



CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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PRELUDE

Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

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✠ CONFESSIO & ABSOLUTION ✠

Stand

INVOCATION

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel. If you are unable to kneel, please remain standing.

CONFESSIO OF SINS

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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.

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✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

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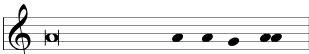
Psalm 25:1-2, 17-18, 20; antiphon: vv. 15-16

(sung as indicated)



- P** My eyes are ever | toward the LORD, * for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me, * for I am lonely and af- | flicted.
- I** *To you, | O LORD, * I lift | up my soul.*
- C** **O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame; * let not my enemies exult | over me.**
- I** *The troubles of my heart | are enlarged; * bring me out of my dis- | tresses.*
- C** **Consider my affliction and my | trouble, * and forgive | all my sins.**
- I** *Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me! * Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.*
- C** **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.**
- P** My eyes are ever | toward the LORD, * for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me, * for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



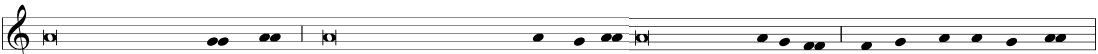
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

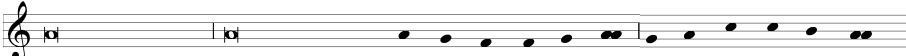


A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

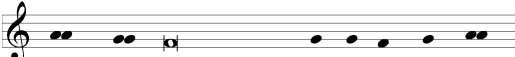
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A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 8:16–24

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’” And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Let my people go, that they may serve me. Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.”’” And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants’ houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

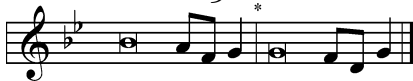
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 136:1-16

(sung as indicated)



- I** Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good, *for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
- C** Give thanks to the | God of gods, * for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
- I** Give thanks to the | Lord of lords, *for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
- C** to him who alone does great | wonders, * for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
- I** to him who by understanding made the | heavens, *for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
- C** to him who spread out the earth above the | waters, * for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
- I** to him who made the | great lights, *for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
- C** the sun to rule o- | ver the day, * for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
- I** the moon and stars to rule o- | ver the night, *for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
- C** to him who struck down the firstborn of | Egypt, * for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
- I** and brought Israel out from a- | mong them, *for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
- C** with a strong hand and an | outstretched arm, * for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
- I** to him who divided the Red | Sea in two, *for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
- C** and made Israel pass through the | midst of it, * for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
- I** but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the | Red Sea, *for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
- C** to him who led his people through the | wilderness, * for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 5:1-9

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

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

Stand

TRACT

Psalm 123:1-3a



- I** *To you I lift | up my eyes, * O you who are enthroned in the | heavens!*
- C** **Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their | master, * so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy up- | on us.**
- I** *Have mercy upon us, | O LORD, * have mercy up- | on us.*

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Luke 11:14-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th Chapter:



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation

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SERMON

Stand

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C 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

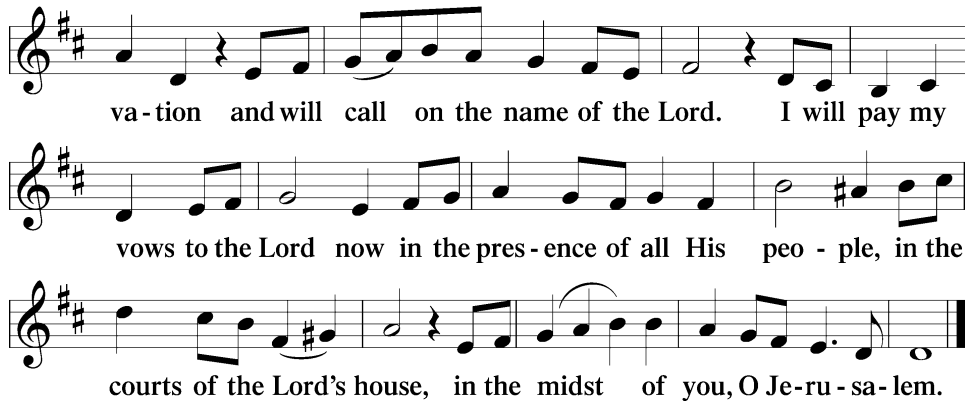
GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Worshippers may leave offerings in the plates near the sanctuary doors.

