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Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in Worldwide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

(LSB 367)

INVOCATION

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

EXHORTATION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C Amen.

✘ WORD ✘

Ps 98:1-4; (antiphon Is 52:10)

INTROIT

- P The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.
- C **Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**
- P The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- C He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
- P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

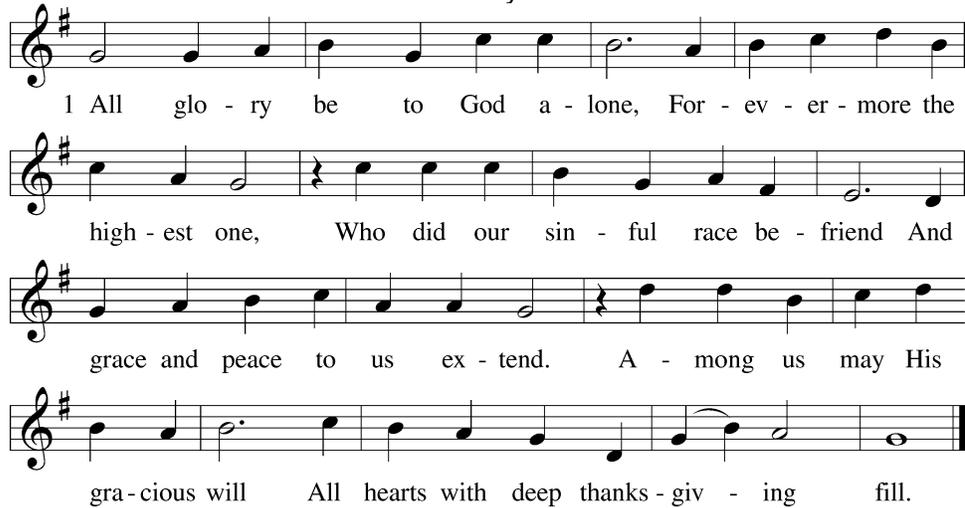
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- P O Lord, C **have mercy.**
P O Christ, C **have mercy.**
P O Lord, C **have mercy on us today.**



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

"All Glory Be to God Alone"



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

- 5 You only are the Holy One
And over all are Lord alone.
O Jesus Christ, we glorify
You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;
With Him You evermore shall be
One in the Father's majesty.**

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

(Zion's Coming Salvation)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“The Promised One”
Helen Kiepke, soloist

(Lani Smith)

EPISTLE

Galatians 4:4-7

(Sons and Heirs)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

(LSB 389)

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

(Jesus Presented in the Temple)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

CREED

“We All Believe in One True God”



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
Who sus - tains and com - forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Brief silence

Eternal Lord God, in the fullness of time, You sent forth Your Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem us and give us the adoption as Your sons and heirs. Hear us, Father, as we call to You in His name. Give us grace to rejoice in Christ's blessed incarnation, and grant us a glad new year. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood on earth is named, bless the families of all Christians with Your promises. Give parents diligence and delight in their work, and grant Your favor on all children, that they may grow in strength and wisdom. Bless all widows, orphans and broken families also with Your mercy, and give them joy in the redemption You have won for us in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O worthy Judge, from You proceeds the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and the fear of the Lord. Give wisdom to those who make, administer and judge our laws, that they may serve faithfully in their tasks, according to Your good pleasure, for the benefit of our people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, receive our prayers for those who suffer from loneliness. Comfort them with the sure and certain knowledge that they will never be forsaken by You. Give them family and friends within the household of faith with whom they can find loving companionship. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Lord, help the sick and suffering, especially those who desire our prayers [_____]. Surround them with Your love in Christ and, according to Your gracious will, heal them. Comfort all those who mourn [*especially* _____] and fill their hearts with the certain hope of the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22). Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with one of our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

T SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT T

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

SANCTUS "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
 bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
 All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
 vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.

**5 Holy Father, holy Son,
 Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
 Though in essence only one,
 Undivided God we claim Thee
 And, adoring, bend the knee
 While we own the mystery.**

**6 From Thy high celestial home,
 Judge of all, again returning,
 We believe that Thou shalt come
 On that final judgment morning,
 When Thy voice shall shake the earth
 And the startled dead come forth.**

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WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(Please be seated)

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

(LSB 374)

"Once He Came in Blessing"

(LSB 333)



DISMISSAL OF COMMUNICANTS

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con - fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing, To God ev - er - liv - ing,



The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The Sup - per is end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,



The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing



To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

(Please stand)

BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

- P 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.
- C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

(LSB 924)

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