

## The Order of Worship

Pre-service Music Welcome

**Opening Hymn:** "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *Christian Worship 340* 

#### The Invocation

P: In the name of the Triune God—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.



#### **The Confession of Sins**

P: Dearly loved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



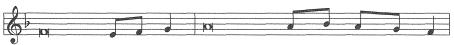
#### **Absolution**

God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor- ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King,



God the Fa- ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## **Prayer for the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al—so with you.

P: O gracious God and Father, it is your will that no one perishes because of sin. To accomplish this blessed goal you sent your Son to rescue all people from disobedience, guilt, and punishment. This required Jesus to live without sin and sacrifice himself in complete humility. This he accomplished perfectly, and now, eternal life is ours. Strengthen our faith to follow our Savior as he approaches his divine goal. Keep us from being distracted or believing what he did is unnecessary. Preserve us in your undeserved love until we join you in heaven. There, in the place you have prepared for us, we will praise you—Father, Son and Spirit—for your undeserved love, your compassionate mercy and your unmerited favor.



# The Lessons from God's Word "The Lord Does All Things for our Blessing!"

#### **Old Testament**

Isaiah 43:1-7

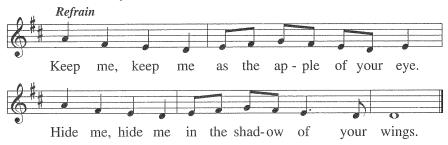
But now this is what the LORD says, the LORD who created you, O Jacob, the LORD who formed you, O Israel. Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you cross through the waters, I will be with you. When you cross the rivers, they will not sweep you away. When you walk through fire, you will not be burned, and the flame will not set you on fire. <sup>3</sup>Because I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior, I gave Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious and honored in my eyes, and I myself love you, I will give people in exchange for you, and peoples in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Do not be afraid, because I am with you. From the east I will bring your offspring, and from the west I will gather you. <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them back!" and to the south, "Do not hold them." Bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, everyone I created for my glory, everyone I formed, yes, everyone I have made.

## Children's Message —

"Mine!"

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 121





I lift up my eyes | to the hills; \* where does my help | come from?

My help comes | from the LORD, \* the maker of heav- | en and earth.

He will not let your | foot slip, \*
he who watches over you will not | slumber.

Indeed, he who watches over | Israel, \* will neither slum- | ber or sleep.

## Refrain

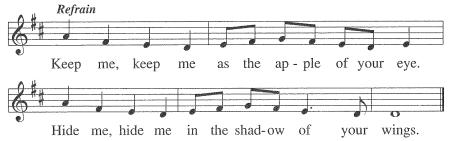
The LORD watches | over you, \* the LORD is your shade at | your right hand.

The LORD will keep you | from all harm, \* he will watch o- | ver your life;

The LORD will watch over your coming and | going, \* both now and for- | evermore.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son, \*

and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning, \* is now, and will be forever. | Amen!



**Epistle** *Hebrews 5:7–9* 

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. <sup>9</sup>After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him.

## Verse of the Day

P: Great are the deeds of the LORD. Glorious and majestic is his work, and his righteousness stands forever. Gracious and compassionate is the LORD. The works of his hands are truth and justice. All his precepts are trustworthy, steadfast forever and ever, done in truth and uprightness. He sent redemption for his people. He commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

Congregation sings "Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing" Christian Worship 111 st. 1 & 5

Sweet the moments, rich in blessing Which before the cross we spend, Life and health and peace possession From the sinner's dying Friend. Lord, in loving contemplation Fix our hearts and eyes on you Till we taste your full salvation And your unveiled glory view.

## The Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel is recorded in the twelfth chapter of John, reading from the twentieth verse.



C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

<sup>20</sup>Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Festival. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we want to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went to tell Andrew. Andrew came with Philip and told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it continues to be one kernel. But if it dies, it produces much grain. <sup>25</sup>Anyone who loves his life destroys it. And the one who hates his life in this world will hold on to it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, let him follow me. And where I am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, this is the reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name!"

