

# **November 8, 2020**

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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

*Bread of Life from With One Voice*

THE PRELUDE: *Wachet Auf* by J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION

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**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

HYMN: “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” vs 1,3

## Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, The watch-men  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And in her  
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you, And saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
 heart new joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom,  
 an - gels sing be - fore you. The harps and cym-bals all u - nite.

Mid-night hears the wel - come voic - es, And at the  
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in  
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, dwell - ing

thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.  
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious. Her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
 with the choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round your daz - zling light.

The bride-groom comes! A - wake;  
Oh, come, you Bless-ed One,  
No eye has seen, no ear

Your lamps with glad-ness take!"  
Lord Je-sus, God's own Son.  
Has yet been trained to hear.

Al - le - lu ia!  
Sing ho - san - na!  
What joy is ours!

Pre - pare your-selves  
We go un - til  
Cre - scen - dos rise;

to meet the  
the halls we  
your halls re -

Lord, Whose light has stirred the wait - ing guard.  
view Where you have bid us dine with you.  
sound; Ho - san - nas blend in cos - mic sound.

## 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

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - ey.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - ey:*

Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Christ, have mer - ey.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - ey:*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - ey.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - ey:*

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God"

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 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.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 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.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - 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.

*Final refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on  
 earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord, when the day of wrath comes we have no hope except in your grace. Make us so to watch for the last days that the consummation of our hope may be the joy of the marriage feast of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

VOCAL SOLO: Once in Royal David's City

Randall Fields

THE FIRST LESSON

Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

THE PSALM

*Psalm 70*

<sup>1</sup> Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

O LORD, make haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup> Let those who seek my life be ashamed

and altogether dismayed

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune

draw back and be disgraced.

**3** Let those who say to me “Aha!”

and gloat over me turn back,  
because they are ashamed.

**4** Let all who seek you rejoice

and be glad in you;

let those who love your salvation  
say forever, “Great is the LORD!”

**5** But as for me, I am poor and needy;

come to me speedily, O God.

**6** You are my helper and my deliverer;

O LORD, do not tarry.

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”

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

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

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## Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
 2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness Of our Lent - en fast is o'er;  
 3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row That last eve - ning round him lay  
 4 Christ is ris - en! Hence-forth nev - er Death or hell shall us en - thrall;



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 Through the o - pen gates of glad - ness He re - turns to life once more;  
 Now has found a glo - rious mor - row In the ris - ing of to - day.  
 Be we Christ's, in him for - ev - er We have tri - umphed o - ver all.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him As his light once more ap - pears;  
 Death and hell be - fore him bend - ing See him rise, the vic - tor now,  
 See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, Spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;  
 All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion Of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;



Bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, Ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
 An - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, Glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.  
 He was dead, but now is liv - ing; He was lost, but he is found.  
 Hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.



*Refrain*

Christ is ris - en! Alleluia! Christ is risen our vic -

to - rious head! Sing his prais - es! Alleluia!

Christ is ris - en from the dead!

### 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 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 SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord"



C Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Amen

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us.

**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 AGNUS DEI

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" vs 1,2

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## Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, Leave the gloom-y haunts of sad - ness,  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, Ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.  
 3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der  
 4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea-sure, Tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,

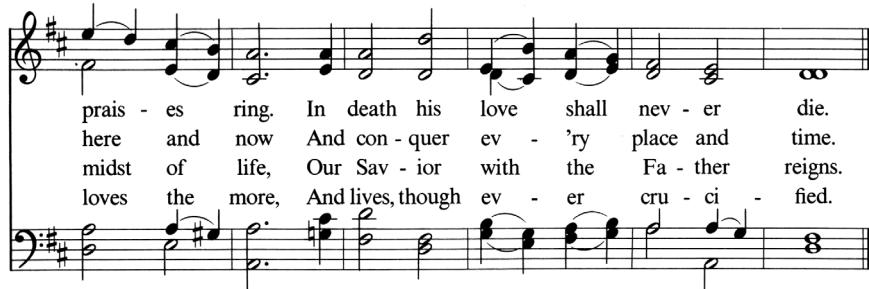
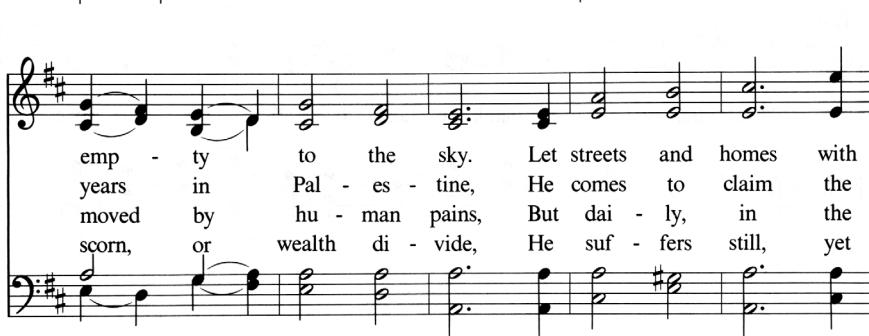
Come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, There with joy your prais-es ren - der.  
 There he stands al-read - y knock - ing; Quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,  
 That the bread of life is bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less;  
 Peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, Joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:

Bless the one whose grace un - bound-ed This a - maze-ing ban-quet found-ed:  
 O - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, Say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:  
 With the choic-est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.  
 Hum-bly now, I bow be - fore you, Love in - car-nate, I a - dore you;

He, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 "Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; Dwell with-in my heart for - ev - er."  
 Oh, most glo - ri - ous con - so-la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.  
 Wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, And, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

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## Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



5 Christ is alive! Ascended Lord—  
 He rules the world his Father made,  
 Till, in the end, his love adored  
 Shall be to all on earth displayed.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray,

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**Amen**

*(silence for reflection)*

## THE BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen**

## THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: *On the Eighth Day* from *Light of Life: Signs of the Savior*

Refrain: *On the eighth day, Lord God be praised!*

*On the eighth day, Jesus was raised!*

*New life from death, Jesus set free!*

*New life to live for you and me!*