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WELCOME:

INVOCATION:

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING HYMN:

Tune: LHS 465

- 1** Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.
- 2** Praise Him for His grace and favour
To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.
- 3** Fatherlike He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hand He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.

**4 Angels, help us to adore Him;
You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

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CONFESSION OF SINS:

The Lay Reader introduces our Confession of Sins.

L Friends in Christ, let us draw near to our Heavenly Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us our sins.

L Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C **He made heaven and earth.**

L I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

C **Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.**

L Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and action. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us: Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of you and your will, and make us obedient to your Word, so that by your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GRACE:

L Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become the children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v. 8

C The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the
pit.
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.
Blessèd be the LORD!
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am
helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

KYRIE - LORD, HAVE MERCY

L Lord, Have Mercy:
C Lord, Have Mercy:
L Christ, Have Mercy;
C Christ, Have Mercy;
L Lord, Have Mercy:
C Lord, Have Mercy:

GREAT GLORIA:

C Praise to God who reigns on high;
Peace on earth to those He loves.
We praise and thank and worship You,
Lord our God, our heavenly King,
God the Father, mighty One.

Only Son, Lord Jesus Christ,
Lamb of God, the Father's Son,
You take away the people's sin;
You that sit at God's right hand,
Hear us and have mercy, Lord.

**You alone are holy, Christ,
Only You are Lord of all;
For, with the Spirit, You alone
Share the Father's glory, Christ.
Praise the Lord Most High! Amen.**

SALUTATION:

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

COLLECT - PRAYER OF THE DAY:

C O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,

with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING:

James 2:1-10, 14-18

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say,

“You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,”⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?⁶ But you have dishonoured the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court?⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honourable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE:

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

C Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

GOSPEL READING:

Mark 7:24–37

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, “Let the children be

fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Tune: LHS 395

- 1 O for a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by many a foe;
That will not tremble on the brink
Of poverty or woe;
- 2 That will not murmur or complain
Beneath the chastening rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain
Can lean upon its God;
- 3 A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without;
That when in danger knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt;
- 4 A faith that keeps the narrow way
Till life's last spark is fled,
And with a pure and heavenly ray
Lights up the dying bed.
- 5 Lord, give me such a faith as this,
And then, whate'er may come,
I'll taste e'en here the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.

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SERMON MEDITATION:

SERMON HYMN:

Tune: AT 263

- 1 Blind man's eyes are opened,
Now he can see again,
Singing all praises to the Lord.
Praise God for all His mercy,
Praise Him and give Him glory,
Singing all praises to the Lord.
He was blind, now he sees,
Praise God's Name forever; *Refrain:*

Refrain:

*Praise Him, give Him all praise,
Sing it aloud to the Lord.*

*Praise Him, give Him all praise,
Sing it aloud to the Lord.*

- 2 Deaf man's ears are opened,
Now he can hear again,
Singing all praises to the Lord.
Praise God for all His goodness,
Praise Him for all His kindness,
Singing all praises to the Lord.
He was deaf, now he hears,
Praise God's Name forever;

Refrain:

- 3 Praise Him with sounding trumpets,
Praise Him with cheerful voices,
Singing all praises to the Lord.
Praise Him the grave is empty,
Praise Him for He has risen,
Singing all praises to the Lord.
He was dead, now He lives,
We will live forever;

Refrain:

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OFFERTORY PRAYER:

L Let us pray:

- C** Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanks
what You have first given us -
ourselves, our time, and our possessions -
as signs of Your goodness and symbols of our love.
Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ,
who offered Himself for us.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Response:

L Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

L Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, by Your Spirit open our deaf ears to hear Your Word, that our tongues would be released to proclaim with zeal how Your Son has done all things well. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Gracious God, You have commanded Your Church to take the Word of life to the ends of the earth. Strengthen and support all who travel to foreign lands on behalf of the Church's mission. Give them wisdom and courage as they tell others about Christ. Bless their hearers with hearts that are receptive to Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Heavenly Father, we thank you for preserving your saving Word and Sacraments. Keep the teaching of the Gospel pure in your church throughout the world, and give us faithful Pastors to preach your Word with boldness and power. Soften the hardened hearts and open the ears and minds of those in our LCA who have turned away from keeping your word pure and introduced a different Gospel according to people's itching ears. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Heavenly Father, help parents to raise up their children to know You as their help and hope, that they may not put their trust in princes in whom there is no salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Heavenly Father, we place our hope in You and ask Your blessing on our Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, our Victoria Premier Jacinta Allen, and all rulers, that their plans would be ordered for the welfare of those they govern and that You would execute Your justice for the oppressed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Heavenly Father, graciously behold the sick and those in any need, Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Heavenly Father, create and sustain in us a lively faith in Christ Jesus, and lead us by Your Spirit to be active in all good works. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Heavenly Father, Source of all life and the life that never ends, receive our prayers this day in the name of Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER:

C **Our Father in heaven,
Holy be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.**

Lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil.

**For kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever.**

Amen.

AARONIC BLESSING:

L The Lord Bless us and keep us.
The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us.
The Lord look with favour upon us and give us His peace.

C **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

MISSION HYMN:

Tune: LHS 159

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honours of Thy name.

- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

- 4 He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin;
He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.

- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.

- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.

- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

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