**AN ORDER FOR ANTE-COMMUNION**

**ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER**

**HYMN CP 560 God, Whose Almighty Word v 1 2 4**

God, whose almighty Word

Chaos and darkness heard,

And took their flight;

Hear us, we humbly pray,

And where the gospel day

Sheds not its glorious ray,

Let there be light!

Saviour, who came to bring

On your redeeming wing,

Healing and sight;

Health to the sick in mind,

Sight to the inly blind;

Now for all humankind

Let there be light!

Gracious and holy Three,

Glorious Trinity,

Wisdom, love, might,

Boundless as ocean’s tide,

Rolling in fullest pride;

Through the world far and ide

Let there be light!

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|  | **THE COLLECT FOR PURITY.** |
| **Fr. Roy and people** | ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, it all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.* |

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|  | **TWO-FOLD COMMANDMENT** |
| **Fr. Roy** | OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. |
| **People** | Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in ours hearts, we beseech thee. |

Fr. Roy: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Fr. Roy: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Fr. Roy: The Lord be with you;

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Fr. Roy: Let us pray.

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|  | **COLLECT OF THE DAY** |
| **Fr. Roy and people** | Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him.  Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all,  who gave up his life and died for us,  but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  one God, now and for ever. **AMEN** |

**A READING FROM THE PROPHET ZECHARIAH** (read by Philip Isaacson)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.   
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,   
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.   
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

**PSALM 45:10-17** (read by Carole Mallett)

Kings’ daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; forget your people and your father's house.

The king will have pleasure in your beauty; he is your master; therefore, do him honour.

The people of Tyre are here with a gift; the rich among the people seek your favour.

All glorious is the princess as she enters; her gown is cloth-of-gold.

In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

With joy and gladness they are brought, and enter into the palace of the king.

In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; you shall make them princes over all the earth.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. AMEN.*

**HYMN CP 509 Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light

Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;

When my life is almost gone,

Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall

Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,

And the day is past and gone,

At the river I stand; guide my feet, hold my hand:

Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

**A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS** (read by Isaac Luther)

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

ROMANS 7:15-25A

**HYMN CP 532 What a friend we have in Jesus**

What a friend we have in Jesus,

All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry

Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere”

We should never be discouraged;

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful

Who will all our sorrow share?

Jesus knows our every weakness;

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,

Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Saviour, still our refuge,

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?

Take it to the Lord in prayer;

In his arms He’ll take and shield thee,

Thou wilt find a solace there.

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| Deacon | The Lord be with you |
| **People** | **And with thy Spirit.** |
| Deacon | The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew |
| **People** | **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ** |

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

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| Deacon | The Gospel of Christ |
| **People** | **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ** |

**SERMON** Rev. Roy Shepherd

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| **Fr. Roy:** | Let us confess the faith of our baptism:  **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 the 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; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, 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.** |

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Read by Beverly Baird

God of compassion and understanding, our lives have slowed down in the pandemic, and yet we struggle to hear your voice. We are caught up in our own situations and fail to consider what others face. Distracted by daily news and the uncertainty around us, we forget to come to you in prayer and offer that uncertainty to you. In these slower days of community life, teach us how to savour the freedom of your presence. Help us enter your rhythm of grace and salvation in Jesus’ name. This morning, let our response to our prayers and petitions be**:** *Lord of love and compassion, hear our prayer***.**

We pray for the church: Andrew, our bishop, Kevin our area bishop, Pam, our priest and pastor, Roy, our honorary assistant and Jacquie, our deacon that they may more and more put on the mind of Christ and place themselves into God’s loving care and the service of others even while they face the obstacles of ministering to their parishioners amid the restraints of the pandemic. ***Lord of love and compassion, hear our prayer***.

God of mystery and meaning, help us to discover your purpose for our lives. Free us from the limits set by past expectation and experience and keep us open to all possibilities. Bless those who extend the boundaries of love and respect, who show kindness to strangers and forgiveness to people who hurt them. ***Lord of love and compassion, hear our prayer***.

We pray for those who suffer from the influence of anger, jealousy, resentment or bitterness, their own or from others. Work among us by your Spirit to create mutual respect and good relations. ***Lord of love and compassion, hear our prayer***

We pray for your wisdom to inspire politicians, judges, lawyers, police and all who form and keep our laws. Work among us by your Spirit to recognize injustice and respond to create systems of fairness and trust. ***Lord of love and compassion, hear our prayer***

We pray for your healing for those who are ill or in chronic pain, for those grieving the many losses of the pandemic, and for all who feel afraid for the future. Work among us by your Spirit to renew hope and sustain our support for each other. ***Lord of love and compassion, hear our prayer***

We pray for those whose workplaces are recovering from the lockdowns and economic shock during the pandemic. Give courage to those who have lost so much, and creativity to those reorganizing their lives. Work among us by your Spirit to rebuild common life with an eye to the most vulnerable. ***Lord of love and compassion, hear our prayer***

We pray for your wisdom to inspire politicians, judges, lawyers, police and all who form and keep our laws. Work among us by your Spirit to recognize injustice and respond to create systems of fairness and trust. ***Lord of love and compassion, hear our prayer***

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially those lost to COVID 19, their families and friends and those known to us alone ----------- that they may find shelter in the place prepared for them in heaven. ***Lord of love and compassions, hear our prayer***

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God’s compassion reaches out to all creation. Know that you are forgiven through Christ, our Lord. Live in peace and harmony with yourself and with all people.

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|  | **CONFESSION** |
| **Pastor Pam** | Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God. |
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| **Pastor Pam and people** | Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. |
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|  | **ABSOLUTION:** |
| **Pastor Pam** | ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. |

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| **Deacon** | Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him. |
|  | COME unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. |
|  | St Matthew 11. 28. |
|  | God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. |
|  | St John 3. 16. |
|  | Hear also what Saint Paul saith. |
|  | This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1. 15. |
|  | Hear also what Saint John saith. |
|  | If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. 1 St John 2. 1, 2. |

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| Deacon | *Let us give thanks to God for all our blessings:* |
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| **Deacon and** | **BLESSED be thou, LORD God of Israel, for ever and ever.** |
| **people** | **All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.** |
|  | **All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.** |

**Pastor Pam:** The peace of the Lord be always with you;

**People.** **And with thy spirit**

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| **Pastor Pam** | **Let us pray.** |
| **Pastor Pam and people** | 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.  **And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.** |

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| **Pastor Pam** | **GLORIA** |
| **Pastor Pam and people** | Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;  O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen. |

**BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN CP 565 Guide me O Thou great Jehovah**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,

Pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty;

Hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

Feed me till I want no more,

Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain

Whence the healing stream doth flow;

Let the fiery cloudy pillar

Lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,

Be thou still my strength and shield.

Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,

Bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death, and hell’s destruction,

Land me safe on Canaan’s side:

Songs of praises, songs of praises

I will ever give to thee.

I will ever give to thee.

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