

## **CHIMES / PRELUDE / LIGHTING of CANDLES**

### **GREETINGS & PRAYERS**

#### **OPENING HYMN: Our God Saves**

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In the Name of the Father  
In the Name of the Son  
In the Name of the Spirit  
Lord we come

We're gathered together  
To lift up Your Name  
To call on our Savior  
To fall on Your grace

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Hear the joyful sound of our offering  
As your saints bow down,  
As your people sing  
We will rise with You  
Lifted on Your wings  
And the world will see that

Our God saves, our God saves  
There is hope, in Your Name  
Mourning turns, to songs of praise  
Our God saves, our God saves

(Instrumental)  
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As your people sing  
We will rise with You

Lifted on Your wings  
And the world will see that  
Yes, the world will see that

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## **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** The Bible declares, "If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness therefore you are feared." And so, we humbly confess our sins before God our Father.

**People:** **O Lord, against you I have sinned and done what is evil in your sight. I have broken your laws. I have dishonored your name. I have not loved you with all of my heart, soul, and strength. I have not loved my neighbor as myself or even myself as my neighbor. I am sinful and unclean, and I rightfully deserve your wrath and punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, Have mercy on me, a sinner. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me so that I may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God in his mercy has given his only Son to die for you and for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

(Please be seated)

## **THE SALUTATION & COLLECT of the DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also, with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray:

**ALL:** **O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **The FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34-48**

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup>but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup>You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with

him. <sup>39</sup>“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” <sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” <sup>48</sup> So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **The SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 5:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup>In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

## **GOSPEL HYMN: Holy Forever**

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A thousand generations falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us  
And all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all

All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy  
All creation cries Holy  
You are lifted high Holy

Holy forever

Since you've been forgiven  
And since you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
Since you walk in freedom  
And since you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry Holy  
All creation cries Holy  
You are lifted high Holy  
Holy forever

Hear Your people sing Holy  
To the King of Kings Holy  
You will always be Holy  
Holy forever  
You will always be Holy  
Holy forever

Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all

All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

Jesus, Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all

All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all  
And the angels cry Holy  
All creation cries Holy  
You are lifted high Holy  
Holy forever

Hear Your people sing Holy  
To the King of Kings Holy  
You will always be Holy  
Holy forever  
You will always be Holy  
Holy forever

You will always be Holy  
Holy forever

**The GOSPEL READING: : JOHN 15:9-17**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(Please be seated)

<sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup>This is my command: Love each other.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **MESSAGE: Pastor Matthew Woods**

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#### **OFFERTORY: Open Our Eyes**

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Open our eyes Lord  
We want to see Jesus  
To reach out and touch Him  
And say that we love Him

Open our ears Lord  
And help us to listen  
Open our eyes Lord  
We want to see Jesus

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

#### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

#### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Go forth now in peace, a redeemed, restored, and renewed child of the King.  
And the Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, go with each of you  
and bless you.

**People: Amen.**

#### **CLOSING HYMN: Mighty To Save**

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Everyone needs compassion,  
Love that's never failing.  
Let mercy shine on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness,  
The kindness of a Savior.  
The Hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains.  
My God is mighty to save.  
He is mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of Salvation.  
He rose and conquered the grave.  
Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me,  
All my fears and failures.  
Fill my life again.  
Give my life to follow,  
Everything I believe in.  
Now I surrender.

Savior, He can move the mountains.  
My God is mighty to save.  
He is mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of Salvation.  
He rose and conquered the grave.  
Jesus conquered the grave.

Shine your light and  
Let the whole world see.  
We're singing, for the glory  
Of the risen King.  
Jesus.

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## **SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS**