

Celebration of the Lord's Supper



October 18, 2020

Prelude

Invocation

Deacon: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Opening Music *Lamb of God*

Your only Son no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified they laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God
O wash me in His precious blood My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died but You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod and to be called a Lamb of God

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God
O wash me in His precious blood my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

*Confession and Absolution

Deacon: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

Deacon: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Words of Institution

*The General Dismissal & Benediction

Closing Song *Amazing Grace/ My Chains are Gone*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

Chorus My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

Chorus (x2)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine You are forever mine

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: We will. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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***If you take a bulletin, please do not leave it behind following the service. Please take all items with you. On communion Sundays, there will be a container at the back of the sanctuary to dispose of all communion items following the service.***

***Prayers for our community...***Please pray for comfort, healing, and strength for: **Trish** Hamilton; **Dorene** Huff; **Earnest** Thomas; **Roland** Schattschneider; **Sam** Robinson; **Josh** Levy; **Jim** Harvey; **Thomas** Geiger.

***Pray, also, for all who serve in our armed forces.*** **Peter** Pugliese; **Dan** Staynor; **Chris** Lanois; **Ryan** Heineman; **Evan** Taylor; **Graham** Sweitzer; **Eric** DeMarzio; **Scott** Campbell, **Branden** Yarrington; **Derek** Brewer

Deacon: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day** – O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**The First Lesson**                      Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: <sup>2</sup>“I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things.

**The Epistle Lesson**                      1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

***Jesus Loves Me***

Deacon: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-second chapter

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Matthew 22:15-22

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” <sup>21</sup>They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn**                                              *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer’s ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the heart’s unrest;  
’Tis manna to the hungry soul,  
And to the weary, rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding place;  
My never failing treasury filled  
With boundless stores of grace.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
Accept the praise I bring.

**Sermon**                                              Lay Deacon Paul Pugliese

**\*The Apostles Creed**  
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*The Prayers & The Lord’s Prayer**                      each petition will conclude “Lord in Your mercy” to which the congregation will respond, “hear our 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.**