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**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*Celebrated using liturgy from Evangelical Lutheran Worship as an expression of the common mission between All Saints' and Christ the King.*

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE**

Take My Hand, Precious Lord

Thomas A. Dorsey  
arrs. Horace Clarence Boyer

**PROCESSION**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Celebrant:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy.**

**Amen.**

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**Amen.**

**GREETING**

*Celebrant:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-20**

A reading from 1 Samuel:

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the 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. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and 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. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up 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." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

After the reading: The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17**

**1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

**2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

**3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

**4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.**

**5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

**12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

**13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

**14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.**

**15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.**

**16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!**

**17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

After the reading: The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Standing*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(said in unison)*

**Alleluia. We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us grace and truth.**

**Alleluia.** *(John 1:41, 17)*

**GOSPEL: John 1:43-51**

*The gospel is announced:*

The holy gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Phillip Parker

*Standing*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** *(said in unison)*

*With the whole church, we confess our faith.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN**

The people who in darkness walked

Tune: *Dundee*

*The people who in darkness walked  
have seen a glorious light;  
on them broke forth the heavenly dawn  
who dwelt in death and night.*

*To hail thy rising, Sun of life,  
the gathering nations come,  
joyous as when the reapers bear  
their harvest treasures home.*

*To us the promised Child is born,  
to us the Son is given;  
him shall the tribes of earth obey,  
and all the hosts of heaven.*

*His name shall be the Prince of Peace  
for evermore adored,  
the Wonderful, the Counselor,  
the mighty God and Lord.*

*His power increasing still shall spread,  
his reign no end shall know;  
justice shall guard his throne above,  
and peace abound below.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound, that God console all who suffer, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For our neighborhood, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning, and for those absent from our assembly, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Remembering especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael and Elizabeth, our Presiding Bishops; Brian and Kevin, our Bishops; Phillip, our Rector; Billy, our Deacon; Rufus, our Postulant; and our witness to Christ; grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, remembering especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Maggie Grace Bullock, Harrison Bean, Spencer Kirkpatrick, Lynn Bryan, Jacob Krusen, Matt Maharrey, Jeanne Pate, Jim Newman and John Browning; those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week, especially Belva and Pete Poland; grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Remembering especially those on our prayer list, Tori Darsey and Grant Pate.

In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Reconciled in Christ, we share God's peace with one another.*

## **THANKSGIVING**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*The Celebrant introduces the Lord's Prayer.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**BLESSING**

*The Celebrant proclaims God's blessing.*

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Postludium*

Flor Peeters

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The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.