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PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

Verse

Come, now is the time to worship Come, now is the time to give your heart Come, just as you are to worship Come, just as you are before your God Come

Chorus

One day every tongue will confess you are God. One day ev'ry knee will bow. Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now.

Repeat verse and chorus

Ending

Come, now is the time to worship Come, now is the time to give your heart Come, just as you are to worship Come, just as you are before your God Come. Come.

Come, just as you are. Come.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ♣ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Gathered in the presence of God and each other, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

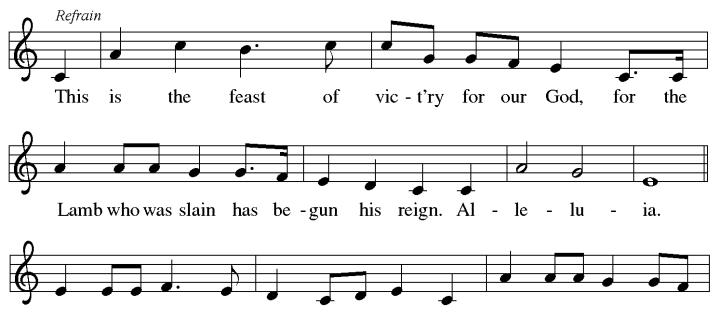
Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.





1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray -

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

READING: JOB 38:1-11

¹The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

4"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
 Tell me, if you have understanding.
 5Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

8"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—
9when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors.

¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

PSALM: PSALM 107:1-3, 23-32

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble

³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; ²⁴they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep. ²⁵For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,

which lifted up the waves of the sea.

²⁶They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity; ²⁷they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end.

²⁸Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress;

²⁹he made the storm be still,

and the waves of the sea were hushed.

³⁰Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

³¹Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

³²Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

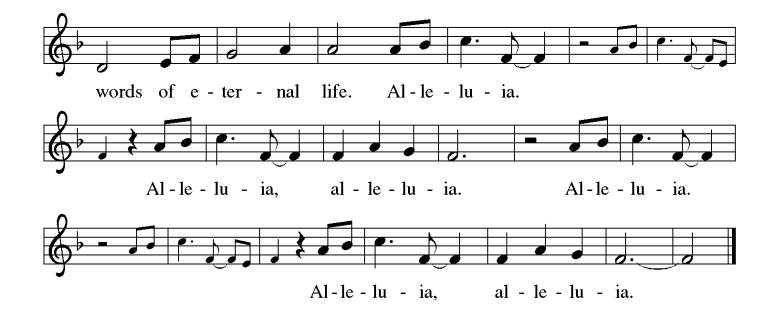
¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: MARK 4:35-41

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁵When evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

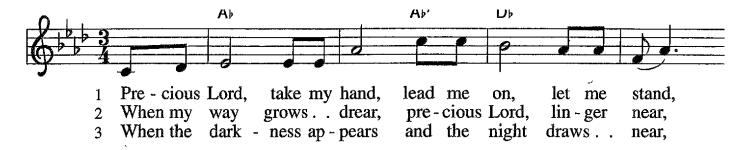
The Gospel of our Lord.

