

## *Preparing for Worship Today*

- Today's service is also being live-streamed for the participation of those who can't join us physically today.
- Congregational responses are printed in ***bold italics***.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!
- Today we commence a series of readings from Paul's letter to the Ephesians. During the series, we will hear the gospel reading set for the day and a psalm which reflects some of the themes for today's selection from Ephesians



## A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**Prelude** J Pachelbel, *Gott der Vater wohn' uns bei*

### *The Gathering of the People of God*

**Processional**

**Call to Worship**

The Lord be with you!

***And also with you!***

Listen to what the LORD is saying,

***for he is speaking peace***

***to his people.***

Justice shall go before the LORD

***and peace shall be a pathway***

***for his feet.***

*(Psalm 85.8, 13)*

**Prayer of invocation**

**Hymn** 437 Blessed Jesus, at your word

1. Blessèd Jesus, at your word  
we are gathered all to hear you;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear you;  
by your gospel pure and holy,  
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till your Spirit breaks our night  
with your beams of truth unclouded;  
you alone to God can win us,  
only you work good within us.

3. Glorious Lord, yourself impart,  
light of light from God proceeding;  
open lips and ears and heart,  
help us by your Spirit's leading;  
hear the cry your church now raises;  
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

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Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

***And also with you.***

## With the Children

### *The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching*

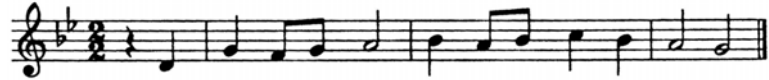
#### The Testimony of Scripture

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet  
*and a light to our path.*

Ephesians 1.1-14 *Grace to you, and peace*

Psalm 85.7-13 *For the LORD will speak peace to his people [PCS 77]*  
*Organ, then cantor, then all together:*

Hal H. Hopson



Lord, show us your love; show us your love and mer - cy.

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Mark 4.35-41 *Peace, be still*

This is the gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

#### The Preaching of the Word


**LITBIT:** ...this is what preaching is for: to show forth God and God's grace, in the terms of the materials of the gathering – the texts, the sacraments, the assembly itself – so that the assembly and each of its participants may come again to faith. The *ordo* of the liturgy will then move on to urgent prayer to God for all the needy world, to that actual meal of faith, and to the sending of food to the hungry and witness to the world.

GORDON LATHROP

*A 'sermon of stillness' – a moment for quiet reflection – usually follows the preaching*

## Prayer of Confession

LORD HAVE MERCY



Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.  
Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.  
Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

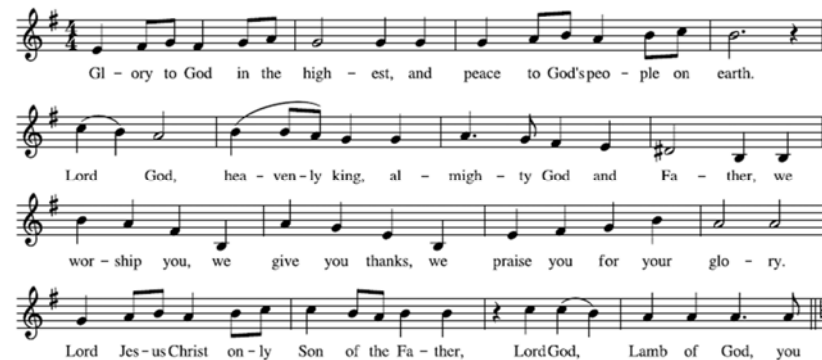
Lord, have mercy; (3x)  
Christ, have mercy; (3x)  
Lord, have mercy. (3x)

## Declaration of Forgiveness

...hear, then, Christ's word of grace to us:  
Your sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Doxology



Gl - ory to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, hea - ven - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we  
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
Lord Jes - us Christ on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are  
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our  
 prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Jes - us Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*And also with you.*

**The Nicene Creed**

*We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary  
 and became truly human.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory  
 to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father,  
 who with the Father and the Son  
 is worshipped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

