

10 am service

OPENING SENTENCES [Please rise]

M: *My grace is sufficient for you,*

C: for power is made perfect in weakness.

INVOCATION [Spoken]

M: *In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

HYMN AT 296 Here I am, Lord [Please be seated]

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light on them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

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CONFESSION

M: Dear friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord. [All spoken]

C: He made heaven and earth.

M: I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

C: Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We have not loved you with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

I ask each of you in the presence of God who searches the heart:

Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins? I do.

Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in his name? I do.

Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy? I do.

ABSOLUTION

Christ gave to his church the authority to forgive the sins of those who repent. Therefore, upon your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and on behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you. Amen.

PSALM (Psalm 123) [Please rise]

1 To you I lift up my eyes,

O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

2 As the eyes of servants

*look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid*

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to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he has mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

4 Our soul has had more than its fill
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.

GLORY TO THE FATHER (GLORIA PATRI) [Spoken]

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY (KYRIE) [Spoken]

M: Lord, have mercy C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Christ, have mercy C: Christ, have mercy.

M: Lord, have mercy C: Lord, have mercy.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST (GLORIA) [Sung]

M: Glory to God in the highest.

C: And on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly king, God, the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you alone are holy, you alone are Lord, you alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

GREETING [Spoken]

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (COLLECT) [Together]

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
Graft in our hearts the love of your name, and increase our devotion;
nourish us with all goodness, and by your mercy preserve in us what you have nourished;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING – Ezekiel 2:1-5 [Please be seated]

2 He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. 2 And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. 3 He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. 4 The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' 5 Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

2 I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. 3 And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— 4 was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. 5 On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. 6 But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, 7 even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. 8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, 9 but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

RESPONSE [Please rise] [Sung]

C: Halle, halle, hallelujah! (3 times) Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

GOSPEL – Mark 6:1-13 [Announced]

C: Glory be to you, O Lord. [All spoken]

6 He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. 2 On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, ‘Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?’ And they took offence at him. 4 Then Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.’ 5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. 6 And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. 7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; 9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10 He said to them, ‘Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. 11 If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.’ 12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. 13 They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

M: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us* and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN LHS 341 *Jesus, lead Thou on*

1. Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest be won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless;
Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland.
2. If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us,
Let not faith and hope forsake us,
For through many a woe
To our home we go.
3. When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.
4. Jesus, still lead on,
Till our rest be won;
Heavênly leader, still direct us,
Still support, control, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland.

SERMON

HYMN AT 103 *Send your servant down the road* [Offering]

1. Send your servant down the road
With your message for his load,
For I have seen where freedom leads.
It's the coming of the Lord,
It's the light that fills the world,
It's all his people ever need:

*So I'll give him glory to the end, to the end,
I'll give him glory to the end.*

2. Shouts of glory to the Father,
Shouts of glory to the Son,
And glory to the Holy Ghost.
That's the way the world began
When creation rose and sang,
Give glory to the God we boast:

*So I'll give him glory to the end, to the end,
I'll give him glory to the end.*

3. Thank the Lord for he is real,
Thank him for his precious meal,
And pray for nerve to carry on.
Give us faith to turn the wheel,
For no matter how we feel,
The love we share comes through his Son:

*And we'll give him glory to the end, to the end,
We'll give him glory to the end.*

4. Now the Lord will bless us all,
He will lift us when we fall,
And speed us on our way this year.
He will flood us with his grace,
When he lifts his shining face,
To help us shatter every fear:

*And he'll give us peace, where'er we're bound,
e'er we're bound,
He'll give us peace where'er we're bound.
And we'll cry AMEN where'er we're bound,
e'er we're bound,
We'll cry AMEN where'er we're bound.*

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OFFERTORY [Please rise] [Sung]

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH [Please be seated]

God speaks to us through his word, through which the Holy Spirit reaches into people's lives and changes them. Let's pray to our loving heavenly Father, who cares about each one of us and does not abandon us.

Heavenly Father: thank you for Jesus' ministry by which he casts out sin and brings healing and wholeness. Strengthen our faith so that we may not reject him, especially when we are made aware of our own sin. **Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the Christian companions you provide for our journey, their counsel and support. Help us to be helpful companions to others, loving and true. Build up the fellowship in this congregation so we may be well equipped for service and mission in the world. **Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, protect those who are rejected because of their faith. Provide Christian companions for those who journey alone. **Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Help us and the whole church understand the sins of our age, to speak when it is necessary, to comfort where terror threatens, and to support where courage falters, always guided by the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

We pray for our nation's leaders - the King and his representatives, the parliaments, the prime minister and cabinet, departments, the opposition and every tier of government. Help them understand the complexities of life and bring them to govern in a way which honours you, promotes the well-being of all, and safeguards the passage of the gospel. **Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

We pray for each person in need today, and especially the poor and the sick, that those who have grown weak and weary may find power and strength in Christ our Lord. Take

care of those we know personally to be in need, whom we now name silently in our hearts... (brief silence) **Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to walk among us. He heard the cries of the people and shared with them the good news of the kingdom. Hear our prayers this day and answer them so that your greatness may be known by all. We offer these prayers in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SEASONAL PREFACE [Please rise] [Spoken]

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: For that is fitting and right.

It is indeed right and good, Lord God, holy Father, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

On this day he overcame death by his resurrection and opened up for us the way to eternal life with you. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name singing:

HOLY HOLY HOLY (SANCTUS) [Sung]

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. You fill all of heaven and earth; save us, God on high! Let us praise the One who comes in the name of God. Praise! Praise! Praise! Praise! Praise to You on high!

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take and eat; this is † my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, Drink of it, all of you; this is † my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.

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LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI) [Sung]

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION [Please be seated]

DISMISSAL

M: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his holy, precious blood, strengthen and protect you in body, mind, and soul to life everlasting. Go in peace † and serve the Lord with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON (NUNC DIMITTIS) [Please rise] [Sung]

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all people; a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for evermore. Amen.

GREETING [Spoken]

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING [Spoken]

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, Hallelujah!

C: For his love endures forever, Hallelujah!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION [Together]

Almighty and merciful God, your Son has revealed the wonder of your saving love in this sacrament. Renew your people by your loving kindness, and sustain us in all our weakness by your mighty power. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

M: Let us bless the Lord.

C: God be praised for evermore. [Spoken]

BLESSING [Sung]

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour, and give you † peace. C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS [Please be seated]

FINAL HYMN LHS 347 *Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah*

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore
Feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, Strong deliverer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, Songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee
I will ever give to Thee.

William Williams (1717-1791)
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Sts. 2.3: William Williams, c. 1772

Amen.