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Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

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

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins

but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord the Almighty LBW 543

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 who over all things is wondrously reigning
and as on wings of an eagle uplifting sustaining
Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining

Praise to the Lord who will prosper your work and defend you
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you
Ponder anew what the almighty can do if with his love he befriend you

Praise to the Lord oh let all that is in me adore him
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him
Let the amen sound from his people again gladly forever adore him

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, **you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10a

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your

servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ^{10a}Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

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

Psalm

Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?
²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;** ³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor. **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.** ⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-28

¹⁵Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under

heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. ²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord; alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Be Thou My Vision WOV 776

Be Thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by the day or by night waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father, and I thy true child thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only, first in my heart High King of heaven, my treasure thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's
sun. Heart of my own heart, whatever befall still be my vision, O ruler of all

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, **you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Words of Institution

On the night...remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

Life-giving God, **through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Benediction

The God of peace, Creator, Redeemer and Friend,
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life
this day and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

My Life Flows on in Endless Song WOV 781

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet
though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. (refrain)

(refrain) No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in
my soul. How can I keep from singing? (refrain)

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though
the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. (refrain)

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are
mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? (refrain)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**