

#### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

# **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# OPENING HYMN

# "SING PRAISE TO GOD, THE HIGHEST GOOD"

LSB 819 sts. 1, 5

Sing praise to God, the highest good,
 The author of creation,
 The God of love who understood
 Our need for His salvation.
 With healing balm our souls He fills
 And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
 To God all praise and glory!

5 All who confess Christ's holy name,
Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and He alone:

To God all praise and glory!
Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1640–90; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, adapt.
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# **INVOCATION**

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## **OPENING COLLECT**

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You 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.

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS LSB 154

- P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His 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.

# **SALUTATION**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING

Ruth 1:1–19a

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2:1–13

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

# **HYMN**

# "YOUR HAND, O LORD, IN DAYS OF OLD"

LSB 846

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old

Was strong to heal and save;

It triumphed over ills and death,

O'er darkness and the grave.

To You they came, the blind, the mute,

The palsied and the lame,

The lepers in their misery,

The sick with fevered frame.

2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,

Gave speech and strength and sight;

And youth renewed and frenzy calmed

Revealed You, Lord of light.

And now, O Lord, be near to bless,

Almighty as before,

In crowded street, by beds of pain,

As by Gennes'ret's shore.

3 O be our great deliv'rer still,

The Lord of life and death;

Restore and quicken, soothe and bless,

With Your life-giving breath.

To hands that work and eyes that see

Give wisdom's healing pow'r

That whole and sick and weak and strong

May praise You evermore.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

### THE SERMON

#### "STAYING FAITHFUL OR FULL OF FAITH?"

#### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen.

# THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- **P** God of love and mercy
- C Hear our Prayer

# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P When you call to Me, I will answer you, says the Lord.
- I will be with you in trouble; I will rescue you and honor you.
- **P** With long life the Lord will satisfy you
- **C** and show you His salvation.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most

# grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- 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.

#### **PAX DOMINI**

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

# **HYMN**

# "WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS"

**LSB 543** 

sts. 1, 3-4

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb,

Who is the great I AM,

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,

While millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free,

I'll sing His love for me,

And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

And through eternity I'll sing on.

Text: A General Selection of . . . Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1811, Lynchburg, alt. Text: Public domain

# **PREFACE**

- **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.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

# PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS LSB 161

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.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy and gracious Father: In Your infinite love You made us for Yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, You, in Your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, Your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to You, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself, in obedience to Your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night on which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat: This is My Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also after supper, He took the cup; and when He had given thanks, He blessed it and gave it to His disciples and said, "Take, drink of this all of you: This cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for You and for many for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

# PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- **P** Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.
- We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this our act of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine. Sanctify them by Your Holy Spirit to be for Your people the Body and Blood of Your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve You in unity, steadfastness, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your eternal kingdom.

# THE GREAT AMEN

- All this we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ: By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# 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.

## **INVITATION**

- P Welcome to the Lord's Table. Receive the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation.
- C Amen.

AGNUS DEI LSB 163

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.

# **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

#### "THE HEAD THAT ONCE WAS CROWNED WITH THORNS"

The Head that once was crowned with thorns
 Is crowned with glory now;
 A royal diadem adorns
 The mighty Victor's brow.

- The highest place that heav'n affords
   Is His, is His by right,
   The King of kings and Lord of lords,
   And heav'n's eternal Light;
- The Joy of all who dwell above,
   The Joy of all below
   To whom He manifests His love
   And grants His name to know.
- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n;
  Their name an everlasting name,
  Their joy the joy of heav'n.
- They suffer with their Lord below,
   They reign with Him above,
   Their profit and their joy to know
   The myst'ry of His love.
- 6 The cross He bore is life and health,
  Though shame and death to Him:
  His people's hope, His people's wealth,
  Their everlasting theme.

  Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855
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# "JESUS, THY BOUNDLESS LOVE TO ME"

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Jesus, Thy boundless love to me
 No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
 Unite my thankful heart to Thee,
 And reign without a rival there!
 Thine wholly, Thine alone I am;
 Be Thou alone my constant flame.

- O grant that nothing in my soul
  May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
  Oh, may Thy love possess me whole,
  My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
  All coldness from my heart remove;
  My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.
- 3 This love unwearied I pursue
  And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.
  Oh, may Thy love my hope renew,
  Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!
  And day and night, be all my care
  To guard this sacred treasure there.
- In suff'ring be Thy love my peace, In weakness be Thy love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus, in that final hour, Be Thou my rod and staff and guide, And draw me safely to Thy side!
  Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703-91, alt.

# POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- Eternal God, Heavenly Father, You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with the spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and unity of heart; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

# **SALUTATION**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

#### **BENEDICAMUS**

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

# **BENEDICTION**

- 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**

# "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"

LSB 790

sts. 1, 5

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear

Now to His temple draw near,

Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! 5

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen

Sound from His people again;

# Gladly forever adore Him!

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# **DISMISSAL**

Go in God's peace; love and serve your neighbor!

Thanks be to God!

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