

✝ THE SERVICE ✝

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

✝ GATHERING ✝

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

↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of new life,

You have created and redeemed all things through the gift of your son. Yet we often live as though it makes no difference for us. We choose to remain stuck in old patterns, cling to the familiar and safe, and refuse opportunities to step out in courage and faith. Forgive our cowardice, stubbornness, and willful disobedience. Amen.

The Lord is risen, and with his resurrection brings a new day, a new chance to make new choices, and renewal between people, creation, and creator.

Rejoice that you have been ✝ forgiven and called sisters and brothers of our savior and Lord!

Amen.

↑ HYMN

To Be Your Presence

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↑ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia. (repeat)

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. (refrain)*
- 2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (refrain)*
- 3. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (refrain)*

↓ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord,
ministry in your kingdom is a daily adventure. Surprise us with the zeal of those who have never heard your gospel and reinvigorate our witness with your Spirit of power. In Jesus' name. 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 ‡

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.***

↑ GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

↓ READING

Acts 13:1-3;14: 8-18

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

⁸In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth. ⁹He listened to Paul as he was

speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, ¹⁰said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And the man sprang up and began to walk. ¹¹When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!” ¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. ¹⁴When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, ¹⁵“Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; ¹⁷yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good— giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy.” ¹⁸Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

↓SERMON

↓HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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↑NICENE CREED

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Let us profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of
all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and our salvation he came down from

heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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. We 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 worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

↑ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Prayer Leader: Risen Lord,
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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

arr. Ed Lojeski
Choir Anthem

↑ PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Hymn *Take My Life, that I May Be* #583 vs.
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Refrain
Take my life, that I may be

*consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

1 *Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain*

↑ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these little ones will not lose their reward. Keep our hearts tuned toward the needs of your people and make us glad to offer ourselves to your service. Bless these gifts we offer before you and multiply them for the sake of Christ's mission on earth. In his holy 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, whose suffering
and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of
the cross, transforming death into life. 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,
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.

↑ 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 in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The food is prepared and the table is set. Let us join our fellow travelers for a foretaste of your heavenly feast, as we are invited once again to the holy supper of our Lord. Come and eat—there is plenty for all!

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 a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

↓ Distribution Music

Instrumental

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace.

Amen.

↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Life-giving God,
**in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness, water to
give new life, and the bread of heaven to**

nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

✠ **SENDING** ✠

↑ **BLESSING**

Go out into the world as the people of God in this place, and may the God who raised Jesus from the dead grant you grace, the Son who gave his life for you give you peace, ✠ and the Spirit who is with you day by day, inspire you to greater service both now and forever more. **Amen.**

↑ **HYMN**

Signs and Wonders

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↑ **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

↓ **POSTLUDE**

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