

Preservice Music/Ringing of the Bell/Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8*

Reader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

R The LORD is the strength of his people;

C He is the saving refuge of his anointed.

R To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

C Lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

R Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

C when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

R Blessèd be the LORD!

C For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

R The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts,
and I am helped;

R my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

**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.**

R The LORD is the strength of his people;

C He is the saving refuge of his anointed.

“I See the Lord”

I see the Lord seated on the throne exalted.

And the train of His robe fills the temple with glory.

And the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled,

And the whole earth is filled with His glory.

Holy, holy, holy, holy; holy is the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, holy; holy is the Lord. Repeat.

Ending: Holy, holy, holy, holy; holy is the Lord of lords.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

¹Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

⁸The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? .

. . .
²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience,

³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us pray. "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

C **What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?"** (*Psalms 8:3-4*)

P "We have all become like one who is unclean, and all of our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment." *Isaiah 64:6*

C **"If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared."** *Psalms 130:3, 4*

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that Believes and is baptized shall be saved. *Mark 16:16; John 1:12*

C **Grant this, Lord, unto us all.**

P As an ambassador of Christ and by his command and authority, I forgive you all your sins. (*John 20:23*)

P **Amen, amen, this is most certainly true.**

SONG "Amazing Love"

**My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly;
That I, the guilty one may go free.**

Chorus:

**Amazing love, O what sacrifice,
The Son of God, given for me;
My debt He pays and my death He dies,
That I might live, that I might live.**

**And so they watched Him die, despised, rejected;
But, O the blood He shed flowed for me. *Chorus.***

**And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;
Come wash your guilt away, live again. *Chorus.***

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 15:21–28

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

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

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

R This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

APOSTLES' CREED

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Sit)

CHILDREN'S TALK

SONG OF THE DAY *"A Time To Serve" from AGPS 53*

**Jesus hears His children crying,
Sees them hungry, lost, and dying;
Who will comfort all their sorrows?
Who will brighten their tomorrows?**

**Jesus pleads with us to reach them
With our gifts of love, and teach them
That the kindness we are giving
Is the Christian's way of living.**

**Young and old alike He's calling,
Human grief is so appalling;
Since He gave His life to save us,
Let us share the lives He gave us.`**

**When we join our Savior's service,
He will strengthen and preserve us;
He will guide our daily living,
And He'll bless the love we're giving.**

**When we aid the poor and lonely,
We're not caring for them only;
When our love some suff'ring eases,
We have done the same for Jesus.**

**Rise and follow! He will lead us;
Heed the cries of those who need us!
And when life has ended for us,
Heaven's glories lie before us.**

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

(Sit)

OFFERING

(Stand)

THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(Sit)

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

“Only By Grace”

Chorus:

**Only by grace can we enter; only by grace can we stand,
Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the lamb.
Into your presence you call us; you call us to come.
Into your presence you draw us,
And now by your grace we come.**

Ending: Now By Your Grace We Come.

Verse:

**Lord, if you mark our transgressions, who would stand?
Thanks to your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the
Lamb.**

Repeat verse. Then sing chorus.

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“Lord, You Are So Precious To Me”

Lord, You are so precious to me;
Lord, You are so precious to me;
And I love You, yes, I love You
Because You first loved me.

Lord, You are so gracious to me;
Lord, You are so gracious to me;
And I love You, yes, I love You
Because You first loved me.

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“Create in Me”

Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, that I might serve--- You;
Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, That I might be renewed.
So fill me and heal me, and bring me back to You.
Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, that I might serve You.

(Repeat)

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. . .

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to
shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His
favor upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

“Firm Foundation”

CHORUS:

Jesus, you're my firm foundation, I know I can stand secure.

Jesus, you're my firm foundation, I put my hope in your holy word,

I put my hope in your holy word.

(men) I have a living hope, (women) I have a living hope,

(men) I have a future, (women) I have a future,

(men) God has a plan for me, (women) God has a plan for me,

(men) of this I'm sure, (women) of this I'm sure. Chorus.

(men) your word is faithful, (women) your word is faithful,

(men) mighty in power; (women) mighty in power;

(men) God will deliver me, (women) God will deliver me,

(men) of this I'm sure, (women) of this I'm sure. Chorus.

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Go in peace and serve the Lord.