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Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Bless the Lord (Psalm 103)

My God is slow to anger when I go astray
Bless the Lord O my soul
For all of my betrayals He will not repay Bless the Lord O my soul
Through mercy and compassion His great love is proved
He covers my transgressions like the snow
As far as east from west are all my sins removed
Bless the Lord O my soul

He saved me from the pit when I had lost all hope
Bless the Lord O my soul
From endless springs of kindness all His blessings flow
Bless the Lord O my soul
Our days will fade like flowers and are quickly spent
And like the wind our years will come and go
Everlasting favor is His covenant Bless the Lord O my soul

Merciful and gracious is my God to me Bless the Lord O my soul
And I will tell His goodness through eternity
Bless the Lord O my soul
Bless the Lord you angels all you heav'nly hosts
And every living creature here below
Praise the Father praise the Son and Holy Ghost
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How Great is the Greatness of God

Chorus

How faithful the Father above
How wondrous the work of the Son
How sweet is the Spirit given to us
How great is the greatness of God

Morning by morning with every dawn
My soul with a new song awaits
Even in evening my praise goes on
Forever my God is the same

When my heart gazes on Calvary
At all of your mercies arrayed
Oh that my Savior would die for me
I sing out with infinite thanks

Oh what a comfort in every trial
His presence is all that I need
Power that brought resurrection life
That power is living in me
That power is living in me

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Prayers of the People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (saying together)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”

1 Timothy 1:15

The Peace

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

People: **And with your spirit.**

Announcements

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:6-11

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon: “From Cross to Crown”

The Rev. Todd Simonis

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Holy Communion

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Words at the Table

Officiant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer (saying together)

**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.**

Behold Him

He who was before there was light

Walked across the pages of time

He who made every living thing

Behold Him

He who heard humanity's cry

Left His throne to wake as a child

He became like the least of us

Behold Him

Chorus 1

Jesus Son of God Messiah

The Lamb the roaring Lion

Oh be still and behold Him

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He who dined with sinners and saints
Healed the blind the lost and the lame
Even now He is in our midst

Behold Him

He who chose a criminal's end
Paid with blood to settle our debt
Buried death as He rose to life
Behold Him

Chorus 2

Jesus Son of God Messiah
The Lamb the roaring Lion
Oh be still and behold Him
Jesus Alpha and Omega
Our God the risen Savior
Oh be still and behold Him

Bridge

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Worthy worthy worthy
To receive all praise

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Hymn of Heaven

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus 1

There will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith
We sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Forever He shall reign

Chorus 2

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy holy is the Lord Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own
Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity

Crown Him the Son of God before the worlds began
And ye who tread where He hath trod, crown Him the Son of man
Who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast
And takes and bears them for His own that all in Him may rest

Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of heaven enthroned in worlds above
Crown Him the King in whom is given the wondrous name of Love
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall
Crown Him ye kings with many crowns for He is King of all

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Post-Communion Prayer (saying together)

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm yours forever Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me Jesus yours is the victory

The Dismissal

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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