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LWML Sunday

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“With the Lord Begin Your Task”

- ♪ With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it. For His aid and counsel ask;
Jesus will perfect it. Ev’ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him commended.
- ♪ Let each day begin with prayer, Praise, and adoration. On the Lord cast ev’ry care;
He is your salvation. Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter’s might, With His presence cheer you.
- ♪ With your Savior at your side, Foes need not alarm you; In His promises confide,
And no ill can harm you. All your trust and hope repose In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.
- ♪ If your task be thus begun With the Savior’s blessing, Safely then your course will run,
Toward the promise pressing, Good will follow ev’rywhere While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.
- ♪ Thus, Lord Jesus, ev’ry task Be to You commended; May Your will be done, I ask,
Until life is ended. Jesus, in Your name begun Be the day’s endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise forever.

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Invocation

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

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Psalm 32:5

Since we are gathered to have our faith strengthened by hearing God’s Word and by receiving our Lord’s body and blood in the fellowship of this altar, but cannot come before God in our sinful condition, let us seek His infinite mercy and ask our heavenly Father’s forgiveness.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

In Holy Baptism our heavenly Father declared us to be His children and united us to His Son, by whose death and resurrection all our sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Psalmody

Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes.”

Matthew 21:5a

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me. And let us exalt His name together.

Psalm 34:1-3

Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes.”

Matthew 21:5a

Kyrie

O Lord,

Have mercy on us.

O Christ,

Have mercy on us.

O Lord,

Have mercy on us.

Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated*

“All Glory Be to God on High”

- ♪ All glory be to God on high And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify A child of God forever. God shows His good and gracious will
And grants His peace, the world to fill All strife at last has ended.
- ♪ We praise and laud and worship You; We give You thanks forever,
O Father, for Your rule is true And just and changes never, With boundless pow’r,
Your mighty reign Fulfills whatever You ordain. Lord grant us ev’ry blessing!
- ♪ O Jesus Christ, the only Son Begotten of the Father, Your saving death has made us one
With God and with each other, O Lamb of God, to You on high
In our distress we sinners cry, Have mercy on us, amen!
- ♪ O Holy Spirit, our delight And source of consolation, Protect us from the devil’s might
Through Jesus, our salvation, Who by His death upon a tree
Has rescued us from misery: To this we hold forever.

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Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, You announce Your will for us in mysterious and troubling ways. We pray that, as Mary once heard and accepted the angel’s message of Your will, we too many hear Your call and respond with full faith and willingness to serve; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3:1–10

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.

⁶And the Lord called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Luke 1:26–38

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and

will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”
³⁴And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”
³⁵And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Children’s Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

- ♪ Children of the heav’nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e’er was given.
- ♪ God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms he bears them.
- ♪ Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- ♪ Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne’er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

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Proclamation of the Word

“Ready to Serve!”

Luke 1:38

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus *Music: "Thine The Amen" Hymn 680*

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Distribution Hymn *Please Be Seated*

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

♪ I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole:
~Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

♪ Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. ~Lord,...

♪ Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy Lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art. ~Lord,...

♪ Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. ~Lord,...

♪ What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. ~Lord,....

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Nunc Dimittis *Music: "O Savior, Precious Savior", Hymn 527*

♪ O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

♪ All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on You with favor and + give You peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

♪ Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His statutes still!

Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!

♪ Order my footsteps by Thy Word And make my heart sincere;

Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

♪ Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;

And should I e'er forget Thy way, Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

♪ Make me to walk in Thy commands- 'Tis a delightful road-

Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.

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Postlude