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Sunday, November 13, 2016

PRELUDE *I Will Celebrate - arr. Carol Tornquist*

THE GATHERING

Welcome/Announcements/Meet and Greet

Gathering Song *All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir*

REFRAIN:

**All God's critters got a place in the choir
Some sing low, some sing higher
Some sing out loud on the telephone wires
And some just clap their hands, or paws,
or anything they got now.**

**Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big t'do
And the old cow just goes moo (Refrain)**

**The dogs and the cats they take up the middle
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
And the old coyote howls (Refrain)**

**Listen to the top where the little birds sing
On the melodies with the high notes ringing
The hoot owl hollers over everything
And the jaybird disagrees (Refrain)**

Offering *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.**

**I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.**

**How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

**My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.
(repeat)**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God Who called me here below
will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.**

Prayer and Dismissal of Children *Only By Grace*

**Only by grace can we enter, only by grace can we stand;
Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb.
Into your presence you call us, you call us to come.
Into your presence you draw us, and now by your grace we
come, now by your grace we come.**

**Lord, if you mark our transgressions, who would stand?
Thanks to your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the
Lamb. (repeat)**

**Only by grace can we enter, only by grace can we stand;
Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb.
Into your presence you call us, you call us to come.
Into your presence you draw us, and now by your grace we
come, now by your grace we come.**

Song of Thanksgiving *We Fall Down*

**We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of
Mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus**

**Refrain: And we cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
Is the lamb**

**We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of
Your mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus (refrain)**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. . . .

C: **Amen.**

RESPONSE *Holy Ground*

We are standing on holy ground,

And I know that there are angels all around.

Let us praise Jesus now.

We are standing in his presence on holy ground.

GOSPEL: Luke 21: 5-19

L: The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter 21.

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

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.

¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and

brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

(Today's readings: Malachi 4:1-2a, Psalm 98, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13)

Message

The Prayer of Confession

C: **Gracious God in Heaven, we bow before You to confess to You that we have sinned and done that which is evil in Your sight. We have walked in pride, we have not been as thankful, or forgiving as You would like us to be. Help us to show forth the fruits of Your Spirit, the love, joy and peace that You have shown to us. And forgive us for all our wrong doing, even those stubborn habits that we struggle with, for we pray this in the Name of Jesus our Lord, Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
To those who believe in Jesus Christ
he gives the power to become the children of God
and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

Musical Offering

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

PREFACE

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

THANKSGIVING

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

C: **Amen.**

Closing Song *Step by Step*

**O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You,
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You,
I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your way;
And step by step You'll lead me
and I will follow You all of my days.**

**O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You,
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You,
I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your way;
And step by step You'll lead me
and I will follow You all of my days.**

**I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your way;
And step by step You'll lead me
and I will follow You all of my days.**

Dismissal

**L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Doxology - arr. Mark Hayes

**PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK: *Malachi 3:13-18, Psalm 46,
Colossians 1:13-20, Luke 23:27-43***

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