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OPENING HYMN

“Speak, O Lord”

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re-ceive the food
Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence,
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights



of your Ho - ly Word. Take your truth,
true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts
of your plans for us. Truths un - changed



plant it deep in us; Shape and fash-ion us in your
and our at - ti-tudes In the ra - di - ance of your
from the dawn of time, That will e - cho down through e -



like - ness That the light of Christ might be seen to - day
pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
- ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es,



In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All your
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail, Let their
Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built And you



pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
fill the earth with your glo - ry.

INVOCATION

P (Pastor): We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C (Congregation): Amen.

P: Taste and see that the LORD is good;

C: Blessed are those who take refuge in him.

P: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,

C: And his ears are attentive to their cry.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sins and our need for forgiveness.

C: Lord, you invite us to your heavenly banquet, but we are so easily distracted. We are too busy. We make excuses. We say with our mouths that we belong to you, but we continue to live lives dressed in rebellion. Clothe us with your righteousness. Open our hearts to receive the nourishment our souls so desperately need. Spirit of God, give us a hearty appetite for your life-giving Word.

P: God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Chronicles 30:1-5, 10-22

¹ Hezekiah sent word to all Israel and Judah and also wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh, inviting them to come to the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem and celebrate the Passover to the Lord, the God of Israel. ² The king and his officials and the whole assembly in Jerusalem decided to celebrate the Passover in the second month. ³ They had not been able to celebrate it at the regular time because not enough priests had consecrated themselves and the people had not assembled in Jerusalem. ⁴ The plan seemed right both to the king and to the whole assembly. ⁵ They decided to send a proclamation throughout Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, calling the people to come to Jerusalem and celebrate the Passover to the Lord, the God of Israel. It had not been celebrated in large numbers according to what was written.

¹⁰ The couriers went from town to town in Ephraim and Manasseh, as far as Zebulun, but people scorned and ridiculed them. ¹¹ Nevertheless, some from Asher, Manasseh and Zebulun humbled themselves and went to Jerusalem. ¹² Also in Judah the hand of God was on the people to give them unity of mind to carry out what the king and his officials had ordered, following the word of the Lord.

¹³ A very large crowd of people assembled in Jerusalem to celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread in the second month. ¹⁴ They removed the altars in Jerusalem and cleared away the incense altars and threw them into the Kidron Valley.

¹⁵ They slaughtered the Passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the second month. The priests and the Levites were ashamed and consecrated themselves and brought burnt offerings to the temple of the Lord. ¹⁶ Then they took up their regular positions as prescribed in the Law of Moses the man of God. The priests splashed against the altar the blood handed to them by the Levites. ¹⁷ Since many in the crowd had not consecrated themselves, the Levites had to kill the Passover lambs for all those who were not ceremonially clean and could not consecrate their lambs to the Lord. ¹⁸ Although most of the many people who came from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun had not purified themselves, yet they ate the Passover, contrary to what was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, “May the Lord, who is good, pardon everyone ¹⁹ who sets their heart on seeking God—the Lord, the God of their ancestors—even if they are not clean according to the rules of the sanctuary.” ²⁰ And the Lord heard Hezekiah and healed the people.

²¹ The Israelites who were present in Jerusalem celebrated the Festival of Unleavened Bread for seven days with great rejoicing, while the Levites and priests praised the Lord every day with resounding instruments dedicated to the Lord.

²² Hezekiah spoke encouragingly to all the Levites, who showed good understanding of the service of the Lord. For the seven days they ate their assigned portion and offered fellowship offerings and praised the Lord, the God of their ancestors.

PSALM 23

P: The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures,

P: he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

C: He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.

P: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil,

C: for you are with me;

P: your rod and your staff,

C: they comfort me.

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

C: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

P: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

C: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 11:1-10

¹ I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. ² God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don’t you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: ³ “Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me”? ⁴ And what was God’s answer to him? “I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” ⁵ So too, at the

present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. ⁶ And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

⁷ What then? What the people of Israel sought so earnestly they did not obtain. The elect among them did, but the others were hardened, ⁸ as it is written:

“God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that could not see and ears that could not hear, to this very day.”

⁹ And David says:

“May their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them.

¹⁰ May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever.”

SERMON HYMN

“By Grace I’m Saved”

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By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-
By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble. In trib - u-
By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; In Je - sus



- lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver at this word of
- la - tion's fur - nace tried - By grace, de - spite all fear and
prom - ise I re - joice. For though I know my heart's con-



prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood
trou - ble, The Fa - ther's heart is o - pen
- di - tion, I al - so know my Sav - ior's



taught? So then this word must true re-
wide. Where could I help and strength se-
voice. My heart is glad; all grief has



- main: By grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
- cure If grace were not my an - chor sure?
flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

SERMON TEXT

Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴ “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵ “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸ “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

¹³ “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

¹⁴ “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

The Wedding Banquet You Don't Want to Miss!

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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 fo the body, and the life everlasting Amen.

PRAYER

THE 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: The grace of the Lord (†) Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound”

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A - maz - ing grace-how sweet the sound - That saved a
The Lord has prom-ised good to me; His Word my
Through man - y dan - gers, -toils, and snares I have al-
When we've been there ten thou-sand years, Bright shin - ing



wretch like me! I once was lost but now am
hope se - cures. He will my shield and por - tion
- read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus
as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's



found, Was blind but now I see.
be As long as life en - dures.
far, And grace will lead me home.
praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

*For the law was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

John 1:17

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