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Blessings to you and we hope you join us again.

## WELCOME

### PRELUDE

"Prayer in Bb Major"

Alex Guilmant

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

*(Pause for reflection)*

Most merciful God,

**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.**

*Forgiveness declared*

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

#338 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**\*KYRIE**

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

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peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

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Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## READING

Romans 5:12-18

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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 32

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<sup>6</sup> **Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup> You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> **I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

<sup>10</sup> **Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Sing twice)

All

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

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The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Deacon Emily Myallis

## **SERMON**

Rev. Robert J. Myallis

## **\*HYMN OF THE DAY      #611 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"**

## **\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

*\*The word "catholic" in the creed means universal or world-wide. If you have any questions, the pastors are happy to discuss.*

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each portion of the prayers concludes with these or similar words:*

*... Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

## \*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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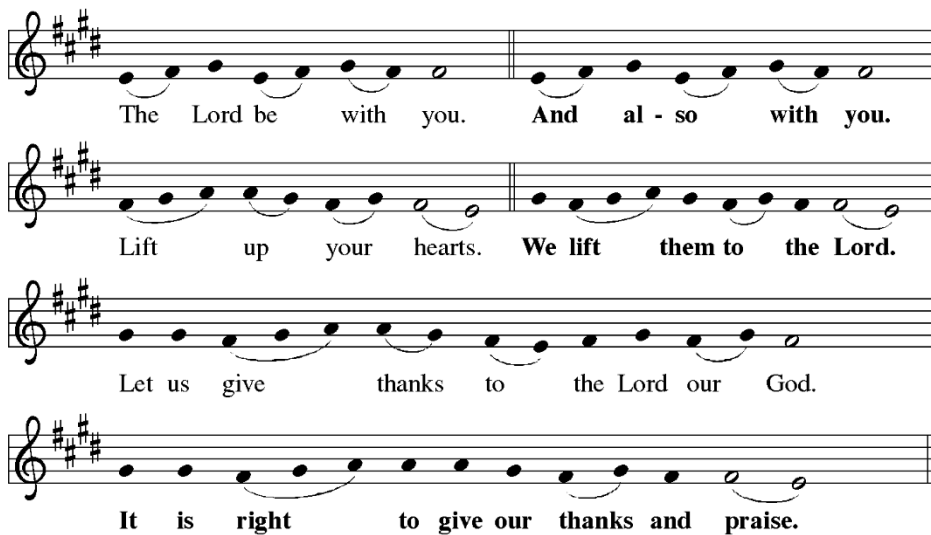
### “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us --- our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

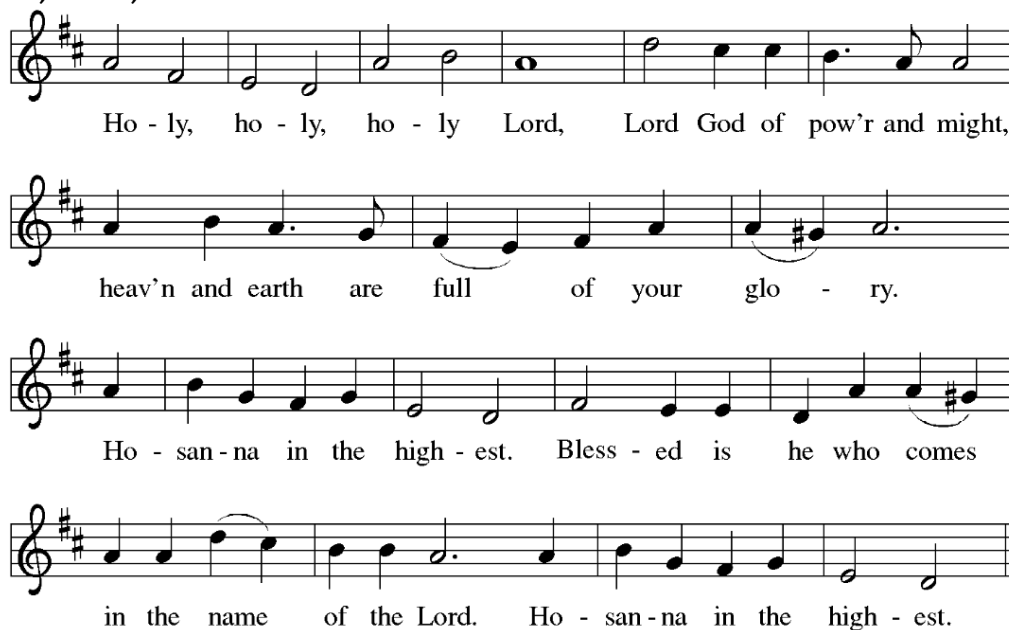
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed... ..Do this in remembrance of me.  
For as often as we do this, we proclaim the great mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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 a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



## COMMUNION

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## COMMUNION MUSIC

### #481 "Come to the Table"



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

## \*BLESSING OF NEW ACOLYTES FOR GRADE 4 FAITH STEPSTONE

## \*FINAL BLESSING

\*SENDING HYMN

#790 "Day by Day"

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

to my anx-i-ous soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

The third system of music concludes the page. The melody and accompaniment continue, with the lyrics written below the treble staff.

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mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

**\*SENDING**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

“Day by Day”

Todd Kendall

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"Breathe"

St. Paul Praise Band

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## \*OFFERING SONG

### “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

A musical score for the hymn "Create in Me a Clean Heart". It consists of eight staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final double bar line at the end of the eighth staff.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.  
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and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.  
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O  
Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
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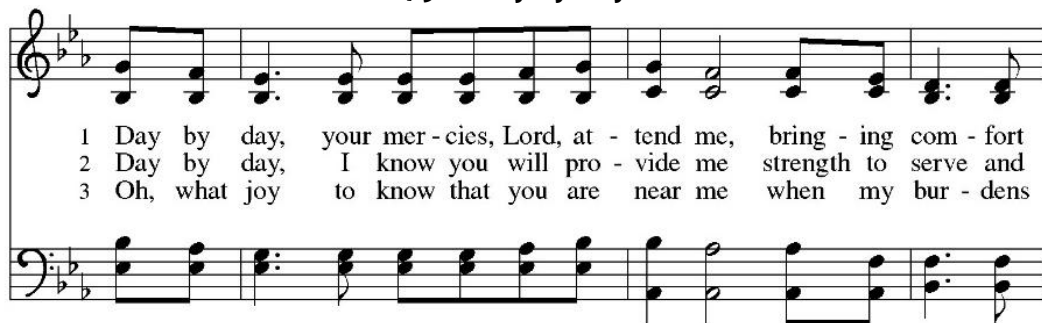
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