



## WELCOME AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OPENING SONG PLEASE STAND

Ken Bible / Ralph Vaughn Williams **Psalm 150**  
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| <p><sup>1</sup> O God, magnificent in might,<br/>       Unbounded power, holy light,<br/>       We exalt You, hallelujah!<br/>       Your greatness soars beyond compare,<br/>       Above all praise, above all prayer,<br/>       We exalt You, hallelujah!<br/>       We exalt You, hallelujah!<br/>       Hallelujah!</p> | <p><sup>2</sup> With every sound at our command,<br/>       With every gift in every hand,<br/>       We exalt You, hallelujah!<br/>       With all our joy, with all our art,<br/>       With all our breath, with all our heart,<br/>       We exalt You, hallelujah!<br/>       We exalt You, hallelujah!<br/>       Hallelujah!</p> |
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### INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **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.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit
- C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

**O Sing to the Lord** LSB 808

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| <p><sup>1</sup> O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.<br/>       O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.<br/>       O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.<br/>       O sing to our God, O sing to our God.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.<br/>       For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.<br/>       For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.<br/>       O sing to our God, O sing to our God.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> So dance for our God, and blow all the trumpets.<br/>       So dance for our God, and blow all the trumpets.<br/>       So dance for our God, and blow all the trumpets.<br/>       And sing to our God, and sing to our God.</p> | <p><sup>4</sup> O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.<br/>       O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.<br/>       O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.<br/>       O sing to our God, O sing to our God.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!<br/>       For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!<br/>       For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!<br/>       O sing to our God, O sing to our God.</p> |
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### SALUTATION & COLLECT

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray ... O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**FIRST READING**

Acts 8:26–36, 38–40

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." <sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?"

<sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**SECOND READING**

1 John 4:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**ALLELUIA sung PLEASE STAND**

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**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

John 15:1–8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St John, chapter 15.**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** Praise to You, O Christ.**APOSTLES' CREED****C** 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS PLEASE BE SEATED**

**SERMON HYMN**

**Christ, the Word of God Incarnate** LSB 540 v. 1, 3, 5-6  
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- 1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate,  
Lord and Son of Abraham;  
Christ, the radiance of the Father,  
Perfect God, the great I AM;  
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished,  
Light and life You bring to all;  
Light our path with Your own presence,  
Grant us grace to heed Your call.
- 3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant  
From the stump of Jesse's tree;  
Christ, true vine, You nurture branches  
To bear fruit abundantly.  
Graft us into You, O Savior;  
Prune our hearts so we remain  
Fruitful branches in Your vineyard  
Till eternal life we gain.

- 5 Christ, the way that leads unailing  
To the Father's home on high,  
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,  
Christ, the life that cannot die.  
Mediator to the Father,  
Sacrifice and great High Priest:  
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,  
There to share Your wedding feast.

- 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,  
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
Christ, the life and resurrection,  
Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
Praise and thanks and adoration  
And unending worship be  
To the Father and the Spirit  
And to You eternally.

**SERMON**

**True Connection**

**OFFERTORY** PLEASE STAND

Public domain. **The Day of Resurrection** LSB 478 v. 4

All praise to God the Father, all praise to God the Son,  
All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne  
And honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *each petition ends with:*

- P** Lord in Your mercy  
**G** Hear our prayer.

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**PREFACE**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**G** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**G** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**G** 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.

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION** PLEASE BE SEATED

**COMMUNION SONGS** *projected*

**BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION** PLEASE STAND

- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**G** Thanks be to God.  
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**G** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

Public domain. **O God of Mercy, God of Might** LSB 852 v. 1, 4-6

- <sup>1</sup> O God of mercy, God of might,  
In love and pity infinite,  
Teach us, as ever in Thy sight,  
To live our lives in Thee.
- <sup>5</sup> In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
May we each other's burdens share;  
May we, where help is needed, there  
Give help as unto Thee!
- <sup>6</sup> And may Thy Holy Spirit move  
All those who live to live in love  
Till Thou shalt greet in heav'n above  
All those who live in Thee.
- <sup>4</sup> All are redeemed, both far and wide,  
Since Thou, O Lord, for all hast died.  
Grant us the will and grace provide  
To love them all in Thee!

## GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD!

# *Opportunities to Worship in Prayer for ...*

## THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS APRIL 28-MAY 4

Ruby Ollis-April 29

### OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS NEEDING HEALING & CARE

- Wayne Baetz – brother of Janet Curry, diagnosed with and undergoing treatment for prostate cancer  
Bill Beville – dealing with ongoing severe pain issues in his hands, shoulders, and back  
Randall Carlile – nephew of Karen Francis, dealing with the effects of cystic fibrosis  
Hillary Cruz – dealing with intense personal struggles  
John Fulmer – family member of Shirley Michels dealing with early-onset Alzheimer's  
Creighton Howard – close friend of Benton and Lisa Wofford, diagnosed with bone cancer  
Bill James – brother of Vic James, going through personal difficulties  
Saamel Kato – a child of a friend of the Mulimira/Najjemba family, awaiting a heart transplant  
Trudie Kinder – sister of Treva James, dealing with constant pain and the effects of Parkinson's disease  
Benjamin Landrey – grandson of Margaret Landrey, dealing with the ongoing effects of his childhood cancer  
Karen Landrey – wife of Paul Landrey, dealing with the ongoing effects of prolonged illness  
Lidia Paredes – mother of Ruben Vázquez, dealing with ongoing illness and the effects of old age  
Thom Quint – currently being treated for blood clots in left leg and right lung  
Pat Swofford – husband of Tammy Swofford, for renewed strength and continued wound healing  
Paula Vázquez – dealing with her ongoing cancer diagnosis  
Javian Waite – going through a very difficult season personally  
Tim Waite – preparing for back surgery  
Jan Weikum – dealing with several medical complications as a result of the injury to her leg  
Eric Willis – Executive Director of City Lights, diagnosed as cancer-free following chemotherapy  
Terry Woelper – undergoing medical tests and preparing for upcoming surgery

### OUR HOMEBOUND BROTHERS AND SISTERS

James Hall      Bob Imler      Jannie Main      Rose Nelson

### THOSE AROUND THE WORLD IN TIMES OF CRISIS & WAR

For the political distress in Haiti; and the wars in Gaza/Israel and in Ukraine

### A MISSION PRAYER

For food aid and relief workers in Gaza.

**Next Sunday, Church in the Park, 10 am      Leon Hogg Amphitheater, 1951 Bear Creek Pkwy, Euless**

#### APRIL ALTAR

First Sunday      Barbara Lozzi  
Second Sunday      Darlene Antoine  
Third Sunday      Laura Brammer  
Fourth Sunday      Doris Coleman

#### APRIL READERS

First Sunday      Sepi Whyte  
Second Sunday      Salma Carter  
Third Sunday      John Wallace  
Fourth Sunday      Laura Brammer

#### COMMUNION ASSIST

First Sunday      Jeff Lagowski  
Second Sunday      Vic James  
Third Sunday      Weldon Antoine  
Fourth Sunday      Phillip Walker

#### APRIL USHERS

Earl Morrison and Tim Waite

#### APRIL COUNTERS

Lisa and Benton Wofford

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