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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

TODAY'S THREAD – *Only those who know their pitiful condition can savor God's mercy revealed and received in Jesus.*

STAND as directed

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.

The congregation may be seated or kneel.

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.



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.



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.



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

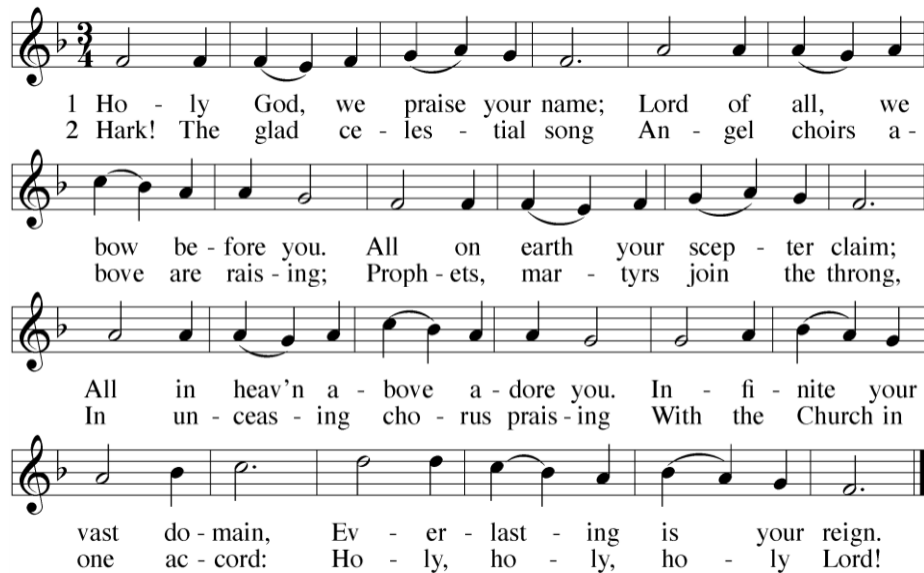


M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

PENTECOST SONG OF PRAISE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name | 278:1, 2

Te Deum



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial song An - gel choirs a -
bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
bove are rais - ing; Proph - ets, mar - tyrs join the throng,
All in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing With the Church in
vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
one ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Grandparents may give in if their naughty grandchildren act humbly and say and do the right things. But God can't be manipulated with gifts and shows of piety. He wants children transformed by his faithful loving kindness.

- 5:15 "Then I will return to my lair
until they have borne their guilt
and seek my face—
in their misery
they will earnestly seek me."
- 6:1 "Come, let us return to the LORD.
He has torn us to pieces
but he will heal us;
he has injured us
but he will bind up our wounds.
2 After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will restore us,
that we may live in his presence.
3 Let us acknowledge the LORD;
let us press on to acknowledge him.

As surely as the sun rises,
he will appear;
he will come to us like the winter rains,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

- 4 “What can I do with you, Ephraim?
What can I do with you, Judah?
Your love is like the morning mist,
like the early dew that disappears.
- 5 Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets,
I killed you with the words of my mouth—
then my judgments go forth like the sun.
- 6 For I desire mercy, not sacrifice,
and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.”

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119c

Here is faith's confidence in life: the LORD faithfully guides me safely through the pits on to his glory.

Refrain



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm tone



Oh, how I love your law!*

I meditate on it all day long.

I have more insight than all my teachers,*
for I meditate on your statutes.

I have more understanding than the elders,*
for I obey your precepts.

Refrain

I have kept my feet from every evil path*
so that I might obey your Word.

I have not departed from your laws,*
for you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste,*
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**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 4:18-25 EHV

Living faith considers God faithful to his promises, no matter how “unbelievable.” God considers those who trust his mercy and full payment for their guilt as his righteous people.

