



# ✠ THE SERVICE ✠

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BELL CHOIR:** *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* arr. Kevin McChesney

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

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

### ↑ CONFESSON 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

*All Are Welcome*

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*V. 1 everyone*

*V. 2 people with high voices*

*V. 3 people with low voices*

*V. 4 & 5 everyone*

### ↑ 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.

**God, you have sanctified all things by your grace, and nothing is unclean to you. Open our minds to your vision of inclusion that we might mirror your mercy in the world, for the sake of our loving savior, Jesus Christ. 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 9:36-37**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**↓ READING**

**Acts 10:1-17,34-48**

In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. <sup>2</sup>He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. <sup>3</sup>One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." <sup>4</sup>He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" He answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. <sup>5</sup>Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; <sup>6</sup>he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside." <sup>7</sup>When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his

slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, <sup>8</sup>and after telling them everything, he sent them to Joppa.

<sup>9</sup>About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. <sup>10</sup>He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. <sup>11</sup>He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. <sup>12</sup>In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>13</sup>Then he heard a voice saying, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” <sup>14</sup>But Peter said, “By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.” <sup>15</sup>The voice said to him again, a second time, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” <sup>16</sup>This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven. <sup>17</sup>Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon’s house and were standing by the gate.

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

↓SERMON

↓HYMN

*Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*

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↑NICENE CREED

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**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

*With a Voice of Singing*  
Choir Anthem

by Martin Shaw

↑ PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Hymn

*Take My Life, that I May Be*

#583 vs. 2

*Refrain*

*Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*2 Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. Refrain*

↑ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Everything we have we owe to your generosity, O God. Receive these gifts we offer and use them to benefit your children in need, whoever and wherever they may be in this world. 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, 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

As Jews and Gentiles became one community of believers, so now we gather as one around the table of our Lord. All are invited, regardless of age, background, personality, or preferences. United in faith, we join the feast of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

**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*

Geoff Burnaford, flute

↑ **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**

*In Christ there is no East or West*

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↑ **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

↓ **POSTLUDE**

*Fantasia on Coronation*

Edward Broughton 1934-2015

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