

PRELUDE

“Restore In Us, O God”

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SILENCE AND REFLECTION

What is a concern you bring to church today? Is it personal or communal? Is it a heavy burden or a disappointment? Is it something you cannot change? Is it a loss of life, of health, of a relationship? Is it loss of hope? What joy do you bring today? What goodness do you see in creation? In the people around you, in our community, or in the world? Name all these things and others in your mind and bring them into your heart. When you feel them deeply, surrender all these bothers or joys to the care or delight of your Creator. Let all of them lift up like incense and feel the serenity that comes from knowing that God can deal with it all, and transform it into JOY!

Surrender! Let go! Let God! Feel your heart light as a feather! In the holy name of Christ all your sins are forgiven and you are made free! Free for joy, free for life and life abundant. Today is a NEW DAY! **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: *“Jesus Is a Rock in A Weary Land”*#333

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

MORNING PRAYER

Please join with me in lifting our prayers to God. **O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your compassion, that with you as our leader and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: MALACHI 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O Lord, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy
before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.**

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in

the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “*Halle, Halle, Halelujah!*” (blue hymnal)#612

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 21:5-19

Glory to you, O Lord. When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.” This is the good news of our Lord, Jesus Christ! **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON “*What Is Our Legacy?*” Pr. Stahlberg

HYMN OF THE DAY “*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*”#324

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe God, a divine presence, gentle and loving, the ground of our being. We believe Jesus, who embodied the love of God, and who urged his followers to express that same love in their daily lives. We believe the Holy Spirit, as God’s continuing presence in our world, surrounding us with compassion. We believe the church is the Body of Christ where people gather to praise and learn about Christ, to share our concern for one another, and to bring justice and healing to all of God’s Creation. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world. *A brief silence.* Lord in your compassion, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Let’s share Christ’s peace with one another.

OFFERING *We are now invited to praise God with our offering!*

Please stand to receive the Holy Gifts of God for the people of God!

OFFERTORY SONG “*GIVE THANKS*”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his son. And now let the weak say, I am strong, let the poor say, I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks. Give thanks.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ who welcomed the poor, the widow, the strangers, and the enemies in his kin-dom of God, giving everlasting life to all creation.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN: "*Take O Take Me As I Am*"#814
"*Eat This Bread*"#472

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG "*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*"# 815

SONG OF PEACE

My peace I give unto you. It's a peace that the world cannot give. It's a peace that the world cannot understand. Peace to know, peace to live. My peace I give unto you.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. **Thanks be to God.**