

Opening Hymn: *807 When Morning Gilds the Skies*

- 1 When morning gilds the skies,
 My heart, awaking, cries,
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
 When evening shadows fall,
 This rings my curfew call:
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

- 2 When mirth for music longs,
 This is my song of songs:
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
 God's holy house of prayer
 Hath none that can compare
 With "Jesus Christ be praised!"

- 3 No lovelier antiphon
 In all high heav'n is known
 Than "Jesus Christ be praised!"
 There to the_ eternal Word
 The_ eternal psalm is heard:
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

- 4 Ye nations of mankind,
 In this your concord find:
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
 Let all the earth around
 Ring joyous with the sound:
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

- 5 Sing, suns and stars of space,
 Sing, ye that see His face,
 Sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
 God's whole creation o'er,
 Both now and evermore
 Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit:

I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Gloria

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
- C** **For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray.
C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:21–31

Do you not know? Do you not hear?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;
who brings princes to nothing,
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.
Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows on them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?
He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name,
by the greatness of his might,
and because he is strong in power
not one is missing.
Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.
Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual — Pastor

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16–27

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse — Pastor

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out

many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn: 684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary

- 1 "Come unto Me, ye weary,
 And I will give you rest."
O blessèd voice of Jesus,
 Which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction,
 Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending,
 Of love that cannot cease.

- 2 "Come unto Me, ye wand'ers,
 And I will give you light."
O loving voice of Jesus,
 Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness,
 And we had lost our way;
But Thou hast brought us gladness
 And songs at break of day.

- 3 "Come unto Me, ye fainting,
 And I will give you life."
O cheering voice of Jesus,
 Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager,
 The fight is fierce and long;
But Thou hast made us mighty
 And stronger than the strong.

- 4 "And whosoever cometh,
 I will not cast him out."
O patient love of Jesus,
 Which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy
 Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners
 To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

P Regarding the Sacrament of the Altar, where is this written?

C The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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 the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

P What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

C **I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

P I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

C **I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.

P Let us pray.

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: 794 *The Lord, My God, Be Praised*

- 1** **The Lord, my God, be praised,
 My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me
 Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield
 And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield
 New blessings on my way.**

- 2** **The Lord, my God, be praised,
 My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son,
 Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned
 With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith
 The highest heav'nly good.**

- 3** **The Lord, my God, be praised,
 My hope, my life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son
 In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart
 And gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support
 In sorrow's gloomy hour.**

- 4** **The Lord, my God, be praised,
 My God, the ever-living,
To whom the heav'nly host
 Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised,
 In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son,
 And God the Holy Ghost.**

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