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CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

Growing God's Family

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

**WE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO THE VISITORS AND GUESTS AMONG US.
WE PRAY THAT TODAY'S SERVICE IS A BLESSING TO YOU. PLEASE COME AGAIN!**

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER: We are celebrating the Sacrament of the Altar today. This is The Lord's Table. As a church and body of Christians we believe this:

We will be receiving the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, in, with and under, the bread and wine.

When we receive Jesus' true body and blood, we receive the forgiveness of sins.

By communing together with our Lord and one another, we express a common belief that Jesus is in truth the Son of God, and our Savior; He is present in this Sacrament in a very real way; that Christ's sacrificial death assures us of complete forgiveness of our sins; and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a life that honors God.

If you share all these convictions, then you are welcome to come and celebrate the blessings of our Altar today. Please note that cups at the center of each tray are "non-alcoholic" wine for those who prefer such for medicinal and personal reasons. Pastor Erler is available before service if you have any questions.

A **NURSERY** with an attendant is available during worship service. You are welcome to use this service. Ask an usher for directions.

PRAYERS FOR WORSHIP

BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

BEFORE COMMUNING

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Before The Throne Of God Above

Music by Vikki Cook
Words by Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook

♩ = 76

VERSE

C Dm/C C



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with -
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous -
4. I bow be - fore the cross of Christ, and mar - vel at this love di -

4 Em F G Am F Dm F/G



plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
-in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my
-ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I Am", the King of glo - ry and of
-vine, God's per - fect Son was sac - ri - ficed to make me right - eous in God's

8 C F C/E G^{SUS} G C F C/E



me. My name is grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - iour died my sin - ful soul is count - ed
grace. One with Him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased with His
eyes. This riv - er's depths I can - not know, but I can glo - ry in its

12 Am F C/E G Am Am/G F Dm F/G



heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -
free, for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don
blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Sav - iour and my
flood; The Lord Most High has bowed down low, and poured on me His glo - rious

16 Am F Dm F/G C



-part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
me, to look on Him and par - don me.
God, with Christ, my Sav - iour and my God.
love, and poured on me His glo - rious love.

Please stand

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

C **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

C **O Lord, who could stand?**

P But with You there is forgiveness;

C **therefore You are feared.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

Absolution

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

At Your Name

Words and Music by
Phil Wickham and Tim Hughes

VERSE

G

1. At Your name _____ the moun-tains shake and _ crum-
 (2. At Your name) _____ the morn-ing breaks in _ glo -

3 C G

- ble. At Your name _ the o-ceans roar and _ tum-
 - ry. At Your name _ cre - a - tion sings Your _ sto -

7 C D Em

- ble. At Your name _ an-gels will bow, _ the earth will re - joice, -
 - ry. At Your name _ an-gels will bow, _ the earth will re - joice, -

CHORUS

11 C D G^{sus} G

_ Your peo - ple cry out. _ Lord of all the earth, we
 _ Your peo - ple cry out. _ (we'll)

14 Em

shout Your name, shout Your name; Fill - ing up the skies with

16 D Last time to Coda ☪

end - less praise, end - less praise. Yah - weh, Yah - weh, _ we

18 1. C G

love to shout Your name, oh _ Lord. _ 2. At Your name

21 2.
C G

love to shout Your name, oh ___ Lord. _____ There is

BRIDGE

24 D Em C D

no one like our God; We will praise You, praise You. There's no one like our God; We will

27 1. 2.
G C D Em D D.S. al Coda

sing! We will sing! There is sing! _____

⊕ Coda

30 C G

love to shout Your name, oh ___ Lord. ___

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After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle

James 1:12-18

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

**☩ 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.**

Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)

Original Words by Robert Robinson

Arrangement, New Words

and Music by Chris Tomlin

♩ = 68

INTRO

F#m

D²

A

F#m

D²



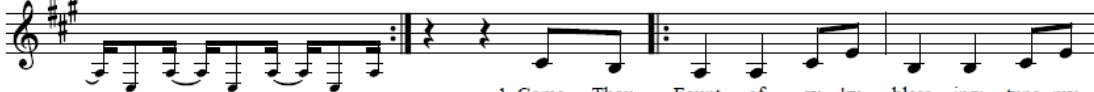
VERSE

4

A

A

E



1. Come Thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing; tune my
 (2. Here I) raise my Eb-e-nez-er; hith-er
 (3. Oh, to) grace, how great a debt-or dail-y

8

D²

A

E



heart to sing Thy _ grace. Streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing call for
 by Thy help I _ come. And I hope by Thy good pleas-ure, safe-ly
 I'm con-strained to _ be. Let Thy good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my

12

D²

A

F#m

D²

A



songs of loud-est _ praise. Teach me _ some mel-o-dious son-net sung by
 to ar-rive at _ home. Je-sus _ sought me when a strang-er wan-d'ring
 wan-d'ring heart to _ Thee. Prone to _ wan-der, Lord, I feel _ it; prone to

16

F#m

D²

A

E

D²



flam-ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount, I'm fixed up - on it, mount of Thy re-deem-ing
 from the fold of God. He to res-cue me from dan-ger in-ter-posed His pre-cious
 leave the God I love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a -

21

A

1.

2, 3.

CHORUS 1a

D²

A



love. 2. Here I How Your kind-ness yet pur-sues me! How Your
 blood.
 -bove.

26 D^2 A D^2 $F\#m^7$ D^2 E

mer - cy nev - er fails me! 'Til the day that death shall loose me, I will sing, oh, I ___ will _

2nd time to Coda Φ

31 **TURNAROUND** $F\#m$ D^2 A $F\#m$ D^2 A

— sing.

35 $F\#m$ D^2 A $F\#m$ D^2 D.S. al Coda

3. Oh, to

38 Φ Coda D^2 E A D^2 A **CHORUS 1b**

sing, oh, I ___ will ___ sing. How Your kind - ness yet pur - sues me! How Your

42 D^2 A D^2 $F\#m^7$ D^2 E

mer - cy nev - er fails me! 'Til the day that death shall loose me, I will sing, oh, I ___ will _

47 **INSTRUMENTAL** A A/C# D^2 E $F\#m^7$ D^2 E A

— sing! 'Til the day that death shall loose me, I will sing, oh, I ___ will ___ sing.

52 **ENDING** $F\#m$ D^2

Prone to ___ wan - der, Lord, I

56 A $F\#m$ D^2 A E

feel ___ it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it

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Sermon

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

The Pastor will end each petition with the phrase, "Lord in Your Mercy".
 The congregation will respond "**Hear our Prayer**".

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

**☐ 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 Institution

Please be seated

Please note:

St. Mark Lutheran Church is a congregation and a body of Christians believing firmly God's Word which says that in Holy Communion we truly and really receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus as we receive the earthly elements of bread and wine. His body and blood *are not symbolically present or spiritually received*, but real and tangible *in* the bread and wine, *with* the bread and wine, *under the bread and wine by the authority of Jesus' words*, and given to us as His pledge of love and forgiveness.

Holy Communion is a gift of God intended for those who have been baptized and confirmed in the Christian Faith. Within our Lutheran Church, we ask that a confirmation be done according to our Lutheran understanding. It is imperative, according to 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, for a communicant to spiritually examine himself before coming to the Lord's Table.

A brief examination would include answering "Yes" to the following five questions:

Do you believe that you are a sinner by nature and by choice?

Are you truly sorry for your sins?

Do you believe Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior from sin Who graciously forgives your sins?

Do you intend, by the power of the Holy Spirit to make the needed changes in your sinful life?

Do you believe you receive the true body and blood of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine?

Distribution

Please stand

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray...Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the Day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

A Let us bless the Lord.

C 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.

C Amen.

The Blessing

Words and Music by
Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe and Steven Furtick

♩ = 70 VERSE

G C²(no3) G

The Lord bless you _ and keep you, make his face shine _ up - on -

4 D⁽⁴⁾ Em⁷ C²(no3)

_ you and be gra - cious _ to you. The Lord turn his _ face toward you

7 G D⁽⁴⁾ G G^{sus} Em⁷ C²(no3) CHORUS

and give you peace. _ A - men, a -

12 G D⁽⁴⁾ Em⁷ C²(no3) G

-men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a -

17 INSTRUMENTAL

1. D⁽⁴⁾ D.C. 2. 4. D⁽⁴⁾ D.S. 3. 5. D⁽⁴⁾ (2nd x to Br.) Em⁷

-men. - men. - men. (May his fa) -

21 C²(no3) G D⁽⁴⁾

May his fa -
(May his pres) -
(In the mom)-

BRIDGE

24

Em⁷

C²(no3)



- vor be up - on _ you and a thou - sand gen - er - a - tions and your fam -
- ence go be - fore _ you and be - hind _ you and be - side _ you, all a - round
- ing, in the eve - ning, in your com - ing and your go - ing, in your weep -

26

G

1.
D⁽⁴⁾

(repeat as desired)



- 'ly and your chil - dren and their chil - dren _ and their chil - dren. May his fa -
_ you and with - in _ you. He is with
- ing and re - joic - ing, He is for

28

2, 3, 5, 6.
D⁽⁴⁾

4, 7.
D⁽⁴⁾



- dren _ and their chil - dren. May his pres - _ you, _ he is for _ you. He is for _
_ you, _ he is with _ you. In the morn -

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