



# ✠ THE SERVICE ✠

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Prelude in C*

J. S. Bach 1685-1750

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

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

### ↑ CONFESSON 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

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

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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.**

### ↑ 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, you preserved Noah as a sign that you hadn't completely given up on your creation. Assure us of your mercy that we might live to proclaim it and share your promises with all humanity. 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 ✝

### ↓ PRIMARY READING

**Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17**

<sup>5</sup>The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually.

<sup>6</sup>And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.

<sup>7</sup>So the Lord said, "I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

<sup>8</sup>But Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord. <sup>9</sup>These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. <sup>10</sup>And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

<sup>11</sup>Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup>And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth.

<sup>13</sup>And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. <sup>14</sup>Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. <sup>15</sup>This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. <sup>16</sup>Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. <sup>17</sup>For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. <sup>18</sup>But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. <sup>19</sup>And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. <sup>20</sup>Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. <sup>21</sup>Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them."

<sup>22</sup>Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

<sup>6</sup>At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made <sup>7</sup>and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; <sup>9</sup>but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. <sup>10</sup>He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; <sup>11</sup>and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters

had subsided from the earth. <sup>12</sup>Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

<sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

<sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### ↑ 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. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

#### ↑ GOSPEL

**Matthew 8:24-27**

<sup>24</sup>A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. <sup>25</sup>And they went and woke him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” <sup>26</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. <sup>27</sup>They were amazed, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### ↓ SERMON

#### ↑ HYMN

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

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#### ↓ BLESSING OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

#### ↑ 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: Merciful Creator,

**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

*God is Our Refuge and Strength*

*(based on Psalm 46)*

*Megan Ingle, trumpet*

by Allen Pote  
Choir Anthem

### ↑ PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Hymn

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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*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.

**Give us grateful hearts, O God, for all that you have bestowed upon us, though undeserving. Bless these token gifts that we offer back to you, in service to a world that is broken, unequal, and crying out for justice. Use us in your mission and make us true servants of your Son, in whose name we pray. 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, 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

You never forget your covenant, O Lord, your promise to preserve us and not to harm us. Be present with us now in this taste of mercy—the sign of our Savior's body and blood. Bring us close to you, that we might go out to the far corners of your wide earth, nurtured, and inspired to proclaim your message of deliverance.

#### ↓ 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

*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

*Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*

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↑ DISMISSAL

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

↓ POSTLUDE

*Lobe den Herren*

Johann Gottfried Walther 1684-1748

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