

PRELUDE "Come and Behold Him"

1. Come and behold Him;

Come, see His glory.

Come with an honest heart to see all He is.

We will discover all of His beauty.

His light will burn away all the darkness we've known.

Chorus:

Come and behold Him. Come and behold Him.

Come with an honest heart to see all He is.

Come and behold Him; wait now before Him.

Come with an honest heart to see all He is.

2. Come and behold Him;

Come, see His mercy.

Come find His tenderness reaching to you.

Just as a mirror shows a reflection,

His Word and Spirit come, now reflecting His Love.

Chorus

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin. Reconciling God,
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.**

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.**

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us;

through your love, renew us;

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READING

Romans 7:15-25a (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

145:8-14

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

All your works shall praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- out
all ages.**

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

(NRSV)

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

REFLECTION

Special Music "Rest"

1. I will rest in the promise of God to be with me,
I will rest in the knowledge God cares.
Though the world and its troubles confuse and disturb me
I will rest in the Lord in my prayers.

Chorus:

For the mercies of God are like showers in springtime.
Refreshing as rain in my soul.
They are more than the stars or the sand of the oceans,
They renew me, God's Love makes me whole.

2. For God came to the earth in the form of a servant
When the Word was made flesh in our Lord.
And He lived and He died on the cross to redeem me,
And He rose to make good on His Word.

Chorus:

3. I will sing of the promise of God to be with me,
I will sing with the heavenly throng.
For the mercies of God come to me without number,
Overwhelm me and fill me with song.

Chorus:

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. (All gathered are invited to share a sign of peace, maybe a wave or a peace sign, a hello from afar.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE (transition into drive up communion) "Light the Fire Again"

1. Don't let our love go cold.
I'm calling out, "Light the fire again."
Don't let our vision die.
I'm calling out, "Light the fire again."

2. You know my heart, my deeds.
I'm calling out, "Light the fire again."
I need Your discipline.
I'm calling out, "Light the fire again."

Bridge:
I'm here to buy gold refined in the fire.
Naked and poor, wretched and blind I come.
Clothe me in white so I won't be ashamed.
Lord, light the fire again."

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