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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

TODAY'S THREAD: *God's forgiveness is the gift that keeps on forgiving. It's our new life and our new way of life.*

OPENING HYMN

Chief of Sinners Though I Be | 385



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Com - fort to a
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, By your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart: Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me. All my wants to him are known;
and your word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
won - drous thought!— Found me when I sought him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

PENTECOST SONG OF PRAISE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name | 278:1, 3

Te Deum



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
3 Blest Re - deem - er, vir - gin's Son, O - ver death his



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
vic - t'ry claim - ing, Now as - cend - ed to his throne,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
Judge and king, his grace pro - claim - ing, O - pens heav'n to



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
all his own. Praise and thanks to God a - lone!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21 EHV

Joseph's brothers saw forgiveness as a device to be used for courtesy or convenience. Joseph knew God's amazing forgiveness. He also knew the LORD's power to make evil intentions serve his good.

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and will pay us back in full for all of the evil that we did to him."

¹⁶ They sent the following message to Joseph: "Before he died your father commanded us, ⁷ 'You are to tell Joseph, "Please forgive the offense of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" Now, please forgive the offense of the servants of the God of your father."

Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down in front of him, and they said, "See now, we are your servants."

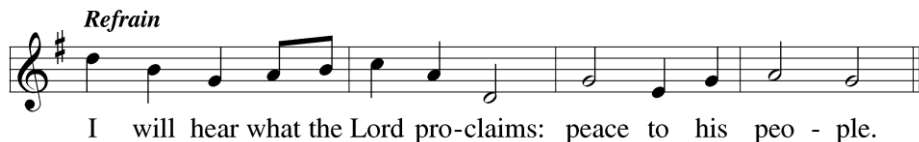
¹⁹ Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring this to pass and to keep many people alive, as it is this day. ²¹ Now therefore, do not be afraid. I will nourish you and your little ones." He comforted them and spoke to them in a kind way.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 103



all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

He forgives all your sins*
and heals all your diseases;

he redeems your life from the grave*
and crowns you with love and compassion.

Refrain

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,*
slow to anger, abounding in love.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve*
 or repay us according to our iniquities.
 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,*
 so great is his love for those who fear him;
 as far as the east is from the west,*
 so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Refrain

As a father has compassion on his children,*
 so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
 for he knows how we are formed,*
 he remembers that we are dust.
 Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;*
 the wind blows over it and it is gone.
 But the LORD's love is with those who fear him*
 from everlasting to everlasting.

**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.**

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

Romans 14:5-9 EHV

We who know the forgiveness of our Master, in mercy, respect our fellow servants, not judging their devotion to God in matters God neither commands nor forbids.

⁵ One person values one day above another. Another person values every day the same. Let each person be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The person who honors a certain day does this for the Lord, and the person who eats does this for the Lord, because he gives thanks to God. And the person who does not eat does this for the Lord and gives thanks to God.

⁷ In fact, not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself. ⁸ Indeed, if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this reason he died, rose, and lived, to be Lord of both the dead and the living.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 15:4 cf.

M: Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35 EHV

We who daily sin much depend on God’s heart of mercy. We who cannot live without his mercy show mercy to those who sin against us, knowing that they too need mercy. Our forgiveness flows from our new hearts.

M: The Gospel, Matthew Chapter 18

²¹ Then Peter came up and asked Jesus, “Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother when he sins against me? As many as seven times?”

²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but I tell you as many as seventy-seven times. ²³ For this reason the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle them, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. ²⁵ Because the man was not able to pay the debt, his master ordered that he be sold, along with his wife, children, and all that he owned to repay the debt.

²⁶ “Then the servant fell down on his knees in front of him, saying, ‘Master, be patient with me, and I will pay you everything!’ ²⁷ The master of that servant had pity on him, released him, and forgave him the debt.

²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began choking him, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’

²⁹ “So his fellow servant fell down and begged him, saying, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!’ ³⁰ But he refused. Instead he went off and threw the man into prison until he could pay back what he owed.

³¹ “When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were very distressed. They went and reported to their master everything that had taken place.

³² “Then his master called him in and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt when you begged me to. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ His master was angry and handed him over to the jailers until he could pay back everything he owed.

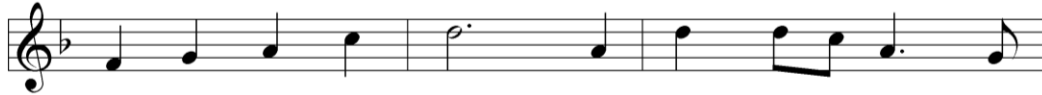
³⁵ “This is what my heavenly Father will also do to you unless each one of you forgives his brother from his heart.”

M: This is the Gospel.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,” You
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless The
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals The
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And



taught us, Lord, to pray, But you a - lone can
 un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
 truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are
 bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owed to us; How great our debt to you!
 bonds of love Our lives will spread your peace.

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SERMON – *See the separate sheet for the Sermon Road Map.*

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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.**

THE SACRAMENT

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Oh, grant that I in man - ner wor - thy May now trust
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Oh, let me loathe all sin for - ev - er As death and
 5 Your heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners

wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a - lone are
 sole - ly in your Word, And, con - scious of the sins be -
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet you your lamb will ban - ish
 poi - son to my soul, That I through will - ful sin - ning
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to you in faith are

Refrain

a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole.
 fore me, Look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.
 nev - er, Nor will your faith - ful - ness de - part. Lord, may your
 nev - er May see your judg - ment take its toll!
 turn - ing; So let me, too, come trust - ing - ly.

bod - y and your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table | 310

- 6 Weary am I and heavy laden;
 With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
 Receive me graciously and gladden
 My heart, for I am now your guest.
Refrain
- 7 You here will find a heart most lowly
 That feels unworthy in your sight,
 That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely
 Your merit pleads, as it is right.
Refrain
- 8 By faith I call your holy table
 The testament of your deep love,
 For by your gift I now am able
 To know the heart of God above.
Refrain
- 9 What higher gift can we inherit?
 It is faith's bond and solid base;
 It is the strength of heart and spirit,
 The covenant of hope and grace.
Refrain
- 10 This feast is manna, wealth abounding
 Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r,
 To angels joy, to hell confounding,
 And life for me in death's dark hour.
Refrain

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.



1 Bless - ed are they, for - ev - er blest,
 2 Bless - ed are they to whom the Lord
 3 From guile their hearts and lips are free;
 4 How glo - rious is that right - eous - ness



Whose guilt is par - doned by their God,
 Im - putes not their in - iq - ui - ty.
 Their hum - ble joy, their ho - ly fear
 That hides and can - cels all their sins,



Whose sins with sor - row are con - fessed
 They plead no mer - it or re - ward
 With deep re - pent - ance well a - gree
 While bright the ev - i - dence of grace



And cov - ered with their Sav - ior's blood.
 And not on works but grace re - ly.
 And join to prove their faith sin - cere.
 Through all their lives ap - pears and shines!

Silent prayer

Announcements after the close of Service

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