



8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, November 20th

PRELUDE

“Improvisation on DIADEMATA”

arr. Lani Smith

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: The LORD of hosts is with us;

C: **The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness

C: **And transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,**

P: In whom we have redemption,

C: **The forgiveness of sin.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

[Moment of silent confession]

P: Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father:

C: **Heavenly Father, we confess that by nature we regularly sin without even thinking. Our thoughts, words, and deeds reflect the world around us rather than the grace You have showered upon us. We have not loved You above all things; we have loved ourselves more than our neighbors. Without Your help, we cannot free ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgive us; by the power of Your Holy Spirit, renew in us clean hearts and willing minds that we glorify Your holy name each day until we see the paradise You have so graciously promised us.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us by giving His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiven all our sins. By the power of His Holy Spirit, He

has worked faith in our hearts, and transformed us to live as His disciples, reminding us always that in Jesus Christ, our Savior, our sins are forgiven and we are now called to live a new life in His truth and grace. May He continue to strengthen us, forgive us, and renew us to live as His beloved and redeemed children.

C: Amen.

P: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

C: Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

P: If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

C: But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

P: I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

C: I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,

P: Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

C: He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, will be forever. Amen.

RESPONSE “Help Us Forgive, Forgiving Lord”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 [ESV]

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

R: This is the Word of Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-23 [ESV]

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

SERMON HYMN "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

SERMON "THE OFFICE OF THE KEYS"

OFFERING

RESPONSE "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

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"Andante Tranquillo"

arr. Percy Whitlock

Organ

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CLOSING HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

POSTLUDE

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Organ

arr. John Behnke



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