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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words:

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. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *See Worship Information Sheet*

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.

KYRIE (SPOKEN)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest
Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship you,
We give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.
For you alone are the holy one,
You alone are the lord,

You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the holy spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together ….

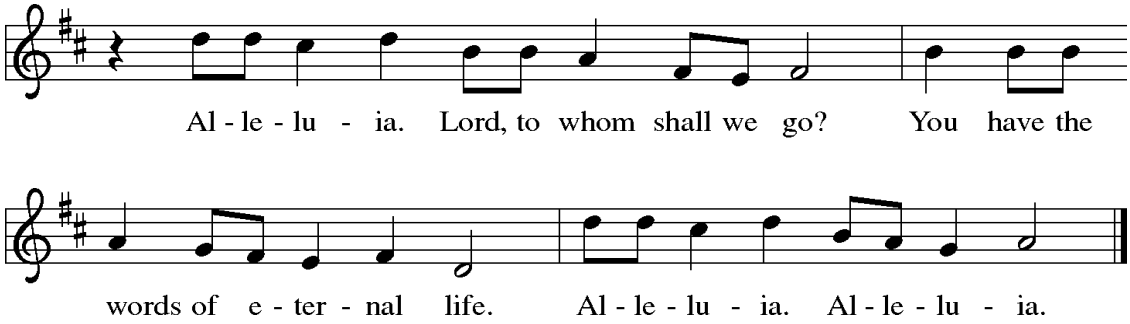
PRAYER OF THE DAY *See Worship Information Sheet*
Amen. *(be seated)*

FIRST READING *See Worship Information Sheet*

L: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Read responsively *See Worship Information Sheet*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL:
P: The holy gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint _____.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ. *(be seated)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY – *See Worship Information Sheet*

CREED

P: Along with Christians throughout the world, we confess our faith together 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition

I: God in your mercy

C: Receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude with **Amen**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERTORY *See Worship Information Sheet*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy …
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION
P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be the body of Christ in our world.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG: *See Worship Information Sheet*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Providing God,
you feed your flock like a shepherd
and gather your people in your arms.
We praise you for the care and sustenance
you give at this meal and always.
As we leave your table, carry us near your heart,
and send us with confidence in the way
of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen

BLESSING
P: The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
and may the Lord's light lift up upon you and give you peace.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG – *See worship information sheet*

DISMISSAL
P: Go in peace. Share Christ with the community.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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