

### Opening Hymns – Let Justice Roll

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### We've Come this Far by Faith

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**Officiant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.”

“Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

### Gloria



1. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry in the high-est! To God be glo-ry for- ev - er!  
2. Glo-ria a Dios, Glo-ria a Dios, Glo-ria en los cie- los! A Dios la glo-ria por siem -pre!

Al-le-lu-ia, a- men! Al-le-lu-ia, a- men! Al-le-lu-ia, a- men!

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also, with you.

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

**The Collect:** Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Children’s Sermon - Dr. Brandyn Heppard**

## The First Lesson

### Isaiah 65:1-9

**Lector:** A reading from Isaiah

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.  
I said, "Here I am, here I am,"  
to a nation that did not call on my name.  
I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;  
a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;  
who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;  
who say, "Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.  
See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps  
their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,  
says the LORD;  
because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.  
Thus says the LORD:  
As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, "Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it,"  
so, I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.  
I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

**Lector:** The word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

## **The Psalm: Psalm 22:18-27**

### ***Deus, Deus meus***

- 18 Be not far away, O LORD; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him, he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live forever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.

## **The Epistle**

### **Galatians 3:23-29**

**Lector:** A reading from Galatians

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

**Lector:** The word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

### Sequence: Hallelujah (Paramonatha Devaru Neene)



Hal - le - lu - jah, Ha - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, a - men.

### The Gospel Luke 8:26-39

**Officiant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time, he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So, he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So, he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he

might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So, he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

**Officiant:** The Gospel of the Lord

**People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**Sequence: Hallelujah (Paramonatha Devaru Neene)**

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: Hal - le - lu - jah, Ha - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, a - men.

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**The Nicene Creed**

**Officiant:** Let us stand and reaffirm our faith by reciting the words of the Nicene Creed

**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 the People**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unites us in bonds of love; and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; so that, in your good time, every people and nation may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne.

**People: Out of the darkness we cry to you, O God.**

Enable us to find in Christ the faith to trust your care even in the midst of pain. Assure us that we do not walk alone through the valley of the shadow, but that your light is leading us into life.

**People: Out of the darkness we cry to you, O God.**

O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams.

**People: Out of the darkness we cry to you, O God.**

O God, call us into a deeper relationship to be your church for the sake of the world. Help us to see with new eyes the injustices within church and society. Call us to have a loving heart that respects and uplifts the humanity and dignity of every person; open our ears to listen to and learn from the experiences of people of color. Open our mouths to speak up and about injustices. Join us with others to work for racial equity and inclusion for all people.

**People: Out of the darkness we cry to you, O God.**

**Officiant:** Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Peace**

**Officiant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also, with you.**

*Please be seated*

**Announcements**

**Birthday Prayer**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as s/he begins another year. Grant that s/he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of her/ his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Anniversary Prayer**

O God, be with N. and N., as they celebrate another year together. Deepen their love for each other, grant them joy, and make their life together a blessing to all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory sentence:

**Officiant:** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## Offertory: I Love the Lord

I love the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ Who heard my cry \_\_\_\_\_ and pit-ied  
ev - 'ry groan. \_\_\_\_\_ Long as I live \_\_\_\_\_ and trou-bles  
rise, \_\_\_\_\_ I'll has - ten to \_\_\_\_\_ God's throne.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. The vocal line is on a treble clef staff, and the piano accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line, with horizontal lines indicating where the notes align with the words. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

*(Let us stand)*

**Officiant:** As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,**

**your kingdom come,  
your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**Officiant:** The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. Everyone who is spiritually hungry is welcomed to this table.

### **Sharing Bread and Wine**

#### **Communion Hymn: Total Praise (Choir anthem)**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **Collect**

**Officiant:** O God, we know and have seen your goodness, and because of it, we cling to the hope that unity and liberation for all are within our grasp. Continue to show us your goodness, that we may have the strength to advance your kingdom with humility and grace, now and forever more. Amen.

#### **Closing Hymn: Freedom is Coming**

Oh freedom, oh freedom, oh freedom.  
(Freedom is coming, freedom is coming,  
freedom is coming, oh yes I know).  
Oh yes I know, oh yes I know, oh yes I know.

#### **Dismissal**

**Officiant:** Let us go forth into the world,  
Rejoice in the power of Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**