

PRELUDE & GATHERING *You Are My All in All* **3040**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

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Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation.
Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ,
our Redeemer; who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* **731**

PREFACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

JW/PO

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit
that we might hear what you would have us hear
and be who you would us be,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

GOSPEL John 6:24-35

CHOIR *Lamb of God* **2113**

SERMON

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE*JW/PO*

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory.
Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ.
We are quick to accuse and slow to confess.
We find faults easily in others
while ignoring our own shortcomings.
We have squandered your gifts.
We have turned from your ways.
We have ignored your Word.
Have mercy on us, compassionate God.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives.
Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace
that day by day we might move closer
to the people you would us be. Amen.

{silent prayers}

dwh (John 6:24ff)

*Jesus said to them, "This is the work of God,
that you believe in him whom he has sent...
I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen

HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* **545**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSIONS

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*With joy and gratitude for all we have been given,
in token of our lives, we offer our tithes and gifts to God.*

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

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O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts.
Use them, even as you use us
to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ,
the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymnal, pages 15-16

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* 712

SENDING

Eph. 4:1-15

*We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro ... by people's trickery,
by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love,
we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,*

To each of us, grace has been given.

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the companionship
of the Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you this day and forevermore.*

Amen

POSTLUDE

Grace Alone

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary

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Scriptures

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a and Psalm 51:1-12
or Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 and Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16 and John 6:24-35

Questions for Reflection:

In what specific situation is God calling you to exercise humility, gentleness, patience, forbearance, & love?

In John 6:26-27, Jesus says that people were looking for him not because they saw signs but because they had eaten their fill of the bread he had multiplied.

What do you think he meant?

What is “the food that endures for eternal life”?

Morning Prayers:

Holy One, as I move through this new day,
I pray that you will keep me in union
with the faith and knowledge of Jesus.

I long to mature into the stature of Christ.
Help me to speak the truth in love today,
that I may grow into him,
my savior, my teacher, and my friend, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God Almighty,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
your love endures forever.

I am like the flower that blooms in its season,
watered by the earth and morning dew.

You send the sun and rain, morning, midday, & evening,
giving light and life.

Thank you for protection through the night;
thank you for your presence in the dawn.

Renew my strength this day and let me love you
with all my heart and soul and might.

Bear with me as I bear my cross for Christ,
for I know that I will falter.

You remember that I am only dust,
but you have breathed your Spirit into me
and my face is renewed.

How can I show my gratitude?

Grant that I may be one with the mind of Christ,
loving my neighbor as myself
and giving as freely of myself
as you have given yourself to me.

Guide me today to serve in deep peace
wherever there is need for healing or hope.

Use me to show others that
you are the power who transforms the world
and that you are the One who saves sinners.

This day and this night, in this life and in the life to come,
let me live in you to praise you,
God who is three, God who is one. **Amen.**

Evening Prayers:

Thank you, God, for being my traveling companion today.
Instead of counting sheep as I fall asleep tonight,
help me to count all the forms that your manna took
as you fed me with the bread of life today.
Good night, God. I love you. **Amen.**

The day has run its course, evening lights are coming on,
and you are still with me, unseen, God.
You have been so quiet, like the sun or misty rain
or the whisper of a light breeze across my skin.
Yet you gave me life today to be in your presence,
and you gave me faith enough to hope
that I might be serving you.
You, who makes the universe
(or, if there are multiverses, so be it),
you, who turned a Roman weapon of torture and terror
into the ultimate sign of salvation,
you have been like a friend to me. Thank you.
As I take moments to reflect on the day,
write in my journal, or pray even now,
I am sure there are ways you have cared for me
of which I am insensitive or unaware.
I am sure there are things I have done
and other things I failed to do
that made you justly angry with me.

I am sorry; please forgive me.
Do not let the darkness envelop me tonight.
Embrace me with your light
so that I can be at peace with you, restored.
Prepare me for tomorrow, and for the day of resurrection,
when all creation will rejoice in your glory, Holy Trinity. **Amen.**