Call to Worship – Announcements – Sharing of the Peace

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

- 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.

Service of the Word

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed & Introit

P On this All Saints' Day, we remember the members of our Faith family who have died in Christ in the past year and thank God for receiving them into his eternal kingdom.

Rose Marie Harper James Klausmeyer

P We further ask the Lord to grant us his mercy and consolation in Christ, as we endure the deaths of friends and family. We especially hold fast in prayer the loved ones of:

Joyce Griner	Geraldine Imhoff
Dennis Greer	Shirley Dettloff

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

P In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

G in your righteousness deliver me.

P For you are my rock and my fortress;

G and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

P Into your hand I commit my spirit;

G you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

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.

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

First Reading: Revelation 7:2–17

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,

12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,

12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher,

12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,

12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,

12,000 from the tribe of Levi,

12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,

12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,

12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen!

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them,

nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

■ ¹Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

G his praise in the assembly of the godly!

P²Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

G let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

₽³Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

P⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;

G he adorns the humble with salvation.

P⁵Let the godly exult in glory;

G let them sing for joy on their beds.

P⁶Let the high praises of God be in their throats

G and two-edged swords in their hands,

 \mathbf{P}^{7} to execute vengeance on the nations

G and punishments on the peoples,

P⁸to bind their kings with chains

G and their nobles with fetters of iron,

P⁹to execute on them the judgment written!

C This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

Epistle: 1 John 3:1–3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

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.



Sermon - Heart Issues Are Hard Issues: "Reconciliation Out of Tribulation" *(Source material initially provided by Rev. Bertram Lewis, St. Philip Lutheran, Detroit)*

The offerings are collected at the entryway table as you enter or leave.

By the power of the Gospel, Christians give willingly from the heart by faith in victory.

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Col. 3:1)

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **I**t is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God...Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



Sit

Distribution Hymn: 982 Blest Are They ø ρ . spir - it; 1 Blest they, the poor in Theirs are is the 2 Blest the low -They are they, ly ones;____ shall in show mer - cy; 3 Blest are they_ who Mer _ cy 4 Blest who seek peace;____ They the are are they_ hate,____ 5 Blest who suf - fer All_ be are vou 0. king-dom of God._ Blest are they. full____ of are they who hun-ger and her - it the earth._ Blest shall____ Blest are they, the pure____ of be theirs. are they who suf-fer in chil - dren Blest of God._____ Re-joice and be glad, ____ yours is the cause____ of Me.____ 0 0 P---sor - row: They_ shall soled._ be con thirst;_ They____ shall their fill. have God!_ heart;_ They_ shall see of faith;__ The glo - ry God is theirs. king - dom; Shine___ for all to see._ Refrain Re - joice____ and be glad!_ Bless-ed are you, Re - joice_____ and be Yours is ho-ly are you. glad!_ the d' ð king - dom of God.

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Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P 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 favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



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