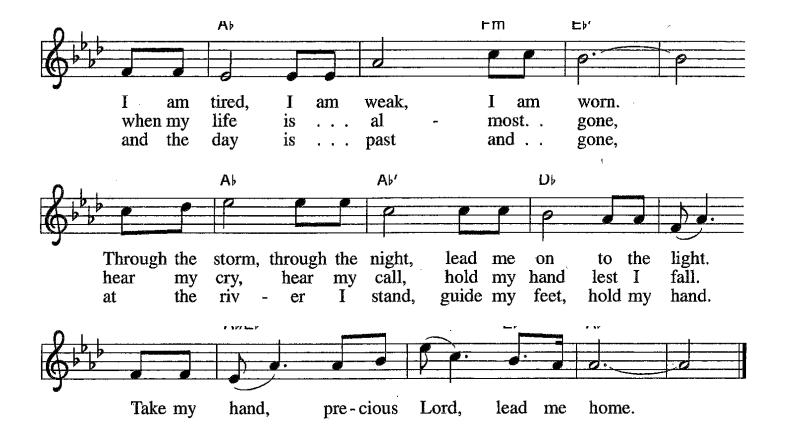
Praise to you O Christ

SERMON

HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand





Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

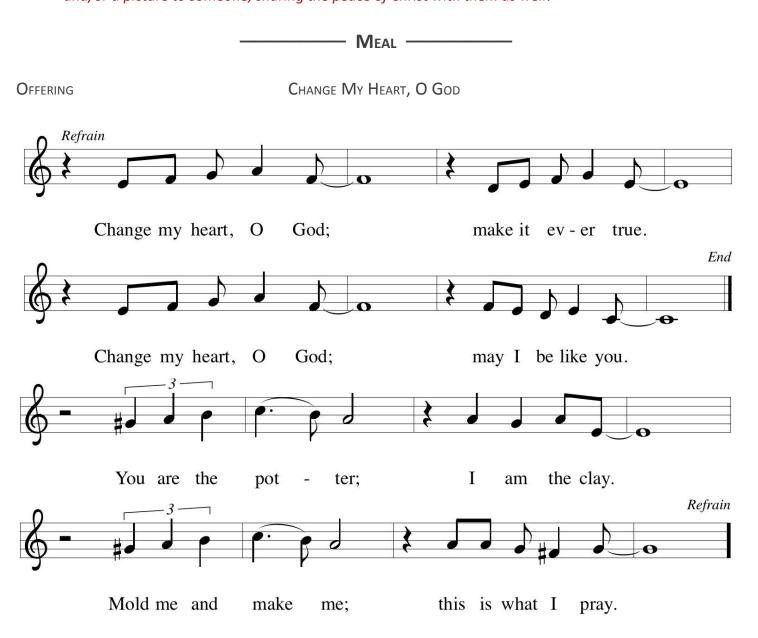
Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer." If you would like to add a prayer petition, email it to Pastor Aleese at pastor@shepherdofthecross.org

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others. Pull out your cell phones and send a text and/or a picture to someone, sharing the peace of Christ with them as well!



OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

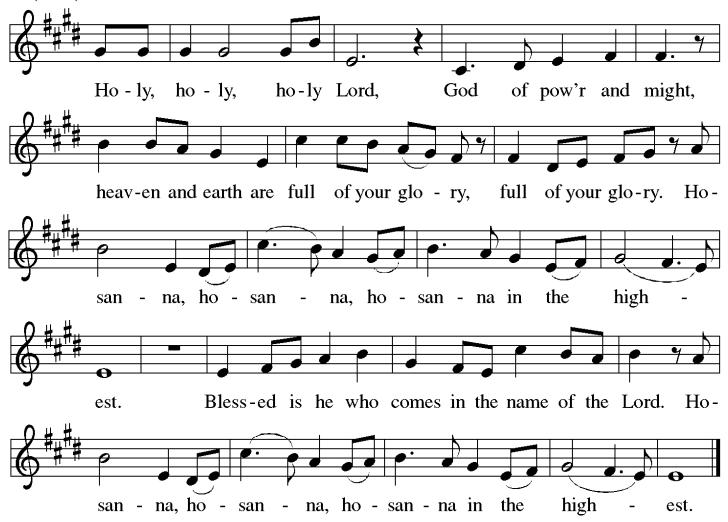
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface





Words of Institution

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as 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

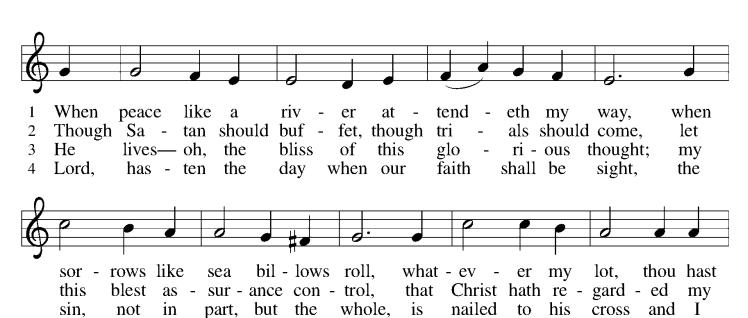
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Congregation is invited to receive the sacrament communally with the entire congregation or within their family units. If you are worshipping on your own, hear the words proclaimed by Pastor Aleese as God's Word of promise is spoken to you. All are welcome to share in God's feast given to us in love.

COMMUNION SONG

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BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

Your Grace is Enough

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness, O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart. You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.

Chorus

So, remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise O God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob; You use the weak to lead the strong. You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.

Final Chorus

So, remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise O God.

Your grace is enough, heaven reaches out to us. Your grace is enough for me. Your grace is enough, I'm covered in your love. Your grace is enough for me, for me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ, raised up for the world. Go with peace, and go with courage, as the Spirit empowers you, to share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

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