



## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

“I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD” - Seasonal Choir

## INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 119:33–35, 40–41

P Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

C **Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

P Lead me in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.

C **Behold, I long for Your precepts; in Your righteousness give me life! Let Your steadfast love come to me, O Lord, Your salvation according to Your promise.**

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Let us make confession of our sins to God, our gracious, heavenly Father.

C **Eternal God, we confess that we all have sinned and need forgiveness. By nature, we are sinful from the very beginnings of our lives. Through our thoughts, words, and deeds, we continually sin against You. We have lived for ourselves in many ways, breaking Your commands that direct us not to lie, steal, or transgress Your holy will. We have walked in the darkness of bad choices and have left unfulfilled opportunities to do good and be blessings to others. O God, in Your mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness and indifference, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. Graciously forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.**

P God promises to hear those who turn to Him with repentant hearts. Upon this your confession, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

C **Amen.**

## “ALWAYS”

**I BELIEVE YOU GAVE SIGHT TO THE BLIND**

**I BELIEVE THAT THE DEAD CAME TO LIFE**

**I BELIEVE THERE WERE WONDERS AND SIGNS**

**AND YOU'RE STILL THE SAME**

**I BELIEVE EVERY WORD THAT YOU SAID**

**I BELIEVE THERE ARE SCARS IN YOUR HANDS**

**THAT YOUR GOODNESS IS GOOD WITHOUT END  
AND YOU'LL NEVER CHANGE**

**I WILL TELL OF YOUR WONDERS  
SING OF YOUR GRACE  
THE GOD OF CREATION  
KNOWS ME BY NAME  
THE LORD IS FAITHFUL  
YESTERDAY NOW AND ALWAYS  
ALWAYS  
YOUR MERCY IS MIGHTY  
AGE AFTER AGE  
AND ALL GENERATIONS  
WILL BOW DOWN AND PRAISE  
THE LORD IS FAITHFUL  
YESTERDAY NOW AND ALWAYS  
ALWAYS**

**I BELIEVE YOU WILL COME IN THE CLOUDS  
I BELIEVE YOU ARE HERE EVEN NOW  
IN YOUR PRESENCE I KNOW THERE IS POWER  
POWER TO SAVE**

**I WILL TELL OF YOUR WONDERS  
SING OF YOUR GRACE  
THE GOD OF CREATION  
KNOWS ME BY NAME  
THE LORD IS FAITHFUL  
YESTERDAY NOW AND ALWAYS  
ALWAYS  
YOUR MERCY IS MIGHTY  
AGE AFTER AGE  
AND ALL GENERATIONS  
WILL BOW DOWN AND PRAISE  
THE LORD IS FAITHFUL  
YESTERDAY NOW AND ALWAYS  
ALWAYS**

**YOU WERE YOU ARE  
YOU ALWAYS WILL BE GOD  
YOU WERE YOU ARE  
YOU ALWAYS WILL BE GOD  
YES YOU ALWAYS WILL BE GOD**

**I WILL TELL OF YOUR WONDERS  
SING OF YOUR GRACE  
THE GOD OF CREATION  
KNOWS ME BY NAME**

**THE LORD IS FAITHFUL  
YESTERDAY NOW AND ALWAYS  
ALWAYS  
YOUR MERCY IS MIGHTY  
AGE AFTER AGE  
ALL GENERATIONS  
WILL BOW DOWN AND PRAISE  
THE LORD IS FAITHFUL  
YESTERDAY NOW AND ALWAYS  
ALWAYS**

**YOU WERE YOU ARE  
YOU ALWAYS WILL BE GOD  
YOU WERE YOU ARE  
YOU ALWAYS WILL BE GOD  
YES YOU ALWAYS WILL BE GOD**

**YOUR MERCY IS MIGHTY  
AGE AFTER AGE  
ALL GENERATIONS  
WILL BOW DOWN AND PRAISE  
THE LORD IS FAITHFUL  
YESTERDAY NOW AND ALWAYS**

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## **SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **THE OLD TESTAMANE READING**

**Isaiah 42:14–21**

<sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. <sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. <sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind in a way

that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. <sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." <sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! <sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord? <sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. <sup>21</sup>The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### THE EPISTLE LESSON

**Ephesians 5:8–14**

<sup>8</sup>For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### THE HOLY GOSPEL John 9:1–41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." <sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." <sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and

that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup>(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” <sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup>He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup>They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup>He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup>And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup>The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. <sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” <sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise to You, O Christ.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### “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 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.**

**... O wash me in His precious blood,  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

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**SERMON - Pastor Jim Belles**

**OFFERING AND CONNECTION CARDS**

**“NOTHING WITHOUT YOU”**

**Take these hands  
And lift them up,  
For I have not the strength  
To praise You near enough.  
See, I have nothing, Jesus,  
I have nothing without You.**

**And take my voice  
And pour it out;  
Let it sing the songs  
Of mercy I have found.  
For I have nothing, Jesus,  
I have nothing without You.**

**AND ALL MY SOUL NEEDS  
IS ALL YOUR LOVE TO COVER ME  
SO ALL THE WORLD WILL SEE  
THAT I HAVE NOTHING  
WITHOUT YOU.**

**Take my body  
And build it up;  
May it be broken as  
An offering of love.  
For I have nothing, Jesus,  
I have nothing without You.**

**AND ALL MY SOUL NEEDS  
IS ALL YOUR LOVE TO COVER ME  
SO ALL THE WORLD WILL SEE  
THAT I HAVE NOTHING...**

*But I love You,  
with all my heart,  
with all my soul,  
with all my mind,  
and all the strength  
that I can find.*

**Take my time here  
On this earth,  
And let it glorify  
All that You are worth.  
For I am nothing, Jesus,  
I am nothing without You.**

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## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And we believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
we acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,**

**and we look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.**

### **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.  
God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [*name(s)*] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

- C 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.**

### **BENEDICTION**

**“WHO YOU SAY I AM” Romans 8:31-39**

**(SOLO)**

**Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost, but He brought me in  
Oh, His love for me  
Oh, His love for me**

**(ALL)**

**WHO THE SON SETS FREE  
OH, IS FREE INDEED  
I’M A CHILD OF GOD  
YES, I AM**

**Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes, He died for me**

**WHO THE SON SETS FREE  
OH, IS FREE INDEED  
I’M A CHILD OF GOD  
YES, I AM**

**IN MY FATHER’S HOUSE  
THERE’S A PLACE FOR ME  
I’M A CHILD OF GOD  
YES, I AM**

**(SOLO)**

**I am chosen, not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me  
I am who You say I am**

**(ALL)**

**I am chosen, not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me  
I am who You say I am  
I am who You say I am**

**WHO THE SON SETS FREE  
OH, IS FREE INDEED  
I’M A CHILD OF GOD  
YES, I AM**

**IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE  
THERE'S A PLACE FOR ME  
I'M A CHILD OF GOD  
YES, I AM**

**IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE  
THERE'S A PLACE FOR ME  
I'M A CHILD OF GOD  
YES, I AM**

*Instrumental break*

**Bridge**

**I am chosen, not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me  
I am who You say I am**

**I am chosen, not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me  
I am who You say I am**

**I am chosen, not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me  
I am who You say I am  
I am who You say I am  
Yes, I am who You say I am**

**WHO THE SON SETS FREE  
OH, IS FREE INDEED  
I'M A CHILD OF GOD  
YES, I AM**

**IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE  
THERE'S A PLACE FOR ME  
I'M A CHILD OF GOD  
YES, I AM**

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