

Festival Worship

September 14 & 15, 2019

5:30 pm & 8:15 am

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” 901
vs 1-4

♪Open now Thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before Thee;
come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
let it be Thy temple now!

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken:
let me keep Thy gift divine,
how so e'er temptations thicken;
may Thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life,
as my comfort in all strife.

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INVOCATION

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

Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *pg. 151*

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

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

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

KYRIE *(p. 152)*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” 901
vs 5

**Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
while Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?” The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:1-15

He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to Thee, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“What Is The World To Me” 730

**What is the world to me with all its vaunted pleasure
when You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord, my soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
The world seeks to be praised and honored by the mighty
yet never once reflects that they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize above all things is He,
my Jesus, He alone. What is the world to me!
The world seeks after wealth and all that mammon offers
yet never is content though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good, content with it I'll be:
my Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,
my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my pleasure,
my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!**

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SERMON

NICENE CREED

I 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 I 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 I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

PREFACE *(p. 160)*

The Lord be with you.

♪ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

♪ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

SANCTUS *(p. 161)*

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

♪ **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *(p. 163)*

♪ **Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“O Savior Precious Savior” 527

♪ O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, all other names above,
We worship Thee; we bless Thee; to Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, our holy Lord and King.
 O bringer of salvation, who wondrously hast wrought
 Thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought,
 We worship Thee; we bless Thee; To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 We praise Thee and confess Thee, our gracious Lord and King.
In Thee all fullness dwelleth, all grace and pow'r divine;
the glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee; we bless Thee; to Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, our glorious Lord and King.
 Oh, grant the consummation of this our song above
 in endless adoration and everlasting love;
 Then shall we praise and bless Thee where perfect praises ring,
 and evermore confess Thee, our Savior and our King!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee” 632

♪ O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee
my heartfelt thanks forever be,
who hast so lovingly bestowed
on me Thy body and Thy blood.
 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
 What wealth is come to me this day!
 my Savior dwells within my heart:
 How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

THANKSGIVING CANTICLE *(p. 164)*

♪ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Sent Forth by God's Blessing” 643

♪ Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us

to work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face.**

**Our faith ever-sharing, in love ever-caring,
embracing His children of each tribe and race.**

**With Your feast You feed us, with Your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.**

**Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

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