

✠ 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

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

For the sake of justice and kindness, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Merciful God,

Too often we come before you with our pious actions and our empty words. We fail to live with kindness, justice, and humility. We turn on our neighbors and build up for ourselves. Forgive all that we have done and have failed to do and transform us into people you are proud to call your own.

The abundant grace of our God does transform lives from the inside out. Receive today the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Be transformed in your bodies, souls, and minds. Be molded into God's renewed creatures, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

↑ GATHERING

As We Gather at Your Table

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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.

↑ HYMN OF PRAISE

*This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia.*

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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)

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God, you come to call not the righteous, but sinners. Count us among your redeemed people, that our lives might proclaim your grace in all we say and do. In the name of Jesus. 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, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.***

↑ GOSPEL

Matthew 9:13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

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

↓ PRIMARY READING

Micah 1:3-5;5:2-5a;6:6-8

³ For lo, the Lord is coming out of his place,
and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth.

⁴ Then the mountains will melt under him
and the valleys will burst open,
like wax near the fire,
like waters poured down a steep place.

⁵ All this is for the transgression of Jacob
and for the sins of the house of Israel.

What is the transgression of Jacob?

Is it not Samaria?

And what is the high place of Judah?

Is it not Jerusalem?

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers.

⁶ 'With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good;

and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

↓SERMON

↓HYMN

We Are Called

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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 peace,

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

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Spiritual

Choir Anthem

arr. Allen and David Pote

↑PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat

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*As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.*

↑ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

What, indeed, does the Lord desire from us? If we were required to make a sacrifice equal to all we have been given, then surely it would be impossible for us. And yet, God asks only our humble obedience in service to a world beloved by its creator. Grant us hearts filled with this kindness, O Lord, as we bring these gifts before you for the sake of your son. 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, 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

Rejoice! The Lord does not call the righteous, but sinners to this holy meal. We are all welcome—no one will be turned away for anything they have failed to do or be or understand. Let us come now to be fed on the unfailing promise of our God's everlasting mercy.

↓ 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

Just A Closer Walk With Thee #697

This is My Song #887

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God,
in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

✝ SENDING ✝

↑ BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

↑ HYMN

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

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↑ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

Thanks be to God.

↓ POSTLUDE

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