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**WELCOME:**

**INVOCATION:**

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

**CONFESSION OF SINS:**

*The Lay Reader introduces our Confession of Sins:*

- L** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise. Let us first though consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Lord God, our heavenly Father,  
We confess to You that we are sinful.  
And we have sinned against You in many ways,  
in our thoughts and in our words,  
in what we have failed to do.  
Have mercy and forgive us.  
Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord,  
help us to obey You,  
keep us from all evil,  
and bring us to eternal life.  
We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **DECLARATION OF GRACE**

*John 1:12; Philippians 1:6*

**L** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

## **HYMN**

*Tune: LHS 394*

- 1 Faith and truth and life bestowing,  
Open now the Scriptures, Lord,  
Seed to life eternal sowing,  
Scattered on the wind abroad.  
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving,  
Like a barren field be found,  
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,  
Shallow earth or stony ground.**
  
- 2 May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing  
Bring to life the hidden grain,  
Daily in our hearts increasing,  
Bearing fruit that shall remain.  
So in Scripture, song, and story,  
Savior, may Your voice be heard.  
Till our eyes behold Your glory  
Give us ears to hear Your Word.**

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## **INTROIT**

*Psalm 28:7–9; antiphon: v. 6*

**C** **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.  
The LORD is the strength of his people;  
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.  
Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!  
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.  
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.

Blessèd be the LORD!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

### 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** Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

*Genesis 3:8–15*

<sup>8</sup>They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE READING:**

*2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1*

<sup>13</sup>Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, <sup>14</sup>knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup>as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

<sup>1</sup>For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSE:**

*Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

**C** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.  
On your wondrous works, I will meditate,  
and I will declare your greatness.

**GOSPEL READING:**

*Mark 3:20–35*

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

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

<sup>20</sup>Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

<sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — <sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” <sup>33</sup>And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

**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 † everlasting. Amen.

### HYMN OF THE DAY:

*Tune: LHS 426*

1 In the shattered bliss of Eden  
Dawned the day of sacrifice,  
As our primal parents shuddered—  
Sin had caused this dreadful price!  
Faith embarked with this discernment:  
Only God can cover sin,  
As He took their leafy garments  
And He clothed their shame with skin.

- 2 Days and months and years unfolding  
Clearly showed what sin had wrought:  
Fallen Adam's children learning  
Lessons fallen parents taught.  
All these sacrificial off'rings  
Crested as a crimson flood:  
Patriarchs and priests atoning  
For their sins with cleansing blood.
- 3 What these sacrifices promised  
From a God who sought to bless,  
Came at last—a second Adam—  
Priest and King of Righteousness:  
Son of God, incarnate Savior,  
Son of Man, both Christ and Lord,  
Who in naked shame would offer  
On the cross His blood outpoured.
- 4 Lamb of God, once slain for sinners,  
Host, who spreads this meal divine,  
Here You pledge our sins are covered,  
Pledge received in bread and wine:  
"Take and eat; this is My body,  
Given on the cross for you.  
Take and drink; this cup of blessing  
Is My blood poured out for you."
- 5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven  
Known by saints around the throne,  
Where the Lamb, in closest union,  
Lives to love and feed His own.  
From His riven side forever  
Flows the purest stream of love,  
Love that robes us with the raiment  
Worn by all who feast above.

**6** Gone the bliss of Eden's garden,  
Gone the age of sacrifice;  
Ours the time of grace and favour,  
Ours the call to paradise!  
Ever, Lord, impress upon us:  
Only You can cover sin—  
Take our worthless, self-made garments;  
Clothe our shame and cleanse within.

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### **SERMON MEDITATION:**

### **SERMON HYMN:**

*Tune: LHS 291*

- 1** The man is ever blessed  
Who shuns the sinners' ways,  
Among their counsels never stands,  
Nor takes the scorners' place,
- 2** But makes the Law of God  
His study and delight  
Amid the labours of the day  
And watches of the night.
- 3** He like a tree shall thrive,  
With waters near the root;  
Fresh as the leaf his name shall live,  
His works are heav'nly fruit.
- 4** Not so the wicked race,  
They no such blessings find;  
Their hopes shall flee like empty chaff  
Before the driving wind.
- 5** How will they bear to stand  
Before the judgment seat  
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand  
In full assembly meet?



**6 He knows and He approves  
The way the righteous go;  
But sinners and their works shall meet  
A dreadful overthrow.**

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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:**

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

Merciful God, You have sent the promised Offspring to crush Satan's head forever by the death of Christ, our Savior. As You gave comfort to Adam and Eve, receiving their meagre confessions for the sake of Your grace and promising deliverance from sin and its curse, so comfort us by the forgiveness of sins and give us hope in the promise of eternal life and Your new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Heavenly Father, Christ has made us His brothers by His incarnation and suffering for our sake, fellow heirs of Your undivided kingdom. Give boldness to those who preach, strength to those who work, generosity to those who give, and patience to those who suffer in Your Church, that we may always do the will of God and so be true and faithful members of the household of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Give courage to Your Church, O Lord, that as we believe, so we also would speak of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the confident hope we have in Him, that we, too, will be raised and brought into His presence. Embolden us by Your Spirit to confess this Christian faith from a lively conscience, that for Christ's sake, grace may extend to more and more people and increase thanksgiving to Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Almighty God, no kingdom divided against itself can stand, and a house divided must fall. Graciously preserve our nation with its government. Frustrate the work of Satan and the seeds of destruction he would sow in every place were he not stayed by Your gracious hand. Unite our leaders and our people for the common good, while leading us to hope in that eternal kingdom which is not of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Eternal Lord God, hear our prayers for Your servants who suffer in this earthly tent. Do not let them lose heart, but fix their eyes beyond what is transient to the things unseen. By this slight momentary affliction, prepare them for an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, when at last You will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with You into His presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** For all families on our Parish prayer list this week. Watch over them and draw them deeper into your Word so that they can witness their faith in you through their words and actions in daily life. let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy**

**L** As Satan once overcame our first parents through the eating of the tree's fruit, so overcome him now among us by the fruit of Your Son's cross, His body and blood given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Bless all who commune with repentance and faith, that in the comfort of the Gospel they may be cleansed and prepared for eternal life with You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** What was lost in Paradise has been regained by the conquering wounds of Your Son, crucified and raised again. In Him, we are restored as Your children and made bold to ask for every need. Hear us for His sake and in His name, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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 161*

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away our fear.
  
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the heart's unrest;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary, rest.

- 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding place;  
My never-failing treasury filled  
With boundless stores of grace.**
- 4 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
Accept the praise I bring.**
- 5 How weak the effort of my heart,  
How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.**
- 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death!**

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