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*OVERCOMING LIFE'S SORROWS THROUGH THE SINGING*

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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 come together to be strengthened by His Word to be His witnesses.

**Families**, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; there is a cry room near the back of the sanctuary and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the elevator (to the left as you exit the sanctuary). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the Guest side of the Welcome Card found in the pews/ chair backs and place it in the offering plates.

**As We Gather:** "The Lord is the God of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam, David and Jonathan, and Peter and Paul. He enters the most broken places of our lives to make things new. In the end—and there *will* be an end—we will sing with the heavenly choir, 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God' (Revelation 19:1). Babylon's demise signals a grand homecoming for God's people. The exiles will return to the Promised Land!" (*Overcoming Life's Sorrows – Learning From Jeremiah*, R. Reed Lessing, Concordia Publishing House, 2021, pg. 277)

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## WELCOME

*Please Stand*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**C** Amen.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## OPENING HYMN

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

- 1 My life flows on in endless song; Above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn That hails a new creation. *[Refrain]*

*Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

- 2 Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? *[Refrain]*
- 3 What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth. *[Refrain]*
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am His! How can I keep from singing? *[Refrain]*

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

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 98:1–2, 4*

- P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!  
**C His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**  
P The LORD has made known His salvation;  
**C He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**  
P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
**C break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P We have come together to praise and thank God for His overwhelming grace and mercy. Singing and rejoicing are natural for us, but we cannot come to God with our sins and failures. Let us therefore confess our sins and ask for mercy for the sake of Christ.  
**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**  
P God has called you to life, He has given His Son to pay for your sins, and He has given you and all believers in Christ the faith to trust all His promises. 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.**

## GREETING OF THE SAINTS

### HYMN

*808 O Sing to the Lord*

- 1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.  
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.  
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.  
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
- 2 For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.  
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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## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.  
**C And also with you.**  
P Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.  
**C Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found;**  
P 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*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**+ WORD +**

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

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 51:54-64

*(Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.)*

<sup>54</sup> "A voice! A cry from Babylon! The noise of great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans! <sup>55</sup> For the Lord is laying Babylon waste and stilling her mighty voice. Their waves roar like many waters; the noise of their voice is raised, <sup>56</sup> for a destroyer has come upon her, upon Babylon; her warriors are taken; their bows are broken in pieces, for the Lord is a God of recompense; he will surely repay. <sup>57</sup> I will make drunk her officials and her wise men, her governors, her commanders, and her warriors; they shall sleep a perpetual sleep and not wake, declares the King, whose name is the Lord of hosts. <sup>58</sup> "Thus says the Lord of hosts: The broad wall of Babylon shall be leveled to the ground, and her high gates shall be burned with fire. The peoples labor for nothing, and the nations weary themselves only for fire. <sup>59</sup> The word that Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, son of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah king of Judah to Babylon, in the fourth year of his reign. Seraiah was the quartermaster. <sup>60</sup> Jeremiah wrote in a book all the disaster that should come upon Babylon, all these words that are written concerning Babylon. <sup>61</sup> And Jeremiah said to Seraiah: "When you come to Babylon, see that you read all these words, <sup>62</sup> and say, 'O Lord, you have said concerning this place that you will cut it off, so that nothing shall dwell in it, neither man nor beast, and it shall be desolate forever.' <sup>63</sup> When you finish reading this book, tie a stone to it and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates, <sup>64</sup> and say, 'Thus shall Babylon sink, to rise no more, because of the disaster that I am bringing upon her, and they shall become exhausted.'"

*L This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

930 All You Works of God, Bless the Lord

- 1 All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you angels, now bless the Lord;  
Come, you heavens and pow'rs that be, Praise the Lord and His majesty: *[Refrain]*

*[Refrain]: Raise your voices high, praise and magnify, All you works of God, bless the Lord!  
Raise your voices high, praise and magnify, All you works of God, bless the Lord!*

- 2 Sing, you sun and you moon above, Stars of heaven, now sing His love;  
Dew and showers, you winds that blow, Heat and fire, you ice and snow: *[Refrain]*

- 5 Come, humanity, sing along, Sing, you people of God, a song;  
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless, Join, you spirits and souls at rest: *[Refrain]*

- 6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart; All you humble, His praise impart;  
God the Father and Son adore, Bless the Spirit forevermore! *[Refrain]*

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## EPISTLE

Revelation 21:1-7

*(God and His people will live together in the new Jerusalem.)*

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." <sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

*L This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE

Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32

P Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph,

**C His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion, Thunder like a mighty flood:**

P "Jesus out of ev'ry nation

**C Has redeemed us by His blood."**

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:12-22

*(When the disciples see Jesus again, their joy will be full.)*

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

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

<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>16</sup> "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." <sup>17</sup> So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup> So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." <sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup> When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be Seated – Children dismissed for Children's Church*

## MESSAGE HYMN

901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so  
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is

en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,  
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,

Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed  
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O  
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I

is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!  
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.

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## MESSAGE

*Please Stand – Children return from Children's Church*

## THE 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 stewardship and support of God's mission here!)*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Prayer response after each petition...)*

**P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song,

**C** for He has done marvelous things.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**+ SACRAMENT +**

## PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*

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

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

*[Psalm 136]*

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of our Lord, about whom and to whom we offer thanks and praise, psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. With saints of old and the hosts of heaven we lift our voices, evermore praising You and saying:

## HYMN

*901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

## PAX DOMINI

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

**C** And also with you.

*Be Seated*

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

Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us in every way through this Sacrament.
- C We pray that we may be strengthened through it to sing Your praises and love one another each day until we celebrate at the heavenly feast;
- P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- P The blessing of God—the Father, who sent His Son into this troubled world; the ✠ Son, who kept all the Father’s word in our stead; and the Holy Spirit, who has gifted us with words and music, sharing and responding to God’s love—bless you now and always.
- C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

- 1 Church of God, elect and glorious, Holy nation, chosen race;  
Called as God’s own special people, Royal priests and heirs of grace:  
Know the purpose of your calling, Show to all His mighty deeds;  
Tell of love that knows no limits, Grace that meets all human needs.
- 2 God has called you out of darkness Into His most marv’lous light;  
Brought His truth to life within you, Turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you That God’s name is glorified  
And all find fresh hope and purpose In Christ Jesus crucified.
- 3 Once you were an alien people, Strangers to God’s heart of love;  
But He brought you home in mercy, Citizens of heav’n above.  
Let His love flow out to others, Let them feel a Father’s care;  
That they too may know His welcome And His countless blessings share.

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