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## THE PRELUDE

Organist: Raquel White

## PRAISE SONG

*O Father, All Creating*

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1 O Fa - ther, all cre - at - ing, Whose wis - dom, love, and pow'r  
2 With good wine, Lord, at Ca - na The wed - ding feast You blessed.  
3 O Spir - it of the Fa - ther, Breathe on them from a - bove,  
4 Un - less You build it, Fa - ther, The house is built in vain;



First bound two lives to - geth - er In E - den's pri - mal hour,  
Grant al - so these Your pres - ence, And be their dear - est guest.  
So search - ing in Your pure - ness, So ten - der in Your love  
Un - less You, Sav - ior, bless it, The joy will turn to pain.



To - day to these Your chil - dren Your ear - liest gifts re - new:  
Their store of earth - ly glad - ness Trans - form to heav'n - ly wine,  
That, guard - ed by Your pres - ence And kept from strife and sin,  
But noth - ing breaks the u - nion Of hearts in You made one;



A home by You made hap - py, A love by You kept true.  
And teach them, in the test - ing, To know the gift di - vine.  
Their hearts may heed Your guid - ance And know You dwell with - in.  
The love Your Spir - it hal - lows Is end - less love be - gun.

## \*THE INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## \*RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 128

**P** <sup>1</sup>Blessèd is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!

**C** <sup>2</sup>You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

**P** <sup>3</sup>Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

**C** <sup>4</sup>Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.

**P** <sup>5</sup>The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

**C** <sup>6</sup>May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!

#### \*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** 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.

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Genesis 2:18-25*

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

**EPISTLE READING:** *Hebrews 2:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup>For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup>how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup>while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. <sup>5</sup>Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? <sup>7</sup>You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>putting everything in subjection under his feet.” Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup>But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup>For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup>For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup>saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.” <sup>13</sup>And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

*Create in Me*

**Create in me a clean heart O God  
That I might serve You  
Create in me a clean heart O God  
That I might be renewed  
So fill me and heal me  
and bring me back to You  
Create in me a clean heart O God  
That I might serve You (Repeat x1)  
That I might serve You**

**\*HOLY GOSPEL:** *Mark 10:2-16*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>2</sup> Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” <sup>5</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” <sup>10</sup>And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” <sup>13</sup>And they were bringing children to him that he might touch

them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

**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.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SERMON HYMN

*Friend of God*

**Who am I that You are mindful of me?  
That You hear me, when I call?  
Is it true that You are thinking of me  
How You love me, it's amazing**

*Chorus*

*I am a friend of God*

*I am a friend of God*

*I am a friend of God*

*He calls me friend (repeat x1)*

**Who am I that You are mindful of me?  
That You hear me, when I call?  
Is it true that You are thinking of me  
How You love me, it's amazing**

*Chorus*

*I am a friend of God  
I am a friend of God  
I am a friend of God  
He calls me friend (repeat x1)*

**God almighty, Lord of Glory,  
You have called me friend.  
God almighty, Lord of Glory,  
You have called me friend.  
God almighty, Lord of Glory,  
You have called me friend.**

*Chorus:*

*I am a friend of God*

*I am a friend of God*

*I am a friend of God*

*He calls me friend (repeat x1)*

**SERMON**

**OFFERING**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**\*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.**

**Agnus Dei**

**O Christ, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. Amen.**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

*Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone*

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found,  
was blind, but now I see.**

**Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.**

**My Chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, My Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
unending love, amazing grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me;**

**His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.**

**My Chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, My Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
unending love, amazing grace.**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun for-bear to shine;  
but God, who called me here below,  
will be forever mine, will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine, You are forever  
mine.**

## \*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

*My Jesus*

by Anne Wislon

Are you past the point of weary?  
Is your burden weighing heavy?  
Is it all too much to carry?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.  
Do you feel that empty feeling  
'cause shame's done all its stealing,  
And you're desperate for some healing?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.  
*He makes a way where there ain't no way,  
Rises up from an empty grave.  
Ain't no sinner that He can't save  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
His love is strong and His grace is free  
And the good news is, I know that He  
Can do for you what He's done for me.  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,  
And let my Jesus change your life  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Amen!  
Amen!*

Who can wipe away the tears  
From broken dreams and wasted years,  
And tell the past to disappear?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,  
And all the wrong turns that you would  
Go and undo if you could,  
Who can work it all for your good?  
Let me tell you about my Jesus.

*He makes a way where there ain't no way,  
Rises up from an empty grave.*

*Ain't no sinner that He can't save  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
His love is strong and His grace is free  
And the good news is, I know that He  
Can do for you what He's done for me.  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,  
And let my Jesus change your life  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Amen!  
Amen!*

Who would take my cross to Calvary,  
pay the price for all my guilty?  
Who would care that much about me?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

*Oh. He makes a way where there ain't no  
way,  
Rises up from an empty grave.  
Ain't no sinner that He can't save  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
His love is strong and His grace is free  
And the good news is, I know that He  
Can do for you what He's done for me.  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,  
And let my Jesus change your life  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Amen!  
Amen!*

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**  
And let my Jesus change your life.