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## **WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING HYMN**

Hear Our Praise

**May our homes be filled with dancing  
May our streets be filled with joy  
May injustice bow to Jesus  
As the people turn and pray**

### **CHORUS**

**From the mountain to the valley  
Hear our praises rise to You  
From the heavens to the nations  
Hear our singing fill the air**

### **REPEAT**

**May our light shine in the darkness  
As we walk before the cross  
May Your glory fill the whole earth  
As the water over the seas**

### **CHORUS X2**

### **BRIDGE**

**Hallelujah hallelujah  
Hallelujah hallelujah**

### **REPEAT**

### **INVOCATION**

**P:** In the name of the Father, who created all humanity good.

**C:** **In the name of the † Son who restored us who had fallen into sin.**

**P:** In the name of the Holy Spirit, who gives us faith and guides our lives.

**C:** **In the name of our triune God we offer our worship this day and all days.**

## **GOD GIVES US A NEW PURPOSE**

P: O God, You are our rock. O Christ, You are our Redeemer. O Spirit, You are our comforter. We worship in the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen! Our soul thirsts for you as in a dry land where there is no water.**

P: Our eyes behold Your power and glory.

**C: Your steadfast love is better than life.**

P: We were created to praise You as long as we live. We will lift up our hands and call on Your holy name.

**C: You satisfy our deepest needs, and our mouth will praise You with joyful lips.**

P: We will cling to You and sing for joy.

**C: You are the one who gives us a new purpose for living.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: Holy God, in Your mercy look with grace and favor on Your dear children. Hear our solemn confession, and as Your Spirit moves us to true repentance, forgive us our sin for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**C: Father, how often our sinful nature controls our life. We are easily tempted and fall into sin; we are blind to Your will; we are self-serving, self-righteous, and self-deluded; we are dead in our shame and guilt. We are humbly seeking Your forgiveness. Lord Jesus, may Your blood wash us clean. Holy Spirit take control of our lives.**

P: God has heard our cry. Through the cross of Christ, and His resurrection we have what we seek: the forgiveness of all of our sins are ours as God's free gift. New life, new spirit, and a new heart are ours. Live in the freedom of the Spirit. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, our strength, the battle for good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in Your Word and, when we fall, raise us again and restore us through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **COME HEAR THE GOOD NEWS THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Reader: Genesis22:1-18 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>2</sup> Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." <sup>3</sup> Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup> He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup> Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup> Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the

burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. <sup>9</sup> When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>12</sup> "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." <sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram<sup>[a]</sup> caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided." <sup>15</sup> The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>16</sup> and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup> and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE EPISTLE READING**

Reader: James 1:12-18 <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup> When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God

cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup> but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. <sup>16</sup> Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

P: Today's Gospel reading is from the book of Mark, chapter beginning at the 9<sup>th</sup> verse.

**C: Glory to You O Lord.**

P: <sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. <sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH-THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in 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.**

## **SONG OF PREPARATION**

Lord I Need You

**Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart**

### **CHORUS**

**Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You**

**Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me**

### **BRIDGE**

**So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay**

### **CHORUS**

**Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You**

GUEST WORSHIP LEADER:

I Can Only Imagine...Kennedy Williamson.

**SERMON SERIES...**Learning on how to Listen to God  
Our Spiritual Mind Set...Matthew 13:1-9

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their need. For those who do not know Your Word or honor it, that it may come to them in power, Lord in Your Mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For the church, that it may be faithful to the Word and to the Word made flesh, sharing the story of Jesus in winsome ways. Lord in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For the people of our parish, that we may increase our commitment to study the Word, and that our desire to live the Word may produce a rich harvest, Lord in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For the schools of our land and all who teach and all who learn, the Word is not hindered, but have free course, Lord, In Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For those whose lives are fragile and hopeless, that we might by the Word be empowered to come to them as messengers of Your love, and that You would attend to them, Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

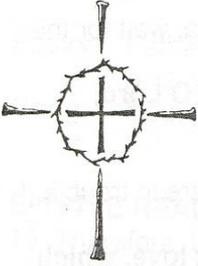
P: Finally, O Lord, we remember before You all those in danger, sorrow, or any need, especially those whom we name in our hearts before you...

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All:** 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.



### **A SENDING PRAYER**

P: Our Father, we have listened to Your word, and loved it; we have found comfort and inspiration in song and psalter; we have enjoyed the companionship, of those who, with kindred minds and hearts, have praised and worshiped you.

Now help us understand that, as we leave this sacred House of God, we shall become your church in the street.

C: **Amen and Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His Face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His peace.

C: **Amen.**

## **THE CLOSING SONG**

Glory to the Lamb

**Glory glory glory to the Lamb**

**Glory glory glory to the Lamb**

## **CHORUS**

**For He is glorious and worthy to be praised**

**The Lamb upon the throne**

**And unto Him we lift our voice in praise**

**The Lamb upon the throne**

**Worthy worthy worthy is the Lamb**

**Worthy worthy worthy is the Lamb**

**Holy holy holy is the Lamb**

**Holy holy holy is the Lamb**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: Take, eat; this is MY body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is MY blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.