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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Sine Nomine setting by Arthur Hutchings

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

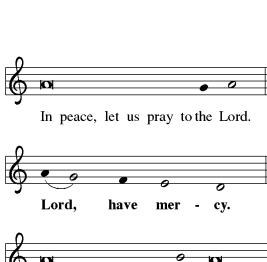
Gathering Hymn

For All the Saints (ELW 422)

Greeting

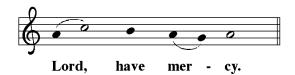
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

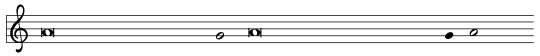
C: And also with you.



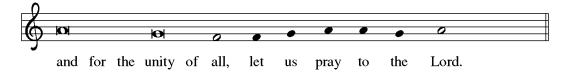


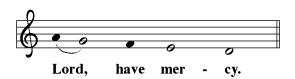
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

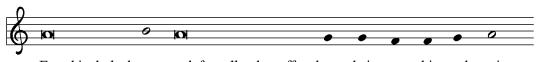




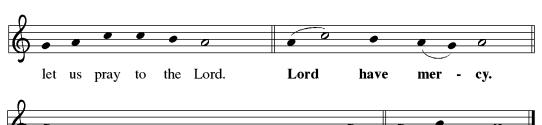
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

L: ¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷"As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 149



Psalm 149:1
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¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

²Let Israel rejoice | in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler.

³Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp.

⁴For the LORD takes pleasure | in the people and adorns the | poor with victory. R

⁵Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph; let them sing for joy | on their beds.

⁶Let the praises of God be | in their throat and a two-edged sword | in their hand,

⁷to wreak vengeance | on the nations and punishment | on the peoples,

8to bind their | kings in chains and their nobles with | links of iron,

⁹to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. | Hallelujah! **R**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

L¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his

glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Refrain:



GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

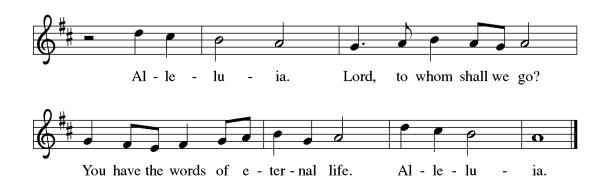
²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse

you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Refrain:



Please be seated.

Sermon

Reading of the Necrology

Hymn of the Day

For all Your Saints, O Lord (ELW 427)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession

A: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Holy One, your church rests on the faithful who came before us. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders the will to carry the church forward and discern your will for the future. Lord, in your mercy,

- C: Receive our prayer.
- A: Holy One, the earth is yours and all that dwells within it. Care for places ravaged by natural disasters. Quell raging fires and halt destruction caused by flooding. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: Receive our prayer.
- A: Holy One, you raise up leaders to guide your people. Kindle in them a passion to care for others, a desire to seek the common good, and the courage to love their enemies. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: Receive our prayer.
- A: Holy One, you bless those who are poor, hungry, and reviled. Provide food, housing, and security to all who are vulnerable or in crisis. May those who have more than enough give generously. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: Receive our prayer.
- A: Holy One, hold us in community with one another. Nurture a spirit of abundant hospitality and intentional inclusion among us, welcoming the gifts of adults and children. Inspire creative visions for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: Receive our prayer.
- A: Holy One, we remember in thanksgiving all those who have died. Wipe away our tears and comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: Receive our prayer.
- A: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace, with special care in our hearts for Ruth Haas, Chris Gates, Ernie Clauss, Beverly R., Lauren, Cheri and Kenny Knippa, Marvin Echtle, Cheryl Miller, Malton Luddeke, Carol Wendel, Dottie Bowles, Zander Lang, Rona Stinson, the family of Manuel Tarrazo, the family of Robert Hein, Alahna Converse, the family of Nicole Knippa, the family of Marilyn Hartung, the family of Arlene Rushing, and the family of Karen McIntyre. Lord, in your mercy.
- C: Receive our prayer.
- A: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.

Please stand.

Peace

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C:** And also with you. (Please greet those nearest you with these or similar words: "Peace be with you.")

Please be seated.

Offering

Offertory

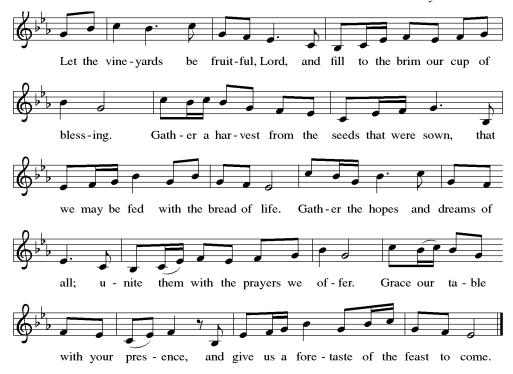
O quam gloriosum est regnum by Tomas Luis de Victoria St. John's Choir

O, how glorious is the kingdom, in which all the saints rejoice with Christ! Clothed in robes of white, they follow the Lamb wheresoever he goes.

Please stand.

Offertory Response

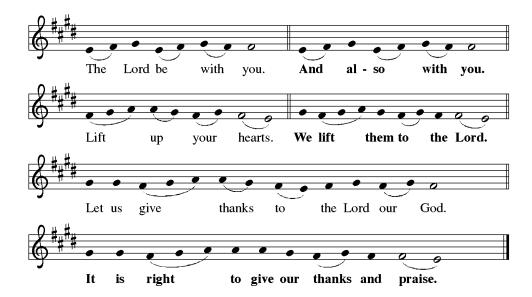
Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 184)



Offering Prayer

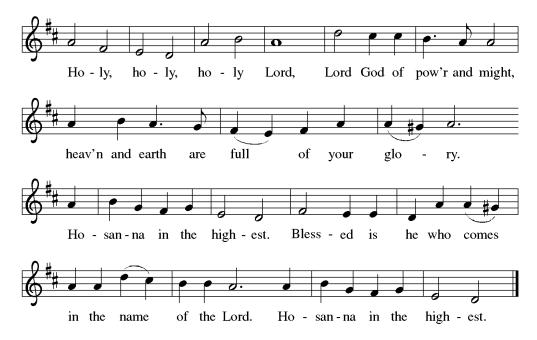
A: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



P: It is . . .

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P: You are indeed holy . . .

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



P: Remembering . . .

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

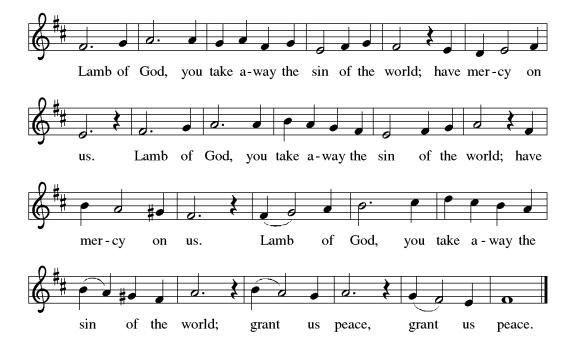


LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

P: When we eat this bread we share in the body of Christ. When we drink this cup we share in the blood of Christ. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Hymns During Holy Communion

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup (*ELW* 492) Jerusalem, My Happy Home (*ELW* 628)

Holy Communion

Please stand.

Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones (ELW 424)

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

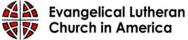
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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