

✘ THE ORDER OF SERVICE ✘

November 18 & 19, 2023

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Zephaniah 1:7b; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Matthew 25:29a*

P The Lord has prepared a sacrifice

C **and consecrated His guests.**

P Encourage one another

C **and build one another up.**

P To everyone who has will more be given,

C **and he will have an abundance.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8–9; Psalm 90:17*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us in all honesty hear His Word again and confess our sins. The Lord has consecrated His guests,

C **but we have been more attentive to the things of this world. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.**

P Build one another up,

C **but we are used to the darkness of this world and fear His coming like a thief in the night. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.**

P To everyone who has will more be given,

C **but we seldom recognize the abilities and opportunities He has given. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.**

P The favor of the Lord is on you! 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 X Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✘ WORD ✘

KYRIE

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord..

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast (p. 171-172)

P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,**

Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength

And - honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing – with all the people of God,

And join in the hymn - of all - creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might

Be to God and the Lamb – forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia!

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Zephaniah 1:7–16*

(A day of wrath is coming.)

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

(Encourage one another to live in God's light.)

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA & VERSE (*p.173 in hymnal*)

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14–30*

(God gives talents, expecting them to be used for His purposes.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN #523 O Word of God Incarnate

**1 O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:**

**We praise You for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.**

**2 The Church from You, dear Master,
Received the gift divine;
And still that light is lifted
O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
That, all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands
Still guides, O Christ, to You.**

**3 O make Your Church, dear Savior,
A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations
Your true light as of old!
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims
By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see You face to face!**

SERMON

PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS ARE PRESENTED

OFFERTORY *(p.176 in hymnal)*

**C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
And will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now
In the presence of all His people,
In the courts of the Lord's house,
In the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✘ SACRAMENT ✘

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

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.

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

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (*p. 178 in hymnal*)

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

C **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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI (p. 180 in hymnal)

**C 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, grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION

(After all have received communion)

BLESSING ON COMMUNICANTS

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (p. 182 in hymnal)

**C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have assured us of sins forgiven, so that with joy we may share Your love each day until Your Son returns to usher us into Your eternal presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

P 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 X give you peace.

C Amen.

**1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.**

**2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

DISMISSAL

**P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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