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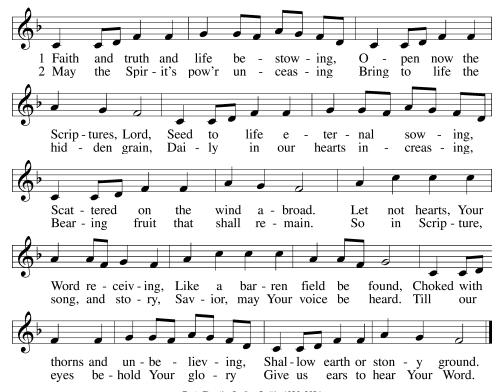
Let All Things Now Living
Christa Even and Karen Schroeder, piano

arr. Allen Pote

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing



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INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Ezekiel 17:22–24, adapt.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
- and kindle in them the fire of Your love.
- P Thus says the Lord GOD: "I Myself will take a sprig and plant it on a high and lofty mountain,
- c that it may bear branches and produce fruit.

- **P** And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD;
- I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree,
- P dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish.
- I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

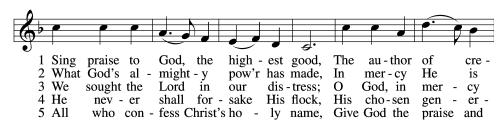
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on the God's Word and for self-examination.

- Almighty Father, we confess that by our inability, insolence, and inaction, we have not made Your ways our ways.
- For our failure to walk in the ways of love, joy, and peace, forgive us, Lord.
- P Lord Jesus, we admit we too often conform our desires to the world around us, adopting its compromised standards for living.
- For our failure to value the gifts of patience, kindness, and goodness, forgive us, Lord.
- P Holy Spirit, our very natures are set against You, Your Gospel proclamation, and the fruit You intend to bring.
- For our failure to manifest the fruits of faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, forgive us, Lord. For Jesus' sake, melt our sinful hearts, and mold us into the reflections of Your righteousness that You call us to be.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good





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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, who brings forth life from desolation, cultivate in Your believing people hearts that delight in the fruits of righteousness that we might be led to desire that which You call good; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 19:9b – 21 [pew Bible page 301]

And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am

left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Galatians 5:1, 13 – 25 [pew Bible page 974]

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

- **R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:51–62 [pew Bible page 868]

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

- **R** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hark, The Voice of Jesus Calling



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PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing



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PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** ...Lord, in Your mercy:
- C hear our prayer.
- **P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.

Our Communion Statement

I believe that in Holy Communion, our Lord graciously shares His Body and Blood with us through bread and wine. He does this in order to forgive our sins, assure us of our salvation, strengthen us for Christian living, and unite us more closely as members of His family, the Church. Repenting of my sins, believing in the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, and rededicating my life to live according to His will, I announce my desire to receive Holy Communion.

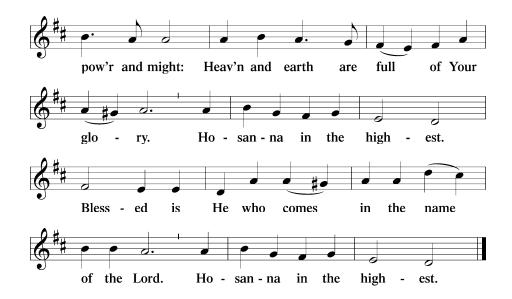
Those who would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament may come to the table. Folding your arms across your chest will signify you wish to receive a blessing.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- **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.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and proper 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 by His perfect obedience fulfilled the Law on our behalf, and by His death and resurrection secured the blessings of salvation for all who would believe and trust in Him. You feed Your faithful people, grafted as branches onto Christ, the Vine, in this Supper with the fruits of His cross, that in receiving the true body and blood of the Savior, we might be forgiven and equipped for every good work, until in eternity we join with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to honor and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



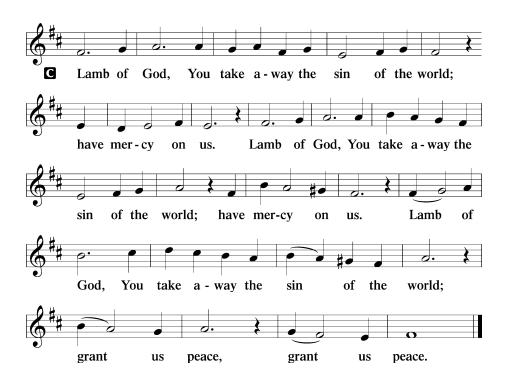


THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE

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

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Jesus Strong and Kind

Jesus said That if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him

Jesus said If I am weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him

For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus strong and kind

Jesus said That if I fear
I should come to him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to him

For the Lord is good and faithful He will keep us day and night We can always run to Jesus Jesus strong and kind

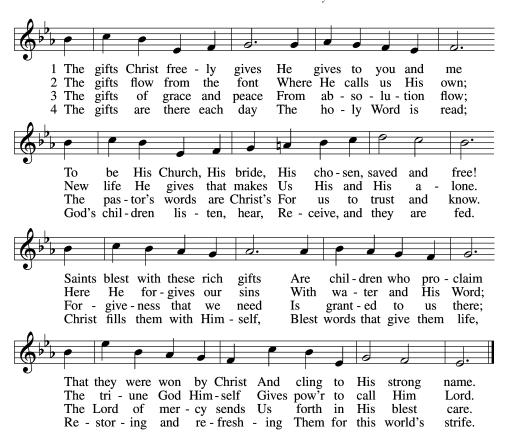
Jesus said If I am lost
He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me

For the Lord is good and faithful He will keep us day and night We can always run to Jesus Jesus strong and kind

For the Lord is good and faithful He will keep us day and night We can always run to Jesus Jesus strong and kind

Jesus strong and kind

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives



5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Spirit of faithfulness and truth, we rejoice that by faith we have been made fit to receive the nourishment of Christ's true body and blood. Safeguard this holy people from temptation and danger, and prepare us to represent the name of our loving and living Savior, Jesus, that by our actions and interactions, more may be brought into the eternal kingdom of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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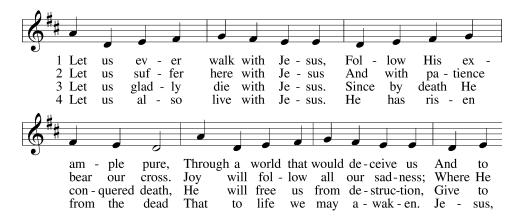
Numbers 6:24–26

- 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

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus





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DISMISSAL

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

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