

GATHERING, PRELUDE, Take Time to Be Holy 395
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / INTERCESSIONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ps 50:1-2

*The Lord, the Mighty One, is God,
and the Lord has spoken;
Our God has summoned all humanity
from where the sun rises to where it sets.
From Mount Zion, the perfection of beauty,
the Mighty one shines in glorious radiance.*

HYMN: O Day of God, Draw Nigh 730

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *unison* (by dwh)

*Gracious God, in wisdom you created all things, and
your Son promised that your Spirit would guide us still.
Through these words of scripture today, show us what is true;
guide us for living, that we may bring honor and praise to you.*

Amen

SCRIPTURE: *Luke 12:32-40*
Hebrews 11:1-16

CONFESSION *unison* *Isa. 1:17; FotW*

Holy God, you call us to do good,
seek justice, and care for those in need,
yet how often we place our own comforts
above compassion for others.
Forgive us, we pray,
and cleanse us from these and all our offenses
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
{silent prayers}

ASSURANCE *tbd*
Regarding those who live in faith,
the author of the letter to the Hebrews has assured us
God is not ashamed to be called their God;
indeed, he has prepared a city for them.
Together we affirm the good news...

unison

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

CHOIR For All The Saints 711[?] or 2283[?]

SERMON

BRINGING OUR GIFTS *LUKE 12:33A, 34; Ps. 50:23*

Jesus said, "Sell your possessions, and give alms.
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
In Christ we are invited and inspired to lives of grateful generosity.
Let us praise the giver of all good gifts through our offering today.

DOXOLOGY 95

PRAYER *unison* *TMO/PO*

**God of abundance, everything we have is on loan from you.
Help us to be good stewards of all your precious resources.
Bless these gifts we give in return
that they might, in turn, be a blessing to others. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

HYMN: How Firm a Foundation 529

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING *TMO/PO*

As we enter this new week, we go with the grace and blessings
of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

Amen

POSTLUDE Lift Every Voice and Sing 519

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary

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Scriptures

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

and Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

or Genesis 15:1-6

and Psalm 33:12-22

Luke 12:32-40

and Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Questions for Reflection: (Luke 12:39 & Heb. 11:16)

What does it mean to be ready for Christ's coming?

In what sense is the coming of the kingdom like "a thief in the night" ?

What does it mean to "desire a better country; a heavenly one" ?

How does looking forward to a heavenly home
change the way we live on earth?

Morning Prayers:

Holy God, at your word the sun rises to greet us,
and we are new each morning.

Be with me as I begin this day,
that my faith would be reckoned righteous by you,
and my works find favor in your sight. Amen.

On this new day, Lord,
make me watchful for all that you are doing in the world;
keep me faithful, that I may do your will in all things; and
hold me in your grace, as I seek to do the same for all I meet. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

Holy God, at the setting of the sun your love brings judgment,
and I know of my need for your grace.

Help me to be more faithful to justice, more truthful in love,
and ever mindful of your mercy. Amen.

Here at the end of the day, O Lord,
help me to entrust my cares to you.

Grant me grace for my failings and rest for my weary soul,
that I may be strengthened to do your will
and share your love when a new day dawns. Amen.

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