

ORDER OF SERVICE

October 11, 2020

PRELUDE "You Make Me Lie Down in Green Pastures"

You make me lie down in green pastures, You make me wanting for nothing.
You fill my hunger with honey from Your sweet, sweet Word.
You let me worship before You so I will love and adore You,
You are my Shepherd, You are my Jesus, You are my Lord.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

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

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah

25:1-9

The feast of victory

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

PSALM

Psalm 23

You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no
evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

SECOND READING

Philippians

4:1-9

Rejoice in the Lord always

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

The parable of the unwelcome guest at the wedding feast

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY "I Want to Be Where You Are"

Verse:

I just want to be where You are, dwelling daily in Your presence;
I don't want to worship from afar, draw me near to where You are.

I just want to be where You are, in Your dwelling place forever;
Take me to the place where You are, I just want to be with You.

Chorus:

I want to be where You are, dwelling in Your presence;
Feasting at Your table, surrounded by Your glory;
In Your presence, that's where I always want to be,
I just want to be, I just want to be with You.
I just want to be, I just want to be with You.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.

Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink,

and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy: **Receive our prayer.**

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 are 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

Mothering God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Your Touch Is Loving"

Chorus:

Your touch is loving, Your grip is strong, as You walk with me all my life long.

(repeat)

Verse 1:

There is no peace that's deeper than Yours, Lord.

There's no joy I can celebrate more.

Grant me, I pray, Your grace each day.

There's no joy I can celebrate more.

Verse 2:

There's no love that's stronger than Yours, Lord.

There's no strength I can celebrate more.

Keep me, I pray, close to You each day.

There's no strength I can celebrate more.

Chorus:

Verse 3:

There is no hope that's brighter than mine, Lord.

There's no promise I can celebrate more.

Heaven waits, You say, after my final day.

There's no promise I can celebrate more.

Chorus:

