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## THE PRELUDE

**Organist:** Raquel White

## OPENING HYMN

*Not What These Hands Have Done*

**LSB# 567**

1 Not what these hands have done Can save this guilt - y soul;  
2 Not what I feel or do Can give me peace with God;  
3 Thy work a - lone, O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin;  
4 Thy love to me, O God, Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,

Not what this toil - ing flesh has borne Can makemy spir - it whole.  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears Can bear my aw - ful load.  
Thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, Can give mepeacewith - in.  
Can rid me of this dark un - rest And set my spir - it free.

## \*THE INVOCATION

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

## RESPONSIVE PSALM: *Psalm 19*

- P** <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.  
**C** <sup>2</sup>Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.  
**P** <sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.  
**C** <sup>4</sup>Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,  
**P** <sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.  
**C** <sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.  
**P** <sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;  
**C** <sup>8</sup>the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

- P** <sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
- C** <sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- P** <sup>11</sup>Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- C** <sup>12</sup>**Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**
- P** <sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- C** <sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

### **\*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** **O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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: Exodus 20:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing

steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. <sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

**EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18–31**

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*I Will Glory in the Cross*

**BOB#122**

**I will glory in the cross  
Where my Jesus was crucified  
Through His blood I stand forgiven  
Cleansed from sin and justified  
I will glory in the cross  
I will ever lift it high  
As the banner for salvation  
As the standard for my life. Repeat x1**

**\*HOLY GOSPEL: *John 2:13-22***

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St John the second chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**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

## *God So Loved*

1 Come all you weary, come all you  
thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry.  
Drink of the Water, come and thirst no  
more.

2 Come all you sinners, come find His  
mercy  
Come to the table, He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness, find what you're  
looking for.

### Chorus

*For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.*

3 Bring all your failures, bring your  
addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the  
cross  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.  
See His open arms?

### Chorus

*For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us*

*Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved, God so loved the world.*

### Bridge

Praise God, praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, praise Him  
For the wonders of His love (*Repeat x1*)  
His amazing love

### Chorus

*For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.  
For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved, God so loved the world*

Bring all your failures, bring your  
addictions  
Come, lay them down at the foot of the  
cross  
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

## 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:

*You Say*

by Lauren Daigle

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say  
I'm not enough  
Every single lie that tells me I will never  
measure up  
Am I more than just a song of every high  
and every low  
Remind me once again just who I am  
because I need to know  
Ooh oh

*You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
And you say I am held when I am falling  
short  
And when I don't belong, oh You say I am  
Yours*

*And I believe, Oh I believe  
What You say of me I believe*

The only thing that matters now is  
everything You think of me  
In You I find my worth, in You I find my

identity  
Ooh oh  
(Chorus)

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at  
Your feet  
You have every failure, God, You have  
every victory  
Ooh oh

*You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
And you say I am held when I am falling  
short*

*And when I don't belong, oh You say I am  
Yours*

*And I believe, Oh, I believe  
What You say of me  
I believe*

Oh, I believe, Yes I believe  
What You say of me  
I believe

## CLOSING SONG:

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

LSB#425

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.

## \*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.