



## CLASSIC SERVICE

NOVEMBER 22, 2020 • 9:15AM • LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

**Welcome!** We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We gather to be strengthened through the study of God's Word. Please know that your safety is very important to us as we gather to worship Almighty God in-person (or online). *Please observe proper social distancing. Approach wearing your mask (and we require that anyone 2 years old and up should do so) with a servant-like attitude that looks out for the best of others. We will instruct you on how to best enter and exit the worship space before and after service. Restrooms are available through the atrium space (to your left and down the hall, notice flow patterns through atrium doorways) and are cleaned before and after each service.* Our prayer is: the worship environment we create together allows us to be one and worship God freely and safely even in adverse times like this. Welcome!

**As we gather.** We pause to consider our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who have been ignored or mistreated. We are reminded today that Christ has chosen us to be His people, to be heirs with Him of salvation. Such grace gladdens our hearts and emboldens us to help our brothers and sisters in need.

## WELCOME

*Please Stand*

## INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

## OPENING HYMN

425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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## OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 95:1–3a, 6–7

P Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

C Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving! For the LORD is a great God.

## OPENING SENTENCES *(cont.)*

P Oh come, let us worship and bow down. For He is our God,

**C and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Indeed, our heavenly Father has called us to be His people. He has led us to green pastures and still waters. Yet, truth be known, there have been times when we have treated our fellow sheep (those around us) with disdain, when we have wandered away from our Shepherd. But our Good Shepherd does not abandon us. Built on such a promise, we confess our sins before Him and one another.

*[Silence for reflection and personal confession]*

P Heavenly Father,

**C we confess that we have wandered away from You. We confess that we have acted shamefully toward others though we bear the name of Jesus. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our doing and our not doing. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might follow You to the green pastures and still waters of everlasting life.**

P Our heavenly Father has heard Your confession and sent His only Son, Jesus, to be our Good Shepherd. Jesus searches for each one of His sheep. He brings back those who have strayed. He binds up the injured. He even lays down His life for the sheep. By Christ's death and resurrection, God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ 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. We are sought by our Shepherd. We are forgiven in Christ.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

392 *God Loves Me Dearly*



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -  
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did  
5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.  
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.  
ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.

*Refrain*      *Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly*  
*God loves me dearly, Loves even me.*

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## SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with You.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You care for all people regardless of their wealth or heritage, and You have made us heirs of Your salvation. Strengthen us, that we care for the poor, weak, and lonely, and that all our neighbors may know Your gracious love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Be Seated*

+ WORD +

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 95

*(We are the people of His pasture; the sheep of His hand.)*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! <sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. <sup>6</sup> Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! <sup>7</sup> For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, <sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, <sup>9</sup> when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. <sup>10</sup> For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." <sup>11</sup> Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

*L This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

- 1 Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art -  
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word, I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.
- 3 High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

*(The last enemy to be destroyed is death.)*

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup> When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

*L This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31–46

*(Living under THE Shepherd produces life today unto life forever.)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'

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## HOLY GOSPEL *(cont.)*

<sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup> "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Be Seated – Children dismissed for Children's Church (CC)*

## SERMON HYMN

783 *Take My Life and Let It Be*



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.

5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

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## SERMON

## STEWARDSHIP PROCESS INSTRUCTION

*Please Stand*

## CREED

*Apostles' Creed*

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

**OFFERING** *(Thanks for your ongoing support of God's mission here – Children return from CC.)*

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