OFFERTORY

C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-

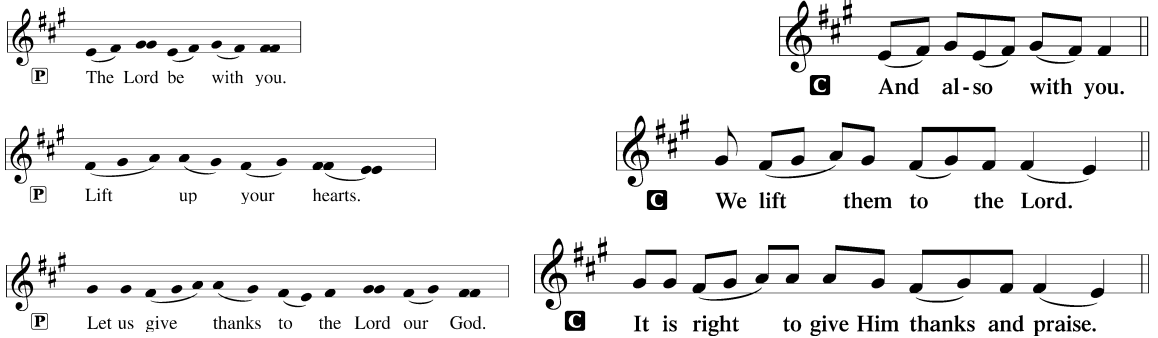
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va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa-lem.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

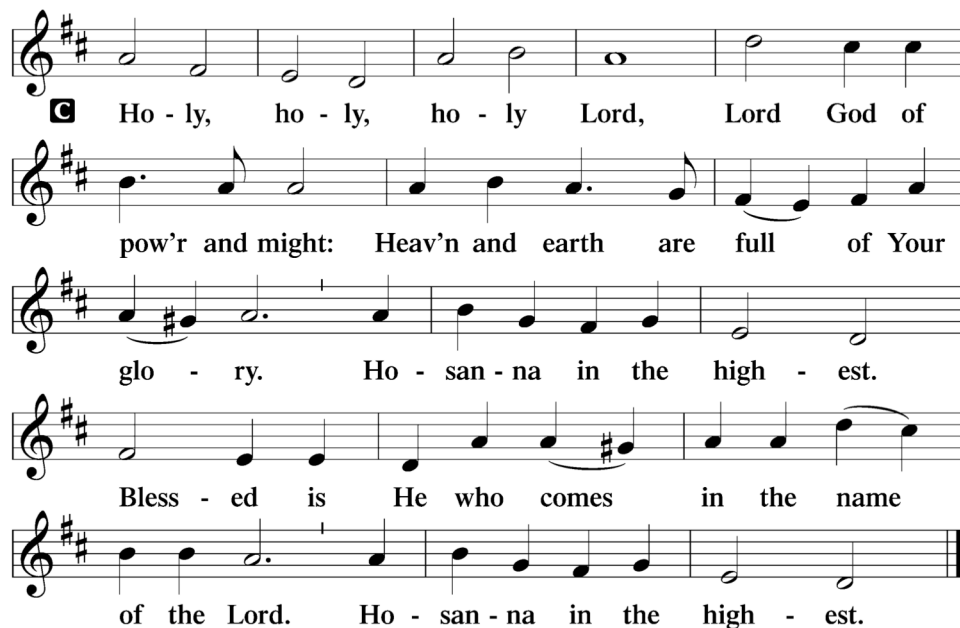


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al-so with you.
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF THE LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also 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 cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Please note the Communion Statement printed in the bulletin. Follow the ushers' instructions to approach the communion rail. Individuals who are not communing may receive a blessing; please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire a blessing.

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Stand after the Presiding Minister has placed the sacramental vessels in order.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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

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 favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Praise Be to Christ

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