



CLASSIC SERVICE

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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 4 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 as is the worship space.* 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

It has become commonplace to speak of God as responsible for determining life and death for us. So we wonder where is God's justice when the innocent suffer or His mercy when tragedy strikes. But the Lord insists He has no pleasure in the death of anyone—not even the sinner who deserves his punishment. God's good and gracious will is that all would be saved and come to the knowledge of His Son. Think how differently we would approach the troubles and trials that affect us and the greater disasters of the world if we took the Lord at His Word and trusted in His will.

WELCOME

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN

465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds; In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring, And with the heavn'ly blessèd sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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OPENING SENTENCES

P The LORD lifts up the humble;

C He casts the wicked to the ground.

P Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love

C for they have been from of old.

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C according to Your steadfast love, remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

971 *There Is a Redeemer*

1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;

Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.

Refrain

Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv - ing us Your Son,
And leav - ing Your Spir - it Till the work on earth is done.

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ WORD +

FIRST READING (*Philip witnesses about Jesus to the Ethiopian official.*)

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and

FIRST READING (cont.)

sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

808 *O Sing to the Lord*

1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the
2 For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the
Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O
Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the Lord! And
sing God a new song. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
God has done won-ders. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

- 4 O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit. O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
- 5 For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

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EPISTLE (At the name of Jesus every knee will bow.)

Philippians 2:1-18

2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. ¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the

EPISTLE *(cont.)*

day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL *(The Vine and the branches.)*

John 15:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Be Seated

MESSAGE HYMN

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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MESSAGE

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.

Taking the cross of grace and peace to form a community of uncommon servants.

CREED (cont.)

C 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 stewardship and support of God's mission here!)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Prayer response after each petition:

P Lord in Your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

P Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

C He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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+ SACRAMENT +

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

RECEPTION/ SENDING PRAYER/ JOYOUS DISMISSAL

Into the world, knowing and proclaiming that our Savior has risen...

A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen (virtual and in-person) today...

Pastor	Rev. Jason Hoerth	Children's Msg.	Pastor Jason
Organist	Carol Trumbo	Elder	Bob Ruppel
Message	Chris Graves, DCE		

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