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Ringing of the Bell - Prelude - Welcome

Opening Hymn - TLH 563 "The Sun's Last Beam of Light is Gone"

**The sun's last beam of light is gone, The shades of night come swiftly on;
O Christ, our Light, upon us shine Lest we to sin's dark ways incline.**

**We thank Thee that throughout the day Thine angles kept all harm away.
Thy grace from care and vexing fear Hath led us on in safety here.**

**Lord, if we angered Thee today, Remember not our sins, we pray,
But let Thy mercy o'er them sweep, And give us calm and restful sleep.**

**Let angels guard our sleeping hours And drive away all evil powers;
Our soul and body, while we sleep, In safety, gracious Father, keep. Amen.**

Opening Versicles

P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

C: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Reading – Psalm 102

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

² O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
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⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

⁸ And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. **C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

Reading – Exodus 2:11-25

¹¹ One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. ¹² He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. ¹³ When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together. And he said to the man in the wrong, “Why do you strike your companion?” ¹⁴ He answered, “Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?” Then Moses was afraid, and thought, “Surely the thing is known.” ¹⁵ When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian. And he sat down by a well.

¹⁶ Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came and drew water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. ¹⁷ The shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses stood up and saved them, and watered their flock. ¹⁸ When they came home to their father Reuel, he said, “How is it that you have come home so soon today?” ¹⁹ They said, “An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds and even drew water for us and watered the flock.” ²⁰ He said to his daughters, “Then where is he? Why have you left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread.” ²¹ And Moses was content to dwell with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah. ²² She gave birth to a son, and he called his name Gershom, for he said, “I have been a sojourner in a foreign land.”

²³ During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. ²⁴ And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. ²⁵ God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. **C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

Sermon Hymn TLH 414 “The Man is Ever Blest”

**The man is ever blest Who shuns the sinners' ways,
Among their counsels never stands, Nor takes the scorners' place.**

**But makes the Law of God His study and delight
Amid the labors of the day And watches of the night.**

**He like a tree shall thrive, With waters near the root;
Fresh as the leaf his name shall live, His works are heavenly fruit.**

**Not so the'ungodly race, They no such blessings find;
Their hopes shall flee like empty chaff Before the driving wind.**

**How shall they bear to stand Before that judgment-seat
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand In full assembly meet?**

**He knows, and He approves, The way the righteous go;
But sinners and their works shall meet A dreadful overflow. Amen.**

The Sermon

Offertory Hymn TLH 644 “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

△ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Magnificat

P: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

C: for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

P: For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

C: He has shown strength with His arm;

He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

P: He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

C: He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

P: He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his seed forever.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Prayers

Kyrie

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

Collects

Benedicamus

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Closing Hymn TLH 145 “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

**Jesus, Refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life’s desert dreary, Savior from the world above,
Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended, Gaze upon the sinner’s fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended, Thou didst bear the pain of all.**

**Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
Tho’ we see Thee wounded, bleeding, See Thy thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Thy sinless death hath brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Thy grace hath taught us Calms the sinner’s stormy breast.**

**Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for Thee!
May our eyes be ever turning To thy cross of agony
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior’s side,
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified! Amen.**

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