

Hymn

The Old Rugged Cross SOJ 50

Hymn

How Great Thou Art SOJ 2

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 9:2; 33:20–22; 122:1

- P I was glad when they said to me,
C **“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”**
- P I will be glad and exult in You;
C **I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.**
- P Our soul waits for the Lord;
C **He is our help and our shield.**
- P For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.
C **Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.**

Confession and Absolution

- P Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.
C **O God our Father, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have transgressed Your law and have brought injury to others. We have not always shown forth our faith in every aspect of our lives. We sincerely repent of our sins. Have mercy on us and hear this, our confession, O Lord. Grant us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our sinful lives that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**
- P The Lord hears our pleas and accepts our prayers. To each of us our Lord promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I

forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit

Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful
headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**Glorify 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 praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain

the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from
all the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that
he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let
your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at
hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by
prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be
made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which
surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your
minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there
is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What
you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—
practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have
revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for
me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of
being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to
be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how
to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the
secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I
can do all things through him who strengthens me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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You Are My All In All SOJ 39

Sermon

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 ^T everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

- P With full confidence that our prayers will be heard by our loving God, we offer our petitions for the Church, the world, and all people in need. O Lord,
C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**
- P With hope-filled hearts we pray for the community of world nations, especially remembering the people of Canada as they observe their country's National Day of Thanksgiving. O Lord,
C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**
- P We pray for the well-being of creation in our land and every land, for all coastlands and waters and for all fields and forests. Grant that we be proper stewards of all of the gifts we have received. O Lord,
C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**
- P We pray for the Church, that it grow as the Spirit leads and directs, even in those places where persecution of Christian people still is a daily reality. O Lord,
C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

- P We pray for those who are in need of special petitions this day, including the injured or ill, people in hospitals or other care centers, those dealing with special challenges, the shut-in, the unemployed, and those who are grieving this day, [*especially* . . .]. Be the support of those in need and the comfort of those who are burdened. O Lord,
- C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**
- P As we remember with gratitude those whose earthly lives are now completed, we ask that we be blessed by the memory of all who have fallen asleep in Jesus, especially those of this community of faith who have left behind examples of joyful trust and blessed hope. O Lord,
- C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- 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.**

Closing Sentences

Philippians 3:20–22; 4:20

- P But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.
- C **To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

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 T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

Hymn

Give Thanks SOJ 10

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