

## BRIEF WELCOME

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ..... Gregorian Chanting  
*During this silent time, breathe deeply, relax and bring to your awareness whatever burden you have, your thanksgiving, the people you want to hold in God's grace, your wishes for transformation and wisdom. Let all these things rise up into God's loving and forgiving arms.*

## FORGIVENESS AND SURRENDER

Faith is trust in God's abundant mercy and forgiveness. By the grace of God, we are forgiven and given every day another chance to follow into the footsteps of Jesus. **Amen.**

## MORNING PRAYER

P: Please join with me in lifting our prayers to God.

**C: Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 14:7-10, 19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 84:1-7

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!  
**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,  
 by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

**Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.**

Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.  
**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,**

**for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

They will climb from height to height and be happy.

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "*Change My Heart O God*" .....#801

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 18:9-14

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

P: This is the good news of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "*Our Blind Side and Our Humbleness*"

Pastor Stahlberg

HYMN OF THE DAY "*Restore In Us, O God*" .....#328

STATEMENT OF FAITH

**C: 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 OF INTERCESSION

P: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

P: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: 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"

**C: 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

P: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

**C: Amen.**

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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 forgives and renews making us a new creation, restoring us to the image of God in which we were created.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Remember us into your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**C: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the**

**journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG “*Go My Children With My Blessings*” ..... 543

**SONG OF PEACE**

**C: 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**

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**