



# ✠ 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.*

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

Faithful God,

**You have called us to places unknown and have promised to be our guide. Yet we prefer to find our own way and do our own thing, taking credit when things go well and blaming others when they don't. We resist putting our trust in you. We forget your covenant with us. And we suffer for it. Turn us around to walk where you are leading. Forgive us for wandering from the path. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

God is faithful at all times and to all who seek guidance. May you know the grace which has been freely offered to you, and the special blessing which God continually grants to all who simply ask. Receive the forgiveness of your loving creator, for the sake of Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

## ↑ GATHERING

*The God Of Abraham Praise*

**#831 vs. 1-4**

## ↑ 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.**

## ↑ 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.

**Faithful God, Abram and his family trusted you with their lives and all that they owned. May we also place our days within your hands, sure of the promise you have made us: to go before us, beside us, and after us with your protection. 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.***

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

#### **↑ GOSPEL**

**Matthew 28:19-20**

<sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

#### **↓ PRIMARY READING**

**Genesis 12:1-9**

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>21</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>31</sup>I will bless

those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan,

<sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

↓SERMON

↑HYMN

*God Loved the World*

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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: Guiding 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**

*Blessed Assurance*

arr. Harold DeCou  
Choir Anthem

↑ **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

Hymn

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

#885

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

↑ **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**As Abram built altars in thanksgiving, so we place upon your altar these signs of our gratitude for all the blessings in our lives. Mercifully receive them for the good of your creation and bless us with the peace which comes with following in your generous footsteps. For the sake of our Savior. 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

*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, 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

Jesus promises to be with us to the end of the age. We meet him again in the bread and the wine, a recognition of our spiritual family and our place at God's table. Let us come now in gladness to receive what is freely offered, with no conditions and no limits: the feast that has no end.

### ↓ 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

***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

***When Peace Like a River*** #785

***Calm to the Waves*** #794

### ↑ 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

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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## ↑ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ↓ POSTLUDE

*Toccata Jubiloso*

Lani Smith 1934-2015

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