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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

- ♪ Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
- ♪ We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray...
- ♪ You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You...
- ♪ Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still....

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## Invocation

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

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

Since we are gathered to delight ourselves in the Word of God and to assemble as one family around His Table, let us with repentant hearts confess our sins before our heavenly Father, seeking His forgiveness in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. *A Time of Silence*

O Lord our God, hear us as we pray:

**We confess that we have not walked in Your faithfulness, turning away from You when we should be turning toward You.**

Father, forgive us.

**Our love has not been genuine. We have not overcome evil with good.**

Have mercy upon us, Lord Jesus.

**The grace You tell us to share with both our friends and our enemies is the mercy we also need.**

Renew us, Spirit of truth.

**Remove our transgressions from us so that we may live as those who have been called**

**by Your name, delighting in Your goodness to us in Christ. Amen.**

“I am with you to save you and deliver you,” declares the Lord. Through Jesus Christ—crucified, risen, and coming again—you have been delivered from your enemies of sin, death, and the devil. Keep His saving, steadfast love before your eyes and walk by faith in His promises. As one called to be your pastor and commissioned by Jesus to deliver the delight of His Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the Lord to be delivered to troubled homes and hearts, for friendship to replace warfare, and for His people to choose love instead of hate, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For evil to be overcome and victory in Christ to be known, both here in this holy house and wherever the Gospel is proclaimed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For salvation, deliverance, and forgiveness for all, including our enemies, that we may walk in the steadfast love of our Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Heal us! Bless us! Renew us, gracious Lord!

**Amen.**

## **The Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads. Delighting in Your goodness to us, we ask for this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Hymn of Praise** *Please Be Seated*

“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

♪ The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven; My maker, who to me  
Has soul and body given; My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day  
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.

♪ The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven, The Father’s own dear Son,  
Whose life for me was given, Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood  
And gives to me by faith The highest heav’nly good.

♪ The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven, The Spirit, whom the Son  
In love to me has given. His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow’r,  
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow’s gloomy hour.

♪ The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living, To whom the heav'nly host  
Their laud and praise are giving. The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,  
God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

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## Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15–21

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me,  
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart,

for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice;

I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:

“If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,

and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Epistle

Romans 12:9–21

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with  
brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent  
in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in  
prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice,  
weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate  
with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to  
do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably  
with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is  
written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, “if your enemy is  
hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap  
burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

- ♪ I am Jesus’ little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my name and still provides me,  
Loves me ev’ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.
- ♪ Day by day at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay,  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.
- ♪ Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd’s lamb?  
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

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## Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Matthew 16:21–28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

### Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

## Children’s Message *Please Be Seated*

## The Hymn

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

- ♪ Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
- ~Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

♪ Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. ~Great is...

♪ Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. ~Great is....

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## **Proclamation of the Word**

“Having a Head Coaled”

Romans 12:9–21

## **Offering and Musical Offering**

## **Admonition to the Communicants**

## **Words of Our Lord**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## **Lord’s Prayer**

## **Distribution of the Lord’s Supper**

### **Dismissal**

Now the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you and keep you steadfast to life everlasting. Go in peace. Amen.

## **Prayer of the Church *Please Stand***

*Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Lord, in Your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

### **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 *Please Be Seated***

“In Thee Is Gladness”

♪ In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.

By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.

Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest; Who trusts Thee surely

Has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining, Dying or living  
To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

♪ Since He is ours—, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.  
He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory With hearts and voices;  
All heav'n rejoices In Him forever: Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness, Love Him and praise Him  
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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## Postlude