*The Visible Word: Eucharist*

**LITBIT:** The Eucharist is a mystery not because it is mysterious, but because it is a sign of God's secret purpose, which is to unite all things in Christ. In the Eucharist we celebrate that the mess of human history, with its violence and sin, its wars and genocides, is somehow, in ways that we cannot now understand, on its way to the kingdom. It is God's will that we be gathered into unity, reconciled with each other. And so we begin the Eucharist asking the forgiveness of our brothers and sisters, the angels and the saints, the whole vast community of the kingdom. It is a sign that we are willing to be gathered into God's peace with the rest of creation.

TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE

**Hymn 499** Lord Jesus, joy of loving hearts

1. Lord Jesus, joy of loving hearts,  
true fount of life, our lives sustain,  
from any bliss that earth imparts  
we turn unfilled to you again.
2. Your truth unchanged has ever stood,  
you save all those who on you call,  
to those yet seeking you are good,  
to those who find you, all in all.
3. We taste you, Lord, the living bread,  
and long to feast upon you still,  
we drink of you, the fountainhead,  
and thirst our souls from you to fill.
4. For you our restless spirits yearn,  
whatever comes, until the last,  
glad when your presence we discern,  
blest when our faith can hold you fast.
5. For ever, Jesus, with us stay,  
make all our moments calm and bright,  
chase the dark night of sin away,  
shed on this world your holy light.

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**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***


Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

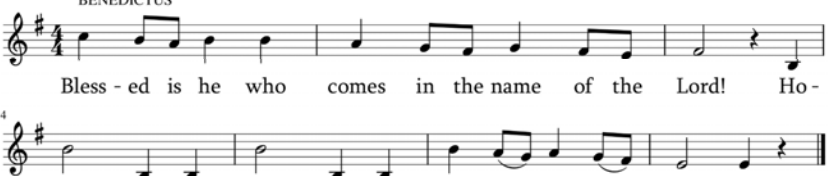
***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
5  
hea - ven and earth are full of your glor - y, ho - san - na in the high - est!

BENEDICTUS



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho -  
4  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!


***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!***

CHRIST HAS DIED



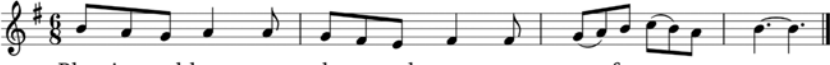
Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

BLESSING AND HONOUR



Bless - ing and hon - our, glo - ry and power are yours for e - ver - more

***Blessing and honour, glory and power  
are yours forever more.***

## The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread.*


*Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus bear - er of our sin have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world, grant us peace.

*Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, bearer of our sin, have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.*

Let us receive what we are,  
let us become what we receive  
*The body of Christ*

## The Communion

### Prayers of the People

### Offering

*Many members now make their offering by electronic transfer; the plate will be passed for those who prefer to make cash/envelope offerings. The prayer dedicating the offerings 'captures' the full range of gifts!*

### Notices

## *The Sending Forth of the People of God*

### Hymn 416 Great God, your Spirit, like the wind

1. Great God, your Spirit, like the wind  
unseen but shaking things we see  
will never leave us undisturbed  
fulfil our dreams, or set us free,  
until we turn from faithless fear  
and prove the promise of your grace  
in justice, peace and daily bread  
with joy for all the human race.
2. Lord, shake us with the force of love,  
to rouse us from our dreadful sleep;  
remove our hearts of stone, and give  
new hearts of flesh, to break and weep  
for all your children in distress  
and dying for the wealth we keep.  
Help us prevent, while we have time,  
the blighted harvest greed must reap.

3. And then, in your compassion, give  
your Spirit like the gentle rain,  
creating fertile ground from which  
your peace and justice spring like grain;  
until your love is satisfied,  
with all creation freed from pain,  
and all your children live to praise  
your will fulfilled, your presence plain.

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### **Word of Mission and Blessing**

**Postlude** V Luebeck, *Prelude*

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