

SERVICE of WORSHIP
Setting 2 from Lutheran Book of Worship

THE PRELUDE: *Prelude* by Huss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR 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.

(silence for reflection and self examination)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage 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

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HYMN: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” vs 1,3

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm come,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.
 And I hope, by thy good plea - sure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now like a fet - ter Bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.

Teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; May I still thy good - ness prove.
 He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; Seal it for thy courts a - bove.

THE 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.

THE KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.
G Lord, have mer - cy.
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
 and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.
A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
G A - - - men

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther: We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus 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,
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

THE SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

CLARINET SOLO: *He Shall Reign Forevermore*

Anna Flowers

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today." ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

- 1 Truly God is good to the upright,
to those who are pure in heart.
- 2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled;
my steps had nearly slipped.
- 3 For I was envious of the arrogant;
I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- 4 For they have no pain;
their bodies are sound and sleek.
- 5 They are not in trouble as others are;
they are not plagued like other people.
- 6 Therefore pride is their necklace;
violence covers them like a garment.
- 7 Their eyes swell out with fatness;
their hearts overflow with follies.
- 8 They scoff and speak with malice;
loftily they threaten oppression.
- 9 They set their mouths against heaven,
and their tongues range over the earth.
- 10 Therefore the people turn and praise them,
and find no fault in them.
- 11 And they say, "How can God know?
Is there knowledge in the Most High?"
- 12 Such are the wicked;
always at ease, they increase in riches.
- 13 All in vain I have kept my heart clean
and washed my hands in innocence.
- 14 For all day long I have been plagued,
and am punished every morning.
- 15 If I had said, "I will talk on in this way,"
I would have been untrue to the circle of your children.
- 16 But when I thought how to understand this,
it seemed to me a wearisome task,
- 17 until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I perceived their end.
- 18 Truly you set them in slippery places;
you make them fall to ruin.
- 19 How they are destroyed in a moment,
swept away utterly by terrors!

- 20 They are like a dream when one awakes;
on awaking you despise their phantoms.
- 21 When my soul was embittered,
when I was pricked in heart,
I was stupid and ignorant;
I was like a brute beast toward you.
- 23 Nevertheless I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.
- 24 You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me with honor.
- 25 Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you.
- 26 My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
- 27 Indeed, those who are far from you will perish;
you put an end to those who are false to you.
- 28 But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,
to tell of all your works.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

- 26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.
- 28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.
- 31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

³¹He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN: "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord" vs 1, 2

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord On Eagle's Wings

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1 You who . . . dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
 2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
 3 For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

Chords: G, DM7, Bm

bide in this shad - ow for life, say to the Lord: "My . . .
 fam - ily will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your . . .
 guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

Chords: G, DM7, F, Bb

ref - uge, . . . my . . . rock . . . in whom I . . . trust!"
 ref - uge . . . with . . . faith - ful - ness . . . your . . . shield.
 bear you up, lest you dash . . . your foot a - gainst a stone.

Chords: Dm, C, Dm, Gm, A sus4, A

Refrain

"And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,

Chord: D

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

Chords: Em, A7, D, A, G, D7

sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

Chords: G, Em, A, Bm, F#m, Em, A7, D

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again 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 OFFERTORY: "Create in Me"

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.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all
people according to their needs.

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

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting
in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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 forever. Amen

THE BENEDICTION

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HYMN: "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" vs 1,2,3,4,5

Rise Up, O Saints of God! 383

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts With no - bler zeal might burn.
As heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, His word of hope pro - claim.
Re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; Give jus - tice larg - er place.
Stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, With love the weak sus - tain.

5 Commit your hearts to seek
The paths which Christ has trod
And quickened by the Spirit's power,
Rise up, O saints of God!

THE DISMISSAL
THE POSTLUDE: *Meditation on "Brother John's Air"*