood. Gather us as one and move us to acts of love out of gratitude for your mercy to us. Come and eat! All is ready for you.

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

***Be Thou My Vision* #793**

***I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* #860**

↑ 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

Thine the Amen Thine the Praise

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↑DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ be your light.

Thanks be to God.

↓POSTLUDE

Recessional

Frank W. Asper 1892-1973

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