¹⁸ Hoping beyond what he could expect, he believed that he would become the father of many nations, just as he was told: “This is how many your descendants will be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith, even though he considered his own body as good as dead (because he was about one hundred years old), and even though he considered Sarah’s womb to be dead. ²⁰ He did not waver in unbelief with respect to God’s promise, but he grew strong in faith, giving glory to God ²¹ and being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”

²³ Now the statement “it was credited to him” was not written for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us to whom it would be credited, namely, to us who believe in the one who raised our Lord Jesus from the dead. ²⁵ He was handed over to death because of our trespasses and was raised to life because of our justification.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

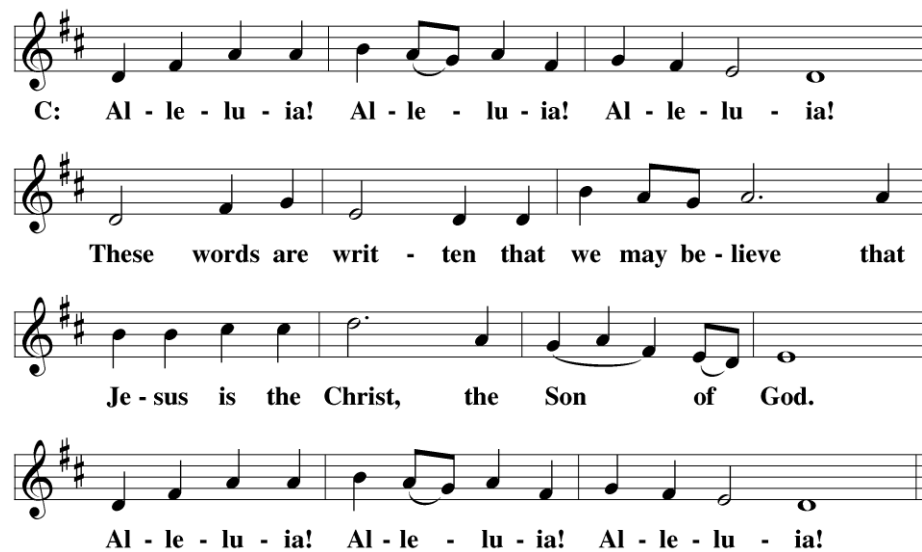
C: Thanks be to God.

STAND

VERSE OF THE DAY

2 Corinthians 5:19 cf. RSV

M: Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 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 9:9-13

Why did Jesus call a tax collector to be a witness to his words and works? Why not a Pharisee? Matthew knew his need for God’s mercy. The Pharisee thought, “We’re not pitiful. We’re perfect.”

M: The Gospel, Matthew Chapter 9

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

¹³ But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

M: This is the Gospel.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

By All Your Saints Still Striving | 552:1, 18, 3
St. Matthew



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, For
2 Praise, Lord, for him whose Gos - pel Your
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And



all your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
hu - man life de - clared, Who, world - ly gain for -
wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the



Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blessed. You
sak - ing, Your path of suff - 'ring shared. From
Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till



rose, our King vic - to - rious, That they
all un - right - eous mam - mon, Oh, raise
all the ran - somed num - ber Who stand



might wear the crown And ev - er shine in
our eyes a - new That we, like faith - ful
be - fore the throne As - cribe all pow'r and



splen - dor Re - flect - ed from your throne.
Mat - thew, May rise and fol - low you.
glo - ry And praise to God a - lone.

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BE SEATED as directed

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

STAND

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.**

BE SEATED

OFFERING – remain seated

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.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION



1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
 2 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need
 4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;
 5 Too soon we rise; the ves - sels dis - ap - pear.



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,
 Here is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new.
 An - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.
 Mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.



Here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;
 Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:
 The bread and wine re - move, but you are here,



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.
 My strength is in your might, your might a - lone.
 Your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.
 Near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

THANKSGIVING

STAND

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 - jice 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.

CLOSING HYMN

1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry,
2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were
3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less
4 Not un - to us but to your name be glo - ry,

Lord; Not un - to us but to your name be praise;
made; A - maz - ing grace— that sent your Son to save;
years; For - giv - ing love— that led us to your truth;
Lord, For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.

Not un - to us but to your name all hon - or be
A - maz - ing grace— that robed us in your right - eous -
Un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn from
A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and

giv'n For match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.
ness And taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.
you But sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.
done, And pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

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