

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

**GATHERING**

*Congregational Responses in Bold Print*

**PRELUDE**      *Morning Tribute*      LEATHERMAN

**CONFESSION**

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. Amen.*

*Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another. Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

***Eternal God our creator, in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins. Amen.*

**HYMN**      # 733      ***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***      FAITHFULNESS

**GREETING**

*Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. And also with you.*

**HYMN OF PRAISE**      #870      ***We Praise You, O God***      (stanza 1 only)

**We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Let us prayer together. Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Lamentations 3: 22-33**

*The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BC. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.*

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup>“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. <sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. <sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, <sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, <sup>29</sup>to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), <sup>30</sup>to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

<sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not reject forever. <sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; <sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

The Word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15**

*Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.*

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

The Word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 5th chapter.*      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL      Mark 5: 21-43

*Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage is ritually unclean, treated as an outcast in Jewish society. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.*

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the

synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**     *Rev. Christian Dittmar*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**   #607   *Come, Ye Disconsolate*   CONSOLATOR

### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

*With voices united, let us 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.**

### **THE PRAYERS**

*Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God’s merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.. (A brief silence.)*

*... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

### **MEAL**

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE**

*The peace of Christ be with you always.     **And also with you.***

*Let us share the Spirit of Peace!*

**OFFERING**     *God Bless America*     Brass Ensemble

**OFFERTORY # 692** *We Are an Offering* OFFERING

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.  
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands, Lord use our lives, they are yours:  
we are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering,  
we are an offering.**

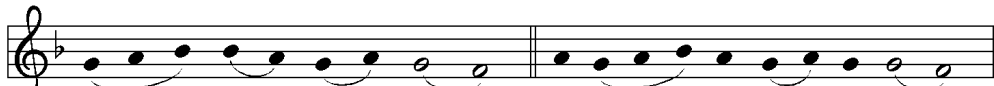
**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Let us pray. Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*


**GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



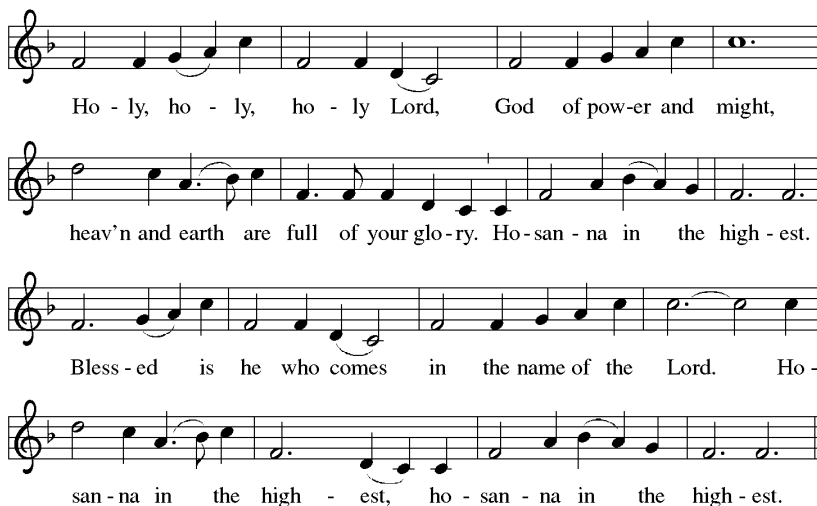
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.*

**LAMB OF GOD #336 *Lamb of God* YOUR ONLY SON**

## SONGS DURING COMMUNION

#887 *This Is My Song*  
#612 *Healer of Our Every Ill*

*The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.*

**SENDING SONG** #534 *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name* (stanzas 1,2 only) ELLERS

Savior, again to your dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
Once more we bless you ere our worship cease,  
Then, lowly bending, wait your word of peace.

Grant us your peace, Lord, through our homeward way;  
With you began, with you shall end the day;  
Guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon your name.

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Let us pray. Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.*

### **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

*May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father,  $\text{+}$  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.*

**SENDING HYMN** #890 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* BATTLE HYMN

#### **DISMISSAL**

*Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. Thanks be to God.*

**POSTLUDE** *Fantasia on America, the Beautiful* KOURY

*Moving One Step Closer to God.*

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