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**THE PRELUDE**

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**OPENING HYMN:**

*Sanctuary*

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

It is you, Lord  
Who came to save thee,  
heart and soul  
Of every man  
It is you Lord  
Who knows my secrets;  
give me strength,  
With thine own hand.

Lead Me on Lord  
From temptation  
Purify me  
From within  
Fill my heart with  
Your Holy Spirit  
give me strength with thine own hand.

Lord prepare me to be sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

**\*THE INVOCATION**

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

**\*RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 29:1-11**

- P** <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C** <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
- P** <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.
- C** <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- P** <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- C** <sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- P** <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- C** <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- P** <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

- C** <sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.  
<sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Genesis 1:1–5

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**EPISTLE READING:** *Romans 6:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel**  
**His name is called Emmanuel;**  
**God with us, revealed in us;**  
**His name is called Emmanuel. (Repeat x1)**

**\*HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:4–11**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark the first chapter.

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

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**\*NICENE CREED**

**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 HYMN**

*Good Good Father*

*by Chris Tomlin*

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
And You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone

*You're a good good Father  
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am*

Oh, and I've seen many searching  
For answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching  
For answers only You provide  
'Cause You know just what we need  
Before we say a word. *Chorus*

Cause You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

You are perfect in all of Your ways

Oh, You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable  
I, I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable  
I, I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love, love, love. *Chorus*

You're a good good Father  
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You  
are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am  
You're a good good Father

You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways

**SERMON**

**OFFERING**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**\*THE LORDS 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.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

*Make Me A Servant*

**BOB#155**

Make me a servant, humble and meek  
Lord, let me lift up, those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be;  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me a servant, today.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His peace.

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING SONG:**

*All the People Said Amen*

**by Matt Mahr**

**You are not alone if you are lonely  
When you feel afraid, you're not the only  
We are all the same in need of mercy  
To be forgiven and be free  
It's all you got to lean on  
But thank God it's all you need  
And all the people said, "Amen"**

*Whoa*

*And all the people said Amen  
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends  
And all the people said, "Amen"*

**If you're rich or poor well it don't matter  
Weak or strong, we know love is what we're after  
We're all broken but we're all in this together  
God knows we stumble and fall**

**And He so loved the world He sent His Son to save us all. *Refrain.***

**(Bridge)**

**Blessed are the poor spirits who are torn apart  
Blessed are the prosecuted and the pure in heart  
Blessed are the people hungry for another start  
For theirs is the kingdom  
The kingdom of God**

*And all the people said Amen*

*Whoa*

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