

+ AUGUST 16, 2020 +

WELCOME & OPENING HYMN

66 TO GOD BE THE GLORY (HWC)

sts. 1–2, Ref:

1 To God be the glory - great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that he gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in. **Refrain**

**Ref: Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory - great things He hath done!**

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **Refrain**

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(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

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

C **Amen.**

+ CONFESSSION AND ABSOLUTION +

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

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.**

P 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, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: TO GOD BE THE GLORY (HWC 66, verse 3)

2 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **Refrain**

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Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory - great things He hath done!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 2:4–22 NIV

⁴ Hear the word of the Lord, you descendants of Jacob,
all you clans of Israel.

⁵ This is what the Lord says:

“What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they strayed so far
from me?

They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves.

⁶ They did not ask, ‘Where is the Lord, who brought us up out of
Egypt

and led us through the barren wilderness,

through a land of deserts and ravines,

a land of drought and utter darkness,

a land where no one travels and no one lives?’

⁷ I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce.

But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance
detestable.

⁸ The priests did not ask, ‘Where is the Lord?’

Those who deal with the law did not know me;

the leaders rebelled against me.

The prophets prophesied by Baal, following worthless idols.

⁹ “Therefore I bring charges against you again,”

declares the Lord.

“And I will bring charges against your children’s children.

¹⁰ Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look,

send to Kedar and observe closely;

see if there has ever been anything like this:

¹¹ Has a nation ever changed its gods?

(Yet they are not gods at all.)

But my people have exchanged their glorious God

for worthless idols.

¹² Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with great horror,”

declares the Lord.

¹³ “My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken me, the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

¹⁴ Is Israel a servant, a slave by birth?
Why then has he become plunder?

¹⁵ Lions have roared; they have growled at him.
They have laid waste his land;
his towns are burned and deserted.

¹⁶ Also, the men of Memphis and Tahpanhes
have cracked your skull.

¹⁷ Have you not brought this on yourselves
by forsaking the Lord your God when he led you in the way?

¹⁸ Now why go to Egypt to drink water from the Nile?

And why go to Assyria to drink water from the Euphrates?

¹⁹ Your wickedness will punish you;
your backsliding will rebuke you.

Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you
when you forsake the Lord your God and have no awe of me,”
declares the Lord, the Lord Almighty.

²⁰ “Long ago you broke off your yoke and tore off your bonds;
you said, ‘I will not serve you!’ Indeed, on every high hill
and under every spreading tree you lay down as a prostitute.

²¹ I had planted you like a choice vine of sound and reliable stock.
How then did you turn against me into a corrupt, wild vine?

²² Although you wash yourself with soap and use an abundance of
cleansing powder,

the stain of your guilt is still before me,” declares the Sovereign
Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 7:37–39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ANCIENT WORDS

sts. 1–3, Ref:

1 Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart **Refrain**

**Ref: Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart**

2 Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home **Refrain**

3 Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ **Refrain**

**Ref: Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart**

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MESSAGE: THE STORY, CHAPTER 17: THE KINGDOMS' FALL

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**☐ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;**

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

INTRODUCTION

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PRAYER OF GATHERING (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.**

COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 550 LAMB OF GOD

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

**ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain**

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BENEDICTION

LSB 166

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.**

643 SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.

The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving; To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.

With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living; With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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