

## Prelude

### GATHERING

#### Gathering Hymn

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Hymn No. 392

Vs 1, 2, 3

#### Greeting

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

#### Hymn of Praise

“Now the Feast and Celebration”

Hymn No. 167

#### Prayer of the Day

*(Together)* **Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### Teaching Moment

#### Children’s Sermon

### WORD

#### First Lesson

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — <sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

*(After the reading:)* The word of the Lord. **R/ Thanks be to God.**

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**Psalm 1 (*Responsively*, Lector and People)**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that  
do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

**Second Lesson**

1 John 5:9–13

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the  
testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of  
God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made  
him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.

<sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

<sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have  
life. <sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that  
you may know that you have eternal life.

*(After the reading:)* The word of the Lord. **R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia,  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

John 17:6–19

*(Spoken after the announcement)* **R/ Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>6</sup>I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They  
were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know  
that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I  
have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from  
you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not  
asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they  
are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

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<sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

*(Spoken after the reading)* **R/ Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Krista Zimmerman

**Hymn of the Day**

“This Little Light of Mine”

Hymn No. 677

**SCS Teacher & Confirmation Guide Recognition**

**Nicene Creed**

*(Together)* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*(After each petition:)* Let us pray..... **Have mercy, O God.**

Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R/ And also with you.**

**MEAL**

**Choir Anthem**

"Beautiful in His Time"

Arr. Dan Forrest

**Offering**

**Offering Prayer**

*(Together)* **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**R/ And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

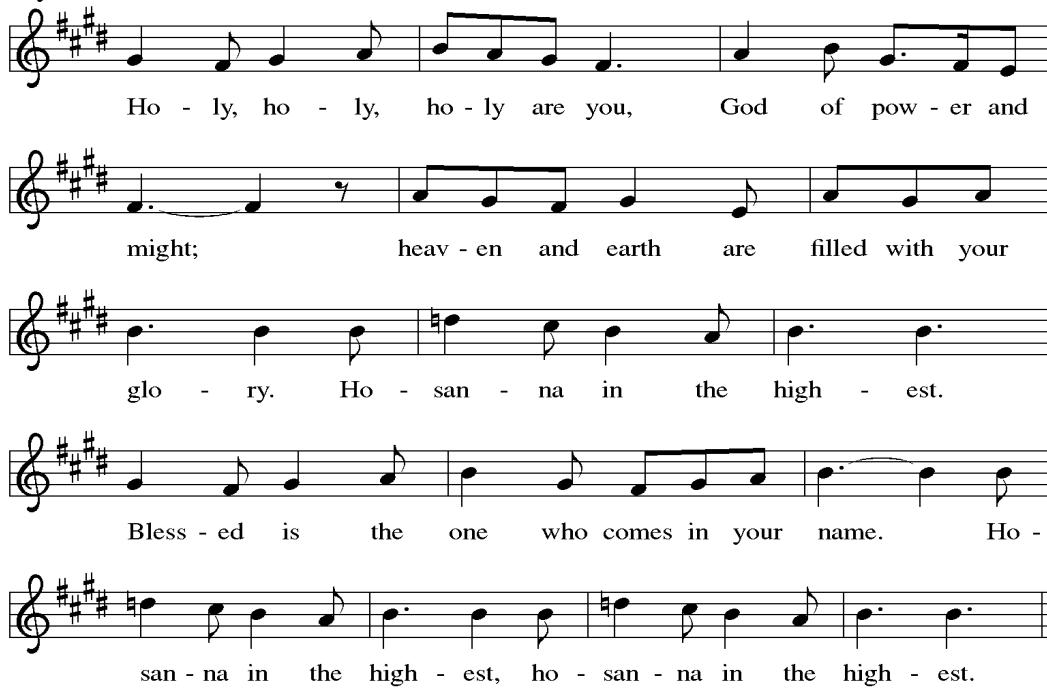
**R/ We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R/ It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Holy, living, and loving God... Through him all glory is yours Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

*(Together)* **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.**

### **Invitation**

Jesus said, "I am the true vine. Abide in me as I abide in you." All are welcome.

### **Lamb of God**

### **Distribution**

We invite all baptized Christians and visitors of all denominations, even the youngest, to the table of the Lord. Children who desire a blessing rather than receiving the bread and the wine should stand with folded hands to indicate their preference. Please follow the ushers' directions to one of several communion stations in the sanctuary. If you need to have the sacrament brought to your pew, please inform an usher. Receive the wine or indicate a preference for grape juice by asking the server or pointing to the center of the tray.

### **Distribution Hymns**

“One Bread, One Body”	Hymn No. 496
“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”	Hymn No. 752

### **Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**R/ Amen.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

*(Together)* **Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **Benediction**

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death,  
lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

**Amen.**

Jesus Christ, the Word of life,  
bless you and send you to be his witnesses.

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth,  
refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

**Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”	Hymn No. 543
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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. Serve the Lord.

**R/ Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Postlude



*The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!*

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