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*Finding the Focus*

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**P** Presiding Minister    **A** Assisting Minister    **C** Congregation

## PASTORAL WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Jesus Is All the World to Me*

Mark Hayes

Sandra Sittler, piano

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the keeper of the covenant,  
the source of steadfast love,  
our rock and our redeemer.

**C** Amen

**P** God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.

Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of living water,

**C** **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**

**Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.**

**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**

**Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus,**

**as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**

**Amen**

▣ Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

▣ **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN: 323 God Loved the World

ROCKINGHAM OLD

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

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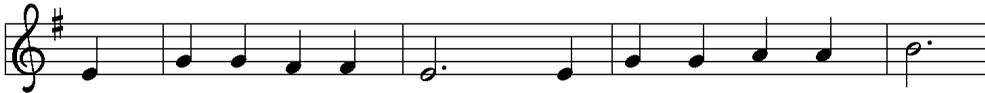
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## GREETING

- 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.

## KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

*As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.*

*After the reading:*

- 📖 Word of God, Word of life.
- 🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 22:23-31

The congregation chants the psalm to the notes below:



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**You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.**

**Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.**

**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;**

**neither is the LORD's face | hidden from them;**

**but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**

**From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;**

**I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.**

**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**

**Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever! **

**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;**

**all the families of nations shall bow | before God.**

**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,**

**who rules o- | ver the nations.**

**Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;**

**all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.**

**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,**

**whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

**They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,**

**saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!" **

## SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

*Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.*

*After the reading:*

- L** Word of God, Word of life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## LENTEN TEACHING FOR CHILDREN (& ADULTS)

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*The proper verse may be sung by a leader. Then the acclamation is repeated.*

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 8:31-38

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

757 All My Hope on God Is Founded

- 1 All my hope on God is founded  
who will all my trust renew,  
who through change and chance will guide me,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, God alone,  
call my heart to be thine own.
- 2 Mortal pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray our trust;  
what with care and toil we fashion,  
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.  
But thy pow'r, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tow'r.
- 3 Great thy goodness, e'er enduring;  
deep thy wisdom, passing thought;  
splendor, light, and life attend thee,  
beauty springing out of naught.  
Evermore from thy store  
newborn worlds rise and adore.
- 4 Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of God's own Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

- A** Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

- A** Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith. We pray for Christ Episcopal and Fr. John; for St. Luke's Lutheran and Pr. Bill; for Frieden's Lutheran - Bernville and their lay minister, Karen; for Trinity's staff – Pr. Alan, Deaconess Deborah, Karen, Peter, Matt, Rachel, Dave, and Dee; and for Common Ground, Pr. Tom and Michael. Hear us, O God.

- 12 **C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** All the ends of the earth worship you. From galaxies to microorganisms, preserve your creation. Teach humanity to wonder at your works and to join you in tending to creation's well-being. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** You rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine. We pray especially for those suffering from winter storms and for the alleviation of the pandemic. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Bring vindication for victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit, especially Dar, Karin, Luther, Darryl, Jim, Christina, Tom, Kate, Richard, David, Maggie, Barbara, David, Marvin; John; Ric, Darlene, Erica, and the families and friends of Shirley Breidegam and Pastor Bill Weiser. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** You made Abraham and Sarah the ancestors of a multitude of nations. Bless grandparents, parents, and foster parents, and the children who look to them for care and guidance. Console those who deal with infertility, parents who have entrusted their children to adoption, and children longing to be adopted. Equip ministries and services to families. We pray especially for our Lutheran food pantries, for Opportunity House, and for Family Promise. Hear us, O God

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** Bless the members of this congregation, and we remember this week: Blair; Tate & Rachel; Russ & Jeri; Anita; and Christopher. Together, we await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find our lives in you. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

## **PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

## **ANTHEM**

*Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee*

17th c. English Tune/setting by K. Lee Scott

Ben Hoover, soloist

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and all your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C**

Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## BLESSING

**P** You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**C** Amen

# SENDING HYMN

624 Jesus, Still Lead On

SEELENBRAUTIGAM

1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the  
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less  
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp - ta - tions  
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;  
 fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
 come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.  
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.  
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
 till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

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## **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Jesus, Still Lead On*

Paul Manz

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*We thank Ben Hoover and Sandra Sittler  
for helping lead worship today.*





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