

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 – 5:00 PM  
A BLENDED SERVICE**

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**OPENING SONG**

*I Want to Follow You*

Lord, I want to follow  
And serve You alone.  
Oh, Lord, help me to live right  
And bring glory to Your throne.  
Lord, I am willing to be  
Your servant, faithfully.  
Oh, Lord, I want to follow You.

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And serve You alone.  
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And bring glory to Your throne.  
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Oh, Lord, I want to follow You.  
I want to follow You.  
I want to follow You.

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## OPENING SENTENCES

- P** O God, save me, by Your name,  
**C** and vindicate me by Your might.
- P** O God, hear my prayer;  
**C** give ear to the words of my mouth.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.  
**C** Almighty God, I confess all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. I have relied on my own strength to endure during temptation and persecution rather than Your faithful protection. I am sorry for these my faults and ask Your forgiveness and pardon that I may return Your faithfulness with ongoing reliance of faith.
- P** In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore announce the grace of God to all of you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. God grant deliverance from every trouble and set your feet to walk in His ways now and always.
- C** Amen.

# SHARING GOD'S PEACE

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jeremiah 11:18–20*

**L** The Old Testament Reading for today is taken from the book of Jeremiah, the eleventh chapter.

The LORD made it known to me and I knew;  
then you showed me their deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me  
they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
that his name be remembered no more.”

But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,  
who tests the heart and the mind,

let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*James 3:13—4:10*

**L** The New Testament Reading for today is taken from the book of James, the third chapter.

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God,

and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 9:30–37*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SONG OF THE DAY

*971 There Is a Redeemer*

- 1 There is a Redeemer—  
Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One. Refrain
  
- ref Thank You, O my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done.
  
- 2 Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Hope for sinners slain. Refrain
  
- 3 When I stand in glory,  
I will see His face;  
There I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place. Refrain

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## SERMON

*First or Last?*

## APOSTLES' CREED

- ☐ 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, died and was 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.

## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

- P** Together we pray our family prayer:  
**C** 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.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR 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  $\cdot\ddagger$  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  $\cdot\ddagger$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

## **AGNUS DEI**

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world  
Grant us peace  
Grant us peace



# DISTRIBUTION

## DISTRIBUTION SONG

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

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## **DISMISSAL**

## **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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CLOSING SONG**

*There Is Power*

Where two - or more - are gathered in His name  
He is there  
For all - who come - who run to Him in faith  
He is there

There is power - in the name of Jesus  
There is power - power in His name  
There is power - in the name of Jesus  
There is power - power in His name

No fear - no lie - can stand against us now  
He is here  
The Word - has come - to silence ev'ry doubt  
He is here

There is power - in the name of Jesus  
There is power - power in His name  
There is power - in the name of Jesus  
There is power - power in His name

One name one name can save  
One name breaks ev'ry chain  
One name always one name Jesus  
One name one name remains  
One name we will proclaim  
One name always one name

There is power - in the name of Jesus  
There is power - power in His name  
There is power - in the name of Jesus  
There is power - power in His name

There is power - in the name of Jesus  
There is power - power in His name  
There is power - in the name of Jesus  
There is power - power in His name

Oh\_\_\_\_\_ there's power in His name  
Oh\_\_\_\_\_ there's power in His name

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