



## ✝ THE SERVICE ✝

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELL CHOIR: *Kumbaya*

arr. Michael W. Joy

## ✝ 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.*

Confident in God's mercy, we confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

God of forgiving grace,

**We are not always patient to wait for your words and your actions in our lives. We whine and complain, and we try to control those things which are out of our control. We manipulate, cheat, and extract all we can for our gain. Forgive us. Transform our hearts, our minds, and our behaviors so that we might be more like you.**

We are blessed to be loved by a fierce and passionate God who will stop at nothing to claim us as God's own. In God's goodness, today, all our sins are forgiven, washed clean, and we are transformed into new creations, made whole by the saving work of Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.

↑GATHERING

*On Eagle's Wings*

#787

## ↑ 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      page 169-170

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

*Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**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)*

***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.

**Lord, your law is the sign of your everlasting love. Keep us faithful to your word that our lives might testify to your grace. 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      Page 198

*Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.*

*Lord, to whom shall we go?*

*You have the words of eternal life.*

*Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.*

↑ GOSPEL

**Matthew 5:17**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

↓ PRIMARY Reading

Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.” <sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him.

Then God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall

labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

↓SERMON

↓HYMN *Praise to You, O God of Mercy*

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↓BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

↑APOSTLES' CREEDpage 105

**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: Wise 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      *Dereva Ni Mungu*      by Jake Runestad      Choir Anthem

Based on a Swahili Proverb:

*Sisi sote abiria, dereva ni Mungu.*

(In life we are passengers, God is the driver.)

↑ PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS    Hymn *As the Grains of Wheat*      #465

*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.

**Your steadfast love lasts a thousand generations, O Lord. We see it in the blessings which you have bestowed upon us, and we offer these gifts now as tokens of our gratitude. Use them for the sake of bringing about your justice on earth, in the name of your son. Amen.**

### ↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING Page 199

*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      Page 200

*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

You have come not to abolish the law, O Lord, but to fulfill it in our midst. Unite us around this bread and cup, that it may feed us for the journey ahead. Inspire and bind our hearts together, that we might serve you in strength and integrity. Come now and join the feast of the Lord!

### ↓ 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 Page 201

*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

silence

↑ 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 *All Creatures, Worship God Most High* #835 vs. 1-4

↑ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

↓ POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Ken Medema b. 194

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