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OPENING HYMN

O Day of Rest and Gladness



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INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:24; 1 John 3:1; John 13:35; 1 Corinthians 16:14

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.
- P This is the day that the LORD has made;
- let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- See what kind of love the Father has given to us,
- that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

- **P** Jesus said, "By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
- **C** Let all that you do be done in love.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

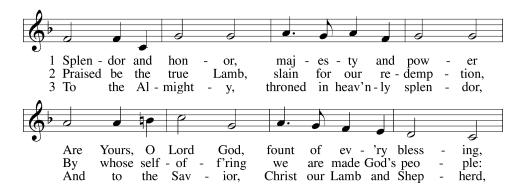
Colossians 1:13-14

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

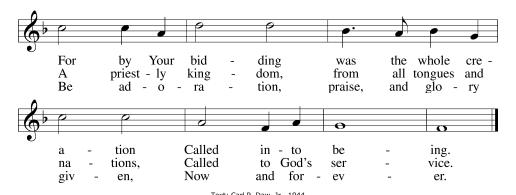
- **P** The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness
- and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- P Almighty God and Father,
- we confess, as Your people, our need for Your merciful kindness. We are prisoners of our own wants, our own traditions, and our own inborn sinfulness. Our actions and interactions often fail as reflections of Your kingdom. Our thoughts and desires often reflect the domain of darkness You have delivered us from. We often act out of our love for ourselves, rather than our love for others or for You. Forgive us and free us, Lord, to love what You love and go where You lead, all by the grace of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.
- Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Splendor and Honor



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Eternal Holy Spirit, who has called Your church through the Gospel into the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, protect Your chosen people. Sanctify us that we might hold fast to what is true, standing firm in Your eternal comfort and good hope; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Steadfast Spirit
Our Savior Ringers

Michael Mazzatenta

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 3:1 – 15 [pew Bible page 46]

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing

with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.' "God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

- **R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Thessalonians 2:1 – 8, 13 – 15 [pew Bible page 989]

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

- **R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. And the second and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. Afterward the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife." And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

- **R** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



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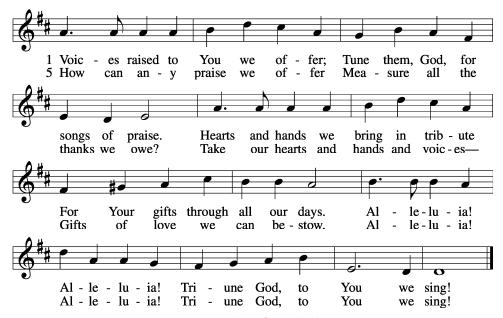


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MESSAGE

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Voices Raised to You We Offer



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PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** ...Lord in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- **P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.

Our Communion Statement

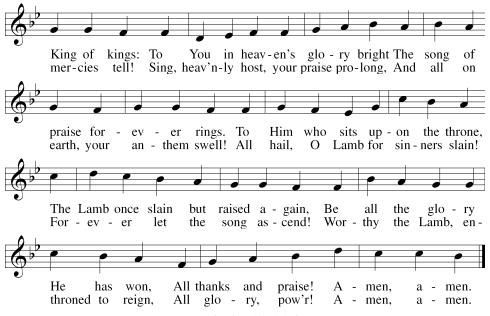
I believe that in Holy Communion, our Lord graciously shares His Body and Blood with us through bread and wine. He does this in order to forgive our sins, assure us of our salvation, strengthen us for Christian living, and unite us more closely as members of His family, the Church. Repenting of my sins, believing in the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, and rededicating my life to live according to His will, I announce my desire to receive Holy Communion.

Those who would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament may come to the table. Folding your arms across your chest will signify you wish to receive a blessing.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- **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.
- **■** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



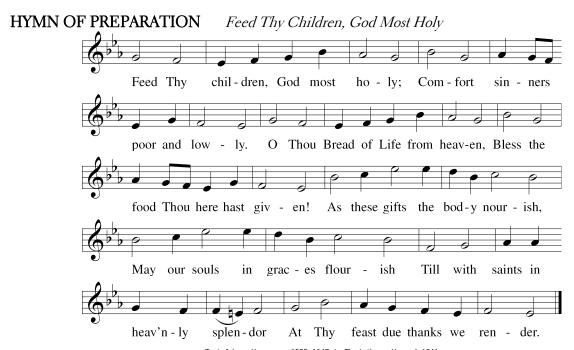


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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

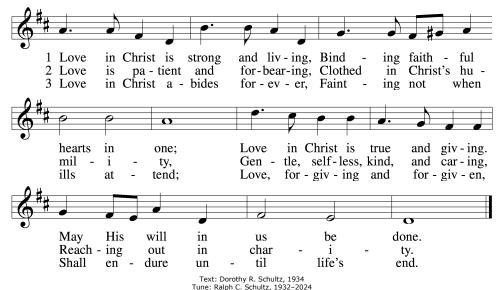


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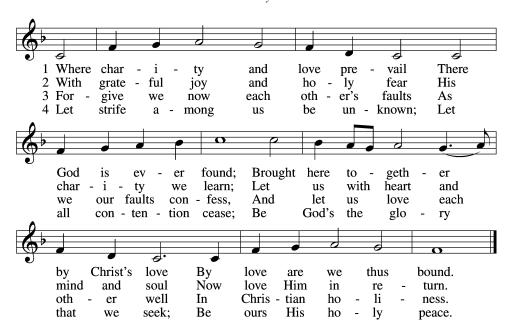
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Love in Christ Is Strong and Living



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Where Charity and Love Prevail



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- 5 Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son; As members of His body joined We are in Him made one.
- For love excludes no race or clan
 That names the Savior's name;
 His family embraces all
 Whose Father is the same.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Christ the Eternal Lord



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DISMISSAL

- **P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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