

--THE LORD’S PRAYER---Caribbean (Matthew 6:9-13)

Verse 1... Our Father who art in heaven.
Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 2...As in heaven, so on the earth.
Hallowed be Thy name. Give us this day our daily bread.
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 3... And forgive us, Lord, our trespasses.
Hallowed be Thy name. As we forgive those who
trespass against us. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 4...And lead us not into temptation.
Hallowed be Thy name. But deliver us from all evil.
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 5... For Thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory. Hallowed be Thy name.
Forever and evermore. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 6...Amen, amen, it shall be so.
Hallowed be Thy name. Amen, amen, it shall be so.
Hallowed be Thy name.

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“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” (Philippians 4:11-13)

Chorus...Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy
name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy
name.

Verse 1...The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to
sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies
before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. Chorus...

Verse 2...You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name
is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep
on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. Chorus...

(Instrumental Interlude)

Verse 3...And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end
draws near, and my time has come; still, my soul will sing Your
praise unending ten thousand years, and then evermore!

Sing Chorus twice, then...worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship
Your holy name. *Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship
Your holy name, worship Your holy name, worship Your holy name.*

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“All Who Are Thirsty”

(Revelation 21:6b; John 7:37-39; John 4:13-14; Psalm 42:7)
Verse...All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain
dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sorrow be
washed away in the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep.
Chorus...Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Repeat Verse and Chorus...
Repeat Verse and Chorus, then...
Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

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--COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and
preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
Depart + in peace.

--BENEDICTION

P. The grace of our + Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. Amen.

--CLOSING SONG “That’s Why We Praise Him”

Verse 1...He came to live, live a perfect life; He came to be the living
Word of Life; He came to die so we’d be reconciled; He came to rise,
to show His power and might.

Chorus...That's why we praise Him; That's why we sing;
That's why we offer Him our ev'rything; That's why we bow down
and worship this King, 'cause He gave His ev'rything, 'cause He
gave His ev'rything.

Verse 2...He came to live, live again in us; He came to be our
conquering King and Friend; He came to heal and show the lost
ones His love; He came to go prepare a place for us.

Repeat Chorus twice...

Bridge...Hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah; Hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah; Hal-le,
hal-le-lu-jah; Hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah;
Hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah; Hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah.

Repeat Chorus twice then... 'cause He gave His ev'rything,

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!
C. Thanks be to God!

***** TO GOD BE THE GLORY *****

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THE CONNECTION

July 20, 2025 10:30am

The Sacrament Of The Altar will be celebrated at the 10:30 AM
service. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a
differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is
asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.

--PRESERVICE SONG “Here I Am to Worship”

--ANNOUNCEMENTS

--WORSHIP SONG “I Will Follow” (Exodus 13:21-22; Luke 18:22)
Intro...Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;
when You move, I'll move. I will follow. Oh, oh, oh.

Verse 1...All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure;
I will trust in You alone. Higher than my sight, high above my life;
I will trust in You alone. In You alone.

Chorus...Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;
when You move, I'll move. I will follow (You.) Whom You love,
I'll love; how You serve, I'll serve; if this life I lose, I will follow
(You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.)

Verse 2...Light into the world, Light into my life I will live for You
alone. You're the One I seek, knowing I will find all I need in You
alone. In You alone. Chorus...

Bridge...In You, there's life everlasting. In You, there's freedom for
my soul. In You, there's joy, unending joy; and I will follow.

Sing Chorus twice, then...
I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

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(Please stand)

--INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the
Holy Spirit.
C. Amen

--CONFESSION OF SINS

- P. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- C. **Most merciful God, in Your kindness and love You have saved us. You’ve rescued us from the coldness of our sin. Yet, we still struggle to share Your warmth in our daily living. Our thoughts don’t always follow Your thoughts. Our ways often stray from Your ways. We sin against not only You, but against our neighbors, as well. Forgive us, dear Lord. Wrap us securely in Your love and lead us in Your good ways. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

--FORGIVNESS OF SINS

- P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, “You are forgiven.” In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. **Amen**

--STATEMENT OF FAITH **Apostles’ Creed**
(See the inside back cover of the hymnal or the screens)

(Please sit)

--FIRST LESSON **Genesis 18:1-14**

¹ The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?”

And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him.

¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?”

(continued...)

¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

- L. Here ends the first reading.
- C. **Thanks be to God.**

--SECOND LESSON **Colossians 1:21-29**

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

- L. Here ends the second reading.
- C. **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

--GOSPEL LESSON **Luke 10:38-42**

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

- P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.
- C. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please sit)

--CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG
“Awesome Is the Lord Most High” (Psalm 47:1-2)

Verse 1...Great are You, Lord, mighty in strength. You are faithful, and You will ever be. We will praise You all of our days. It's for Your glory we offer everything.

Chorus 1... Raise your hands all you nations. Shout to God all creation. How awesome is the Lord Most High.

Verse 2
Where You send us, God, we will go. You're the answer we want the world to know.
We will trust You when You call our name. Where You lead us we'll follow all the way.

Chorus 2...Raise your hands all you nations. Shout to God all creation. How awesome is the Lord Most High. We will praise You together, for now and forever how awesome is the Lord most high.

Bridge
Hallelujah, hallelujah. How awesome is the Lord most high.

Repeat Bridge, then Chorus 2 twice...then...the Lord Most high.

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--MESSAGE OF THE DAY
“THE EUNUCH WENT AWAY REJOICING”
(TEXT: ACTS 8:26-40)
The Rev. Peter Gueldner

(Please stand)

--PRAYERS
(Sung at beginning of prayers)
“The Spirit Intercedes For Us” (Romans 8:26)
The Spirit intercedes for us,
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

The pastor will conclude the prayers with:
“Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray...”

(Sung at end of the prayers)
“The Spirit Intercedes For Us” (Romans 8:26)
The Spirit intercedes for us,
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

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