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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.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation
Join the great throng psaltery, organ and song
Sounding in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again
Gladly forever adore him

His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness, new every morn

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (*Chorus*)

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 Peace

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

People: And with your spirit.

Announcements

First Reading: Philippians 1:21-26

²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon: “That’s Not Fair”

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.

Love Still Bids You Welcome

Oh, God of grace how often have I grieved Thee
How seldom have I sung Thy praise and little do I know
How much I need Thee and time again I turn away

For how my heart is hard and unbelieving
For all I've done and left un-done
Your love is not reluctant to receive me
My soul draws back but love says, "Come"

*Oh, He will not cast you out He will not cast you out
Whoever enters in will forever dwell with Him
Draw near, faint heart draw near oh, love still bids you welcome here*

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Oh, Father when I sin against my neighbor
I turn away your very Son
Who died to call us friends when we were strangers
And says to every sinner "Come" (*Chorus*)

Oh, Lord of light you call out us out of darkness
To turn aside from sin and live
And prodigals, we come to you for pardon
Oh, Abba Father take us in

Behold

The empty filled, the wounded healed
The broken back together
The poor are blessed, the weary rest
We will sing forever

The blinded see, the chained are free
The doubtful now believer
The outcast known, the orphan home
You are our Redeemer

Behold, behold, behold
What love can do
Behold, behold
He's making all things new

The lost return, the voiceless heard
The mourner now rejoicing
The mountains shake, the world awake
Creation all composing

The sad untrue, the earth renewed
The song has found its singer
The darkness light, the dead alive
You are our Redeemer (*Chorus*)

We've been struck down we're not destroyed
We've sown in tears we'll reap in joy (x2)
My eyes are open my eyes are open (*Chorus*)

Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever.
Lord of the ages, God before time
We are a vapor, You are eternal
Love everlasting, reigning on high

*Holy, holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Highest praises, honor, and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name*

We are the broken, You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer, mighty to save
You are the love song, we'll sing forever
Bowing before You, blessing Your name (*Chorus*)

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

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word
What more can He say than to you He hath said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by My gracious, omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call thee to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with thee thy trouble to bless
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

The soul that on Jesus doth lean for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

The Dismissal

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

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

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