

GREETING

Gathered in Christ. **We serve with grace.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.* Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG “*Gather Us In*” ..... #532

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: DANIEL 12:1-3

<sup>1</sup>“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.” Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”  
<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**<sup>4</sup>I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

**<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

**<sup>8</sup>I have set the Lord always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in  
your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

#### SECOND READING: HEBREWS 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [<sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” <sup>17</sup>he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.] <sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

#### KIDS TALK

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia!* **Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 13:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.** <sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” <sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON “*Are You Alert That No One Leads You Astray?*” .....Deacon Ro

HYMN OF THE DAY “*When Peace Like a River*”..... #785

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM *Sandy and Kevin Gardner*..... #234

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM *Morgan Gardner*..... #227

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in God’s abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. *A brief silence.* O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence (*especially*). Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any mental illness. Bring them healing and wholeness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

#### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

#### OFFERING

##### OFFERTORY SONG "*Give Thanks*"

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the holy one. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say I am strong. Let the poor say I am rich; because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks. Give thanks.**

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **Amen.**

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HYMN "*Holy, Holy, Holy*" ..... Setting 4, p153

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hand in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you. It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: "Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This is my blood poured out for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and this cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people. And we ask you: Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish your faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ. Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever. **AMEN, AMEN, AMEN.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the words Jesus taught us. **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.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

COMMUNION HYMN "*Lamb of God*"..... Setting 4 p154

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG “*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*” ..... #632

RINGING OF THE BELLS

SONG OF PEACE

**My peace I give unto you. It's a peace that the world cannot give. It's a peace that the world cannot understand; peace to know; peace to live. My peace I give unto you.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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