

PRELUDE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear.

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful? Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge- take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,

we confess that we do not trust your abundance,

**and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READING

Romans 9: 1-5 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21 (NRSV)

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.**

You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

**My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL (NRSV)

Matthew 14:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

REFLECTION

Special Music "The Heart of Worship"

1. When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come;

Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will touch Your heart.

I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required.

You search much deeper within, through the way things appear, You're looking into my heart.

Chorus:

I'm coming back to the heart of worship and it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.

I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.

2. King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve.

Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, every single breath.

I'll bring You more than song, for a song in itself is not what You have required.

You search much deeper within through the way things appear, You're looking into my heart.

Chorus:

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours,
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

With your grace we are here today,
Nourish us through these gifts that we place before you:
our talents, our support for your church on earth and our hearts,
that we might proclaim your steadfast love
in our communities and in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. (All gathered are invited to share a sign of peace, maybe a wave or a peace sign, a hello from afar.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,

nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ,

and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE (transition into drive up communion) "Jesus, We Celebrate Your Victory"

Chorus:

Jesus, we celebrate Your victory;

Jesus, we revel in Your love.

Jesus, we rejoice You've set us free;

Jesus, Your death has brought us life.

1. It was for freedom that Christ has set us free,

No longer to be subject to a yoke of slavery;

So we're rejoicing in God's victory,

Our hearts responding to His love.

Chorus:

2. His Spirit in us releases us from fear,

The way to Him is open, with boldness we draw near.

And in His presence our problems disappear;

Our hearts responding to His love.

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