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God's Work  *Our Hands*

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WELCOME

A heartfelt welcome is offered to all who worship with us this morning: members and visitors. If you are visiting today and do not have a home church in this area we invite you to consider joining our fellowship.

We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion every Sunday. All Christians are invited to commune with us at the Lord's Table to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. If you are unable to take both the bread and the wine, please know that whichever you choose to receive brings with it the full promise that your sins are forgiven, you are granted new life in this world that continues into the next and that you receive the promise of salvation.

Please contact Pastor Tom Cassem at (843) 469-3630 (phone or text) or email tomcassem@gmail.com if you or another member of the parish is sick, moves into a rehab, assisted living or nursing care, is hospitalized, or having surgery or if you need Pastoral assistance.

WORSHIP PREPARATION

We prepare our hearts and minds for Worship.

PRELUDE

Alleluia –ELW Setting 8

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We will be using this as our Gospel Acclamation during September and October and the congregation is invited to sing along with the choir to learn it

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation stands.

GATHERING HYMN

Come Now, O Prince of Peace (ELW 247)



- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
- 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope
Music: OSOSŌ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947
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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

The congregation sits or kneels as able.

P: Compassionate God,

C: Like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts.

We have honored you with our lips, but not always with our lives.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Free us from our sin and listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

P: Hear this good news:

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

But we have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, who makes us righteous.

Receive with glad hearts this healing gift of grace

and the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

The congregation stands.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: We pray together.

C: **O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING:

Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from Ezekiel.

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?”

¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119: 33-40

The congregation is asked to respond with the bold verses.

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

A reading from Romans.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation stands to welcome the gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 15-20

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 18th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

All children are invited to come to the sanctuary steps for a special “Children’s Message”.

SERMON

REV. THOMAS A. CASSEM

The congregation stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY

Faith Begins by Letting Go (ACS 1004)



- 1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
- 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem-'ry's roots a - live
- 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The congregation sits or kneels as able.

L: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

L: Love your church throughout the world away from judging and despising others. Lead us to embody the forgiveness you have given us in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: The endless beauty of your creation reminds us of your mercy. Protect those who care for farms and ranches. Guide those who lead us to wonder at your creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Raise up leaders to hold all in authority accountable for any misuse of the power entrusted to them. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

- L: Calm the fears of all in need with your promises. Compassionately free the lives of any who feel bound by their failures. Remember your children in need. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**
- L: Ground this congregation in the welcome you show us in forgiving our sin. Inspire each of us to welcome others for your honor and glory. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**
- L: We lift up to you all who are on our hearts and minds, silently or spoken (*A brief silence for Petitions*). Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**
- L: With you is found the joy and promise of eternal life. Keep us in that joy as we remember all those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**
- L: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
- C: Amen.**

The congregation stands.

SHARING OUR LORD'S PEACE

The minister and the congregation greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

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

The congregation is seated.

OFFERING

Offerings are given for the mission of the Church.

ANTHEM***When We Are Living***

Choir

*The congregation stands.***OFFERING SONG*****How Long, O God (ELW 698)***

- 1 “How long, O God?” the psalm-ist cries, a cry we make our own,
- 2 The e - vil lurks with - in, with-out, it threat-ens to de - stroy
- 3 Your grace, O God, seems far a - way; will heal - ing ev - er come?
- 4 How can we hope? How can we sing? O God, set free our voice
- 5 “How long, O God?” the psalm-ist cries, a cry we make our own.



for we are lost, a - lone, a - afraid, and far a - way from home.
the frag - ile cords that make us one, that bind our hearts in joy.
Our bro - ken lives lie bro - ken still; will night give way to dawn?
to name the sor - rows, name the pain, that we might yet re - joice.
Though we are lost, a - lone, a - afraid, our God will lead us home.

Text: Ralph F. Smith, 1950–1994

Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional

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OFFERING PRAYER

P: We pray together.

**C: God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our
neighbors, today and always.
Amen.**

WE RECEIVE GOD'S GIFT

HOLY COMMUNION

All Christians are invited to commune at the Lord's Table to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Those who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

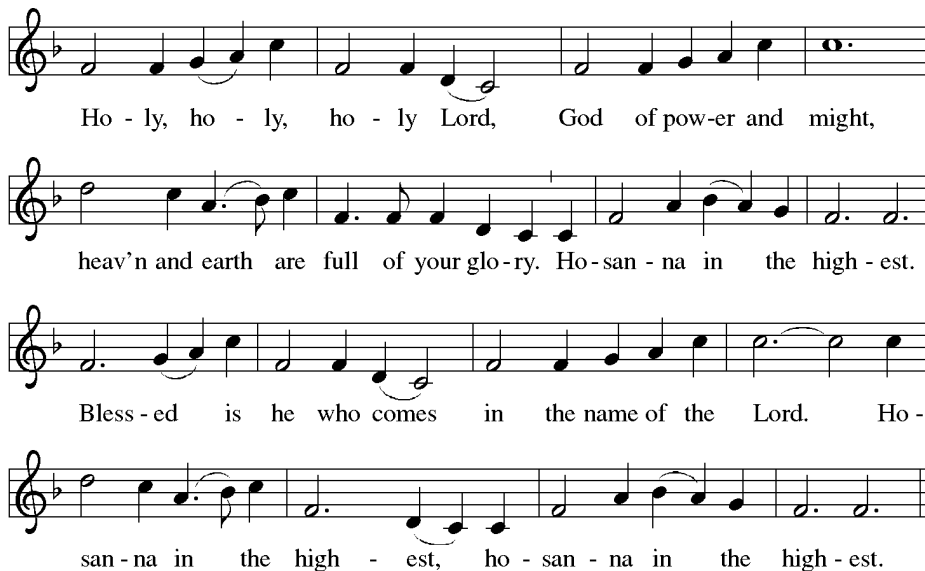
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Minister leads us in the Words of Institution (Not Printed).

Please direct your attention to the Altar.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

The congregation is seated; please come forward to receive the bread and wine as directed by the Ushers.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

The congregation will sing the Communion Hymn until all have communed.

COMMUNION HYMN

O God of Mercy, God of Light (ELW 714)



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
word and thought may work a work for you.
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.

Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

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After all have communed, the congregation stands.

COMMUNION BLESSING

- P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

- P: We pray together.
- C: **Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

BENEDICTION

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG***Go, My Children, with My Blessing (ELW 543)***

- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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DISMISSAL

P: You are the body of Christ, raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Serve our risen Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

