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*“He put a new song in my mouth a song of praise to our
God; many shall see, and stand in awe and put their in
the Lord.”*

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THE OPENING VOLUNTARY: “Rock of Ages

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN : Lift Every Voice & Sing II - We’ve Come This Far By Faith

Refrain

We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the

Lord; Trust-ing in His ho-ly word,

He's nev-er failed me yet. O

Fine

— can't turn a - round. — We've come this far — by — faith. —

1. Don't be dis - cour-aged — when trou-ble's — in your life. He'll bear your

D.S.

bur - dens and move — all mis - er - y and strife. That's why we've

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING – Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,

pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born,

while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,

in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain,

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the LORD,

and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength--
he says,

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up,
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM - Psalm 40:1-12



1 I waited patiently u/pon the **Lord**; *
he stooped to me and /heard my **cry**.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the /mire and **clay**; *

he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my /footing **sure**.

3 He put a new song in my mouth,

a song of praise /to our **God; ***

many shall see, and stand in awe,

and put their trust /in the **Lord**.

4 Happy are they who trust /in the **Lord! ***

they do not resort to evil spirits or turn /to false **gods**.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my **God!**

how great your wonders and your /plans for **us! ***

there is none who can be com/pared with **you**.

6 Oh, that I could make them /known and **tell them! ***

but they are more than /I can **count**.

7 In sacrifice and offering you /take no **pleasure ***

(you have given me /ears to **hear you**);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have /not **required, ***

and so I said, "Be/hold, I **come**.

9 In the roll of the book it is written con/cerning **me: ***

'I love to do your will, O my God;

your law is deep /in my **heart**.'" "

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great /congregation; *

behold, I did not restrain my lips;

and that, O /Lord, you **know**.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and /your **deliverance; ***

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great /congrega-
tion.

12 You are the Lord;

do not withhold your com/passion **from me; ***

let your love and your faithfulness keep me /safe for **ever**.

THE SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: The Summons – John Bell



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
3. Will you step u - pon the sea if I but call your name?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
5. God, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.

— will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 — Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 — and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 — through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 — Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – John 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Christ

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said,

“You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend José Reyes

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor

Let us pray for ourselves, for one another, and for all those in need of our prayers, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the church, that it may stand fast in the one faith to which it has been called. (*Silence*). Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the world, that our conflicts may cease and that peace may reign in this new year. *(Silence)*. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all Christians who have been baptized into the one family and faith, that our lives reflect the forgiveness and love which was first shown us. *(Silence)*. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are indifferent to the injustices of our world, that we may all work for an end to oppression and injustice. *(Silence)*. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those in need; for the hungry and homeless, that food and shelter might be theirs; for the oppressed and downtrodden, that freedom and dignity might be theirs; for the sick and the infirm, especially for Katie and her family, Gladys Owusu Sekyre, Andre, Elba Pagán, Calista Dibble, Cecily Perez, Sherry Branstetter, Karen and Bob Soderstrom, Kathy McBride, Monique Ray Burwell, Milagros Lopez, Helen Gagliano, Juliet Hansen, Charlie Murrin and his family, Robert Jewell, Sr. and his family, Charlotte Carrington, Todd Shepard, Beverly Rourke, Joyce Howard, David and Kathy Johnston, Karen and Rich Authier, Louise Amerman, and Blaise and her family, that health and wholeness might be theirs. *(Silence)*. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially Gene Bartley, Alexander Vrena, Calista Dibble, Jose Lopez that like the Magi who travelled far to bring gifts to celebrate the savior's birth we may also join in the celebrations of our neighbors. *(Silence)*. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for ministries within our diocese and beyond, that by these ministries we may strengthen the body of Christ and our common life be enriched. *(Silence)*. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the faithful who have gone before us, that we may follow the example of their lives and be reunited with them in the joy of everlasting life, especially Helen Congdon, Ellen R. Jarusik, Mark Rourke, Samuel Slater, Gelen Goddard . *(Silence)*.

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the Offertory, the Altar is prepared. People may place pledges and donations in the collection basket during the offertory. You may also donate, and pledge online, just point your phone at the QR code.



THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Behold, the Lamb of God”- G.F. Handel

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: Lift Every Voice & Sing, II #106

Precious Lord, Take My hand

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—

1. stand, — I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; —
2. near, — When my life is — al - most — gone; —
3. near, — And the day is — past and — gone; —

1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
 3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, — Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, — Lead me on. —
 2. fall, — Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, — Lead me on. —
 3. hand, — Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, — Lead me on. —

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS: The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #S125 The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the ever blessed Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which

is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE FRACTION ANTHEM: The Hymnal 1982, Service Music – S 161
The Holy Eucharist II, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Gifts of God for you, the People of God.

Everyone is invited to receive the Holy Communion. Our practice is to stand or kneel at the altar rail in front, where the clergy will give you the host and then will give you the chalice. If you desire only a blessing and not the Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. If you prefer Gluten-Free wafers or non-alcoholic grape juice, please tell the eucharistic ministers.

THE COMMUNION HYMN: Lift Every Voice & Sing II #103 Steal Away

Steal a - way, steal a - way, steal a-way to Je - sus!

Fine

Steal a-way, steal a-way home, I ain't got long to stay here!

1. My Lord— calls me, He calls me by the thun - der;
 2. Green trees are bend - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling;
 3. Tomb stones are burst - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling;
 4. My Lord— calls me, He calls me by the light - ning,

D.C.

The trum-pet sounds with - in - a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EPIPHANY BLESSING

The world now is too dangerous and too beautiful for anything but love. May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone. May your ears be so blessed so you hear the cry of the poor. May your hands be so blessed that everything you touch is a sacrament. May your lips be so blessed so you speak nothing but the truth with love.

May your feet be so blessed you run to those who need you. And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire, that your love changes everything. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The SENDING HYMN- Lift Every Voice & Sing II # Blessed Assurance

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine!____ O what a
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light,____ Vi - sions of
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest,____ I in my

1. fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!____ Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 2. rap - ture now burst on my sight;____ An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
 3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest;____ Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

1. God,____ Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood.____
 2. bove____ Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.____
 3. bove,____ Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.____

This is my sto - ry, this is my song,____ Prais - ing my

sav - ior all the day long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my

song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. —

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THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: "HOW I GOT OVER "