

✝ THE SERVICE ✝

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Take My Life and Let it Be* arr. Melody Shipley
Geoff Burnaford & Julie Haydon, flutes
Melanie Morash, violin

✝ 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 Lord,

You were obedient in every way, even when that obedience led to death. As we walk this penitent season with you, fill us with remorse at all the ways we have fallen short of being faithful, loving servants. Forgive us our shortsightedness, our waste, and our criticism of ourselves and others. We long for your grace and rely on your loving kindness. Amen.

Our God is indeed slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You have been forgiven and granted another chance to turn away from all which does not give life. Be assured and be made whole again. Through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

↑ GATHERING

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

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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

All glory be to God on high, and peace to earth be given! Let angels sing, let all reply; good will breaks forth from heaven! Lord God Almighty, heaven's king, we worship you, our thanks we sing, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, creation's author, O Lamb of God, your death alone takes sin away forever. Stretch out your arms to every land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, receive our prayer; have mercy.

To you alone, O God, we cry, the Holy One we name you; for you alone are God most high, one living God we claim you: we worship you, Lord Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit ever blest, in God the Father's glory. Amen.

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God, you have forgiven us a world of transgressions. Make us likewise gracious to those who are in debt to us, showing them the mercy which you offer to all. 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 ✠

↓ PSALM

Psalm 32:1-2

¹Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

²Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

from Joel 2:13

Glo-ry and praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.

Return to the | Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in | steadfast love.

Glo-ry and praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.

↑GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my

heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↓**SERMON**

↓**HYMN**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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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: Merciful 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**

Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley

Spiritual

arr. Wallace Horniebrook

Melanie Morash, violin

Choir Anthem

↑PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Hymn

Take My Life that it May Be

#685 vs. 1 & 2

- 1 *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 hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.*

↑OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Our debts are many, O Lord. Yet we bring these gifts as a symbol of all we owe to you, and to a world in need. Receive them with grace and use them to benefit those less fortunate than ourselves, that all might come to know your abundance. 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, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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 pow'r 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

Rejoice, for you have been forgiven! God pardons and releases you from the burden of guilt and shame. Come now to the table of mercy, where you will be fed on the bread and wine that strengthens and fortifies you to serve another day. The meal has been prepared—come now and eat!
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.
Amen.***

↓ Distribution Music

silence

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

↑PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We thank you, O God,

that you have fed us at your banqueting table

with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us.

Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your

gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory

revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

↑BLESSING

May God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, and the Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, ✠
bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

Amen.

↑HYMN

O Lord, throughout these 40 Days

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↑DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

↓POSTLUDE

Consolation arr. George Shearing 1919-2011

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