

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Thanks to You, Lord our God, for in this Sacrament You have answered our deepest prayers and nourished us with the body and blood of Your Son, assuring us of sins forgiven.

- **C** Strengthen us thereby and accompany us each day that we may meet whatever the future holds with the sure and certain hope of one day joining all Your saints in glory;
- P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- С Amen.

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24-26) pg. 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

CLOSING HYMN "O God of Light, Your Word a Lamp Unfailing"

POSTLUDE — GROSSER GOTT

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AS WE GATHER

How shall we pray? That question is the focus of today's Readings. With Jacob as a model, our prayer might seem to be a struggle with God's will. And Jesus' parable teaches that prayer is a long-term effort. But prayer is more than a monologue; the Epistle reminds us that God started the conversation with His Word. The Spirit has used Word and Sacrament to awaken and guide our faith. Within that relationship, prayer is a conversation begun by God and continued each day. In worship, we do that with our brothers and sisters in Christ, moving from individual concerns to those of the Body of Christ, the Church. And in worship, we take the time to listen as God accuses and then excuses us by grace for Jesus' sake. So let us pray and worship together.

PRELUC	DE "Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth"	Felix Mendelssohn	
WELCO	ME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
OPENING HYMN "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"		# 655	
+ Service of preparation $+$			
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION pg. 13		pg. 151	
١N١	/OCATION	Matthew 28:19; [18:20]	
P C	In the name of the Father and of the $+$ Son and of the Amen .	Holy Spirit.	
EXI	IORTATION	1 John 1:8-9	
P C	If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and th But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.		

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

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.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +I+ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

+ SERVICE of the WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 74:18-19, 21, 20a, 22a; antiphon: v. 2a

- ¹⁸Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs, and a foolish people reviles Your name.
- ¹⁹Do not deliver the soul of Your dove to the wild beasts; do not forget the life of Your poor forever.
- ²¹Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame; let the poor and needy praise Your name.
- ²⁰Have regard for the covenant,
- ²²Arise, O God, defend Your cause;

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the be ginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

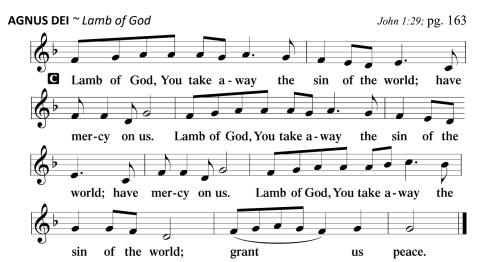
²Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage!

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47; pg. 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.





DISTRIBUTION (Sit)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling"	# 630
"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"	# 631

NUNC DIMITTIS (Stand) ~ Song of Simeon

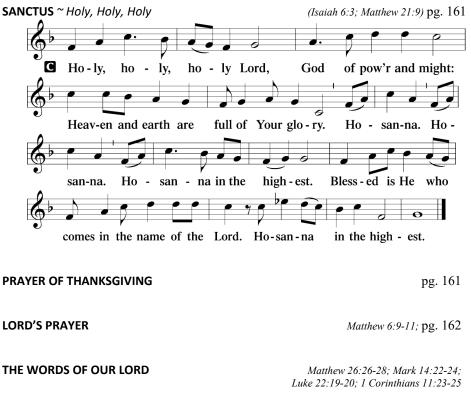
Luke 2:29-32; pg. 165





PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:



- **PAX DOMINI** ~ *The Peace of the Lord*
 - **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



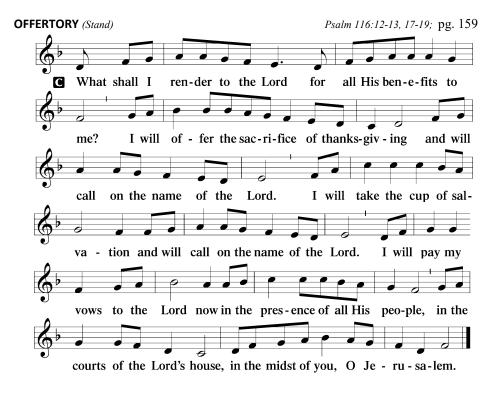
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE — This Is the Feast Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9; pg. 155 Refrain С This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 0 6 Al-le - lu ia. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia. 1 -Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was whose slain. 2 Pow er. rich - es. wis - dom, and strength, and 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and 4 Bless hon - or, glo - ry, and might be ing, to 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -0 0 blood set us free be peo - ple of God. *Refrain* to bless hon - or, ing, and glo - ry are His. Refrain in the hymn of all cre - a tion: Stanza 4 join God and the Lamb for - ev - er. Α men. Refrain gun His reign. Al - le - lu ia. Final Refrain -3

John 20:19; pg. 163

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

→ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT →

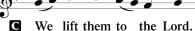
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PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.





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2 Timothy 4:22

- Colossians 3:1



P The Lord be with you.

al - so with you. And

P Let us pray.

SALUTATION and COLLECT of the DAY

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us.

- **G** Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name;
- **P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- С Amen. (Sit)

OLD TESTATMENT READING

Genesis 32:22–30

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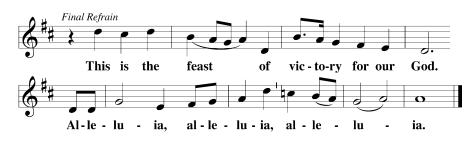
2 Timothy 4:22

(Jacob wrestles with God; his name becomes Israel.)

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the Man saw that He did not prevail against Jacob, He touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with Him. ²⁶Then He said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me." ²⁷And He said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked Him, "Please tell me Your name." But He said, "Why is it that you ask My name?" And there He blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

С Thanks be to God.





L Alleluia.

I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily. Luke 18:8

C Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth? Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

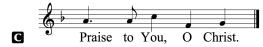
(Jesus sends out His messengers of peace to proclaim the kingdom of God.)

 \mathbf{P} The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18^{th} chapter.



¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to His elect, who cry to Him day and night? Will He delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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HYMN OF THE DAY "I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name" #734

SERMON

PSALM

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

²My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.

⁸The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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EPISTLE (Scripture is God-breathed 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5 and makes us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.)

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, Who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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