A voice came from heaven: "I have glorified my name, and I will glorify it again."

<sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said it thundered. Others said an angel talked to him. <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice was not for my sake but for yours.

<sup>31</sup>"Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the

earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate what kind of death he was going to die.

#### P: This is the Word of our God!



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

#### The Confession of Faith

(we will unite in the words of the Apostles Creed)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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.

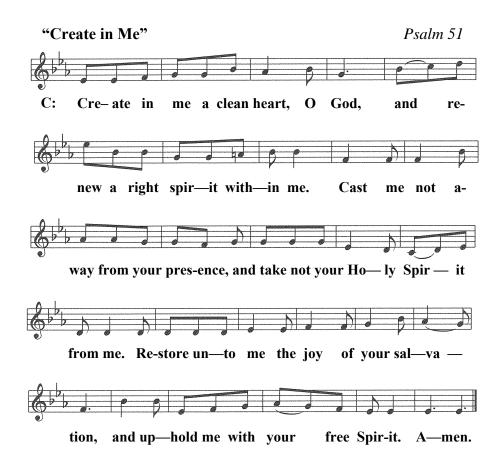
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Hymn of the Day "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" Christian Worship 100 st. 1-3 **Sermon** *Hebrews 5:7-9* 

## "Moving toward the Goal!"

With prayer Through obedience For salvation



Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks

## **Prayer for the Day**

Special Prayers and Requests

#### The Lord's Prayer

(spoken by the congregation and pastor)

C: Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power and the glory
 are yours now and forever. Amen!

Hymn

"Christ, the Life of All the Living" *Christian Worship 114 st. 1-2, 6-7* 

### **Closing Prayer**

P: O gracious Lord, you came into this world to bring eternal life. You accomplished your goal through your reverent obedience, your passionate prayers, and your unfailing faithfulness. Because you accomplished everything your Father set before you, we now have the certainty rescue and life are ours. Bless us with the faith we need to rejoice in this much needed gift. Give us faithfulness to cherish this gift as our most priceless possession. Fill us with an unshakable confidence that you will lead us through this life until we achieve the final goal you have prepared for us—life in heaven. Once we come into your presence, fill our hearts and voices with songs of praise to thank you, your Father, and the Spirit—our only true and eternal God who is rich in grace and tender mercy.



#### The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, aim for perfection, listen to God's Word, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and compassion will be with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
The Lord look on you with favor, and give you peace.



C: A—men. A—men. A — men.

#### **Closing Hymn**

"Jesus, Lead Us On" Christian Worship 422

## Silent Prayer Announcements

**Today**—Welcome in Name of our ever gracious and ever compassionate God! May the undeserved love God has revealed and through which he has claimed us, lead us to comfort, joy, and peace as we acknowledge God has redeemed us and called us by name, making us his.

- If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book or a visitor card. Come back and worship with us again, soon.
- Following the worship service there will be time for a cup of coffee, and the gift of fellowship in the Lord.
- Christian Education will follow the service. The familiar and well known words of Isaiah will help us take the Lord's encouragement to heart when he says, "Don' be afraid!"

**Monday**—Handbell Choir practice at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday—Mid-Week Lenten Worship at 7:00 pm. We continue with the series— "The Misery of Mankind and the Mercy of Jesus." This evening we hear how "Sin which multiplies is surpassed by grace."

Friday—Office Hours from 10:30 am—2:30 pm.

**Saturday**—Church Cleaning—C. Schueler

- Mowing beginning March 17<sup>th</sup>—F. Florez
- Clean Up Day—9:00 am. See note on the next page.

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>—In person worship and live streaming at 9:30 am. Palm Sunday is a day of rejoicing. It also is the beginning of Jesus specific work as our Savior. Because we put our trust in him and in the promises of Scriptures, we can say through faith—"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

• Christian Education will follow the service.

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