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**prelude**

PAT DOLAN

*As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.*

*Let the Little Children Come to Me* – Theodore Beck

*Our Children Jesus Calls* – Johann B. Konig/Rotermund

*Children of the Heavenly Father* – Swedish melody/Moklebust  
Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge ne'er was given.

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**preparing our hearts**

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

– Matthew 16:24-25<sub>ESV</sub>

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**All:** Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

*Leader:* All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;

**All:** They sing praises to your name.

– Psalm 66:1,4<sub>ESV</sub>

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice.  
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend. To us he'll condescend.  
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

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## **\*\* prayer of invocation**

*Leader:* Father in heaven, by your mercy grant us never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, and the exceeding wonder of grace. Your love never fails, and we are truly your beloved, because of your Son and through your Spirit. Amen.

– Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*, "Continual Repentance"

## THE NICENE CREED

**All:** We believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
Begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
Begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; He became incarnate  
by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human.  
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.  
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.  
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.  
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
And with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church.  
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
And to life in the world to come.  
Amen.

\* Here, "catholic" means "universal," and refers to the Christian church in all places

## BEHOLD THE AMAZING GIFT OF LOVE

Behold the amazing gift of love the Father hath bestowed  
On us, the sinful sons of men, to call us sons of God!

Concealed as yet this honor lies, by this dark world unknown,  
A world that knew not when he came, e'en God's eternal Son.

High is the rank we now possess; but higher we shall rise;  
Though what we shall hereafter be is hid from mortal eyes:

Our souls, we know, when God appears, shall bear his image bright;  
For then his glory, as he is, shall open to our sight.

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found. . .

– Psalm 32:5b-6<sub>ESV</sub>

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Father God, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves;  
Though you should rule us, we control ourselves;  
Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves.  
We think your truth too high, your will too hard,  
Your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not.  
And without them, we are of all people most miserable.  
Now heal our confused minds with your word,  
Heal our divided wills with your law,  
Heal our troubled consciences with your love,  
Heal our anxious hearts with your presence.**

**O King and Father, your Son died and was raised up in power.  
Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance so we may rise to  
New life in Him. These mercies we ask in the name of Jesus Christ,  
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

– Psalm 103:11-13<sub>ESV</sub>

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me; they have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me; heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, while thy love is left to me;  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with thee.

Soul, then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care,  
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee; think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee; child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven's eternal days before thee; God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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*Leader:*     Isaiah 61:1-7  
                  This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:**         **Thanks be to God!**

*An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.*

*Leader:* All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,

**All:** **Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,  
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

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## the sacrament of baptism

**Candidate for baptism** | (name removed)

**Matthew 28:18-20** <sup>ESV</sup> | And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**Romans 6:4-5** <sup>ESV</sup> | We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

### QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS OF AN INFANT

1. Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

*Leader:* Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

While your children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3-K.

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

*When instructed, greet those around you, saying, “The peace of Christ be with you.” When the music begins, please be seated and prepare yourself for the hearing of God’s Word.*

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**Matthew 4:12-25** <sup>ESV</sup> | 12 Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. 13 And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15 “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles –  
16 the people dwelling in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,  
on them a light has dawned.”

17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

23 And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. 24 So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. 25 And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

1. The Master's Message
2. The Master's Method
3. The Master's Means

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**\*\* gospel charge**

*Leader:* In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

**All:** [L]et us ... lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

– Hebrews 12:1-2<sub>ESV</sub>

## WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

*The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians – a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.*

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.*

*If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays.*

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

– Mark 14:22-24 ESV

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

*Minister:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**All:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Minister:* It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Hear us then, as we pray.

**All:** Thank you, Father, for making Christ known to us in the bread that is broken and the cup that is filled. May this meal now enable us to increase in faith, persevere in hope, and grow up in love. May this witness to Christ’s death draw others into fellowship with him so that all your children will be gathered in to share with us the joy of your salvation. Send us out from this place by your Spirit, our ears open to your Word, our minds alert to the calling you give us, our hearts full of zeal for your coming kingdom, our voices confessing the name of Jesus, our Lord and our God. Amen.

*Minister:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*During the celebration of communion, while the music plays, please reflect on your understanding of and readiness for the Lord’s Table.*

ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will  
And if you had not loved me first, I would refuse you still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed; you suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me; now all I know is grace \*

*\* Chorus:*

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose  
And let my song forever be, "My only boast is you" \*

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**announcements**

*Please note the announcements found on Pages 16-20 of your bulletin.*

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**\*\* benediction**