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James 1:3, NRSV



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PRELUDE

Stand

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

P Most merciful God, **C** Have mercy on us.

C We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE *Greet others, saying “Peace be with you/And also with you”, along with a head nod, handshake, bow, or placing your hand on your heart.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Refuge of the Weary"

1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent

whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
 pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
 love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -

from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
 thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
 hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er

Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
 Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
 From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our

cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** And also with you.

P In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

For the reign of God, and for peace through-
 Lord, have mer - cy.

out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

For your peo - ple here, who have come to
 Lord, have mer - cy.

give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Help, save, and de -
 Lord, have mer - cy.

fend us, O God.

A

(accompaniment/intro)

men.

The Hymn of Praise is traditionally omitted during the season of Lent.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You have given to all who believe exceedingly great and precious promises. Grant Your Holy Spirit to Your people that we may without all doubt trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ, so that our faith in Your sight may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

Sit

Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 1:1-11

R James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:

Greetings.

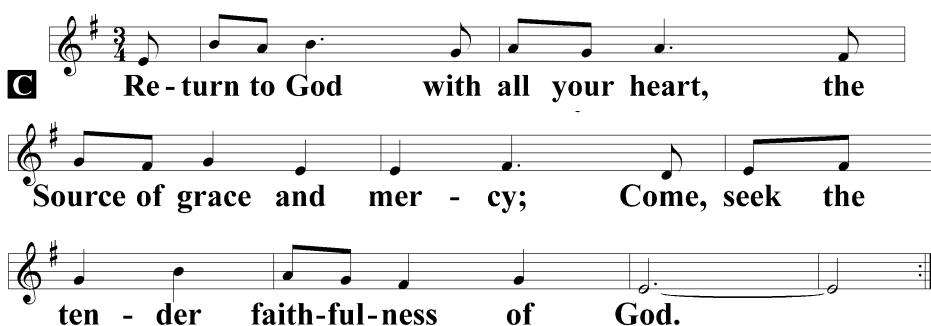
My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

Let the believer who is lowly boast in being raised up, and the rich in being brought low, because the rich will disappear like a flower in the field. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the field; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. It is the same with the rich; in the midst of a busy life, they will wither away.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

LENT VERSE



C Re - turn to God with all your heart, the
Source of grace and mer - cy; Come, seek the
ten - der faith-ful-ness of God.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator 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 again 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.

Sit

MESSAGE

Stand

HYMN

"O God, My Faithful God"

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four lines. Each line of music is accompanied by its corresponding lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear soprano line and supporting parts for the other voices.

1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing.
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,

With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.

Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small

A con-science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: *Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693;
setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT
67 67 66 66

PRAYERS:

[P] Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.” The prayers conclude:

[P] Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C]** Amen.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

Prelude No.2 “Voiles”
Natalie Nelson, piano

Claudes Debussy

Stand

OFFERTORY SONG

 | - - - - introduction - - - - | *Refrain*


rit. As the grains of wheat once
scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in - to one to be -
come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in

Verses


*(1st & 2nd times: go to verses;
3rd time: end)*


you. 1. As this cup of bless-ing is
2. Let this be a fore-taste of
shared with - in our midst, may we share the
all that is to come when all cre - a - tion
pres - ence of your love. *(Sing Refrain & 2nd Vs.)*
shares this feast with you. *(Sing Refrain once more)*

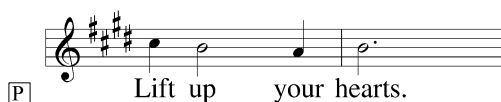
 Let us pray. Merciful Father,

 we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious
love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

 The Lord be with you.

 And al-so with you.



P

Lift up your hearts.



C

We lift them to the Lord.



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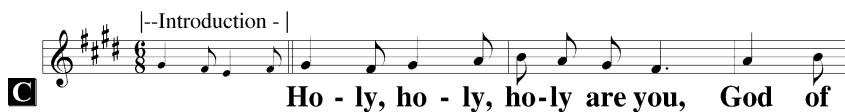
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



C

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly are you, God of



pow - er and might;

Heav-en and earth are



filled with your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est!



Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho-



san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high-est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

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

AGNUS DEI

----- Introduction -----

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1) Lamb of God, you take a -
2) Lamb of God, you are the

way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us,
way of mer-cy and love: have mer - cy on us,

(hold) mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us. (Sing vs. 2 above)
mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us. (Sing vs. 3-->) 3) Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION Please approach the altar as space is available. You may receive pre-packaged communion elements, or from the common loaf, along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Pre-packaged Gluten free options are available.

HYMN

“O Lord Throughout These Forty Days”

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And

prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal

for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-98; para. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930
Tune: *The Psalms of David in Prose and Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1635; setting: *The English Hymnal*, 1906
Text: © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship
Music: Public domain

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Luke 4:1-13; Lev. 9:23

HYMN

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

1) Break now the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
 2) Bless Your own truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
 3) You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me.

As once You broke the loaves Be - side the sea.
 As when You blest the bread By Gal - i - lee.
 Your ho - ly Word the truth That res - cues me.

Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek You, Lord;
 Then shall all bond-age cease, All fet - ters fall;
 Give me to eat and live With You a - bove;

My spir - it waits for You, O liv - ing Word.
 And I shall find my peace, My All - in - All!
 Teach me to love Your truth, For You are love.

Sing stanza four in unison:

4) Oh, send Your Spir-it, Lord,
 Now un-to me,
 That he may touch my eyes
 And make me see.

Show me the truth con-cealed
 With-in Your Word,
 And in Your Book re-vealed
 I see my Lord.

☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **☐ Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER



C 1) Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to
 2) From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to
 you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and
 you for - ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have
 low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er! (*sing vs. 2*)
 taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er! (*cont.-->*)
 Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -
 mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.
 Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for -
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to
 you for - ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

P Let us pray. We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love towards one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

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 give you peace. **C** **Amen.**
- P** Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
 2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,

The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
 The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.

The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
 Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,

The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
 Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing

To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

POSTLUDE

Our Confession about Communion

Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.