

Building His body By Reflecting the Son

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

"On Eagles' Wings"

- You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life, Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"
- ~And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.
- The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear; Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. ∼And He...
- You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day; Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come. ~And He...
- For to His angels He's given a command To guard you in all of your ways;

 Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. ~And He....

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Confession and Absolution

Despite God's call for us to stand firm, we have failed to do so. Despite God's gift of eternal comfort, we have sought temporal comforts that have led us away from Him. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and seek His forgiveness. *A Time of Silence*. Heavenly Father,

We confess that we have placed our hope in the things of this world. We have looked for comfort from idols of our own making rather than from You. We have faltered and fallen and failed. Forgive us, renew us, and restore us, on account of Jesus. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you, and for His sake, He restores your hope and comfort. 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.

Amen. We are forgiven. We have eternal comfort in Jesus.

The Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise Please Be Seated

"Jesus, Shall Reign"

- Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does its successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- ↓ To Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head;
 His name like sweet perfume shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- People and realms of ev'ry tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
 And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.
- □ Blessings abound where'er He reigns: The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
 □ The weary find eternal rest, And all who suffer want are blest.
- ↓ Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King;
 Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.

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Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1–15

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I

have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

¹³Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you." ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁶For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁶And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming....

¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Please Stand

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

- J. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross. Lift high His royal banner;
 It must not suffer loss. From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead
 Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.
- J Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey; Stand forth in mighty conflict In this His glorious day. Let all His faithful serve Him Against unnumbered foes; Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.
- ↓ Stand up, stand up for Jesus; Stand in His strength alone. The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own. Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer. Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.

J Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The strife will not be long; This day the din of battle, The next the victor's song. The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.

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Holy Gospel Luke 20:27–40

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

³⁴And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Children's Message Please Be Seated

The Hymn "Christ the Eternal Lord"

- □ Christ the eternal Lord, Whose promise here we claim, Whose gifts of grace are freely poured
 On all who name Your name; With thankfulness and praise We stand before Your throne,
 Intent to serve You all our days And make Your glory known.
- ↓ Christ the unchanging Word To ev'ry passing age, Whose timeless teachings still are heard Set forth on Scripture's page; Transform our thought and mind, Enlighten all who read, Within Your Word by faith to find The bread of life indeed.
- □ Christ the redeeming Son, Who shares our human birth, And by His death salvation won For ev'ry child of earth; Inspire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love abroad, That all may honor Christ today And follow Him as Lord.
- □ Christ the unfading Light Of everlasting day, Our Morning Star in splendor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way; That light of truth You give To servants as to friends, Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief journey ends.

Proclamation of the Word

Offering and Musical Offering

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. Colossians 3:1

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise. Psalm 136

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Music: "Joyful, Joyful," Hymn 803 Sanctus Hymn

J Holy, holy, holy Lord God, Heav'n and earth Your glory show.

With the life and breath You've given We Your name praise here below.

Sing hosanna, blest is He who Comes to us, our Savior dear.

Sing hosanna in the highest, Sing hosanna far and near.

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Words of Our Lord

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Music: "Joyful, Joyful," Hymn 803 Agnus Dei Hymn

Lamb of God, O Jesus, Savior, You the world's sin take away.

Lamb of God, O Christ, Redeemer, You have conquered in the fray.

Breathe the Holy Spirit on us; With Your grace our fears allay.

Lamb of God, O risen Savior, Grant Your peace to us, we pray.

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Distribution Hymn Please Be Seated

"Lift High the Cross"

- ~Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name.
- Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
 Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Lift high
 - Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Lift high...
- Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
 The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. ∼Lift high...
- All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. ∼Lift high...
- J O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. ∼Lift high...
- ↓ Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
 Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. ~Lift high...
- J So shall our song of triumph ever be:
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! ∼Lift high....

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Dismissal

Post Communion Hymn Music: "Joyful, Joyful," Hymn 803

→ Heav'nly Father, we, Your servants, In Your peace may now depart.

What You promised in Your Word we See fulfilled within each heart.

Jesus is the light for nations, And Your Israel's glory, He.

Praise the Father, Son, and Spirit. Laud the Holy Trinity.

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Prayer of the Church Please Stand

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord Jesus Christ, You came down from the heavens to dwell among us. In Your humanity, You endured the sufferings and temptations we face. Strengthen us to pick up our cross daily and follow You. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, we bring before You all those who have stopped following You. We pray that You would soften their hearts and give us wisdom to share Your words of eternal life so that they might follow You again. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, You dwell among us today in Your Word and Sacraments. Help us to faithfully hear Your Word and worthily to receive Your body and blood for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Special Intercessions

Lord Jesus, we pray for all who teach. Strengthen their gift of teaching by the power of the Holy Spirit so that knowledge and wisdom would increase, especially knowledge and wisdom of You. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, we commend all these things into Your hands of eternal comfort, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

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 + give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

"Spread the Reign of God the Lord"

- Tell how God the Father's will Made the world, upholds it still, How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
- J Tell of God the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n, Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.
- ↓ Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.
 But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!
- ↓ Lord of harvest, great and king, Rouse to action heart and mind;
 Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

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Postlude