

MEDITATION (a time to prepare your hearts for worship)

[“Wonderful Words of Life”, “Cornerstone Medley”]

PRELUDE “How Firm a Foundation”
arr. Hayes/Gaspard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE—Prayer for World Peace

GATHERING /CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

HYMN 654 “The Church’s One Foundation”

APOSTOLIC GREETING

C: And also with you.

KYRIE [*Congregation sings responses*]

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

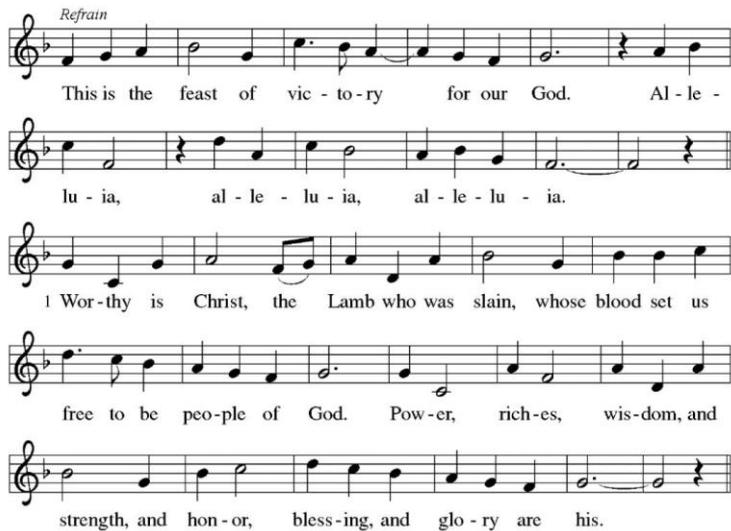
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

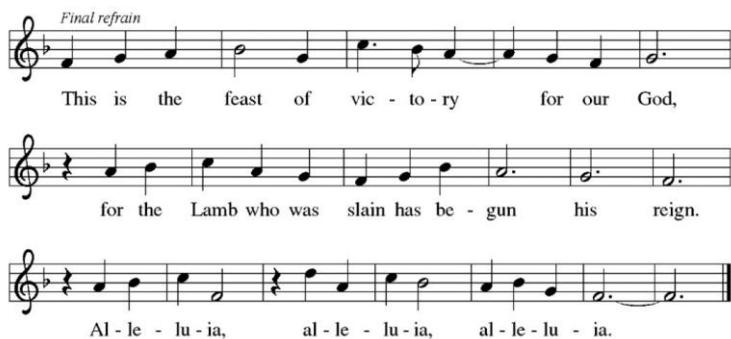
Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, Word of Life, **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: PSALM 33:12-22

- ¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!
- ¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**
- ¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.
- ¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**
- ¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
- ¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**
- ¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- ¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**
- ²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,
our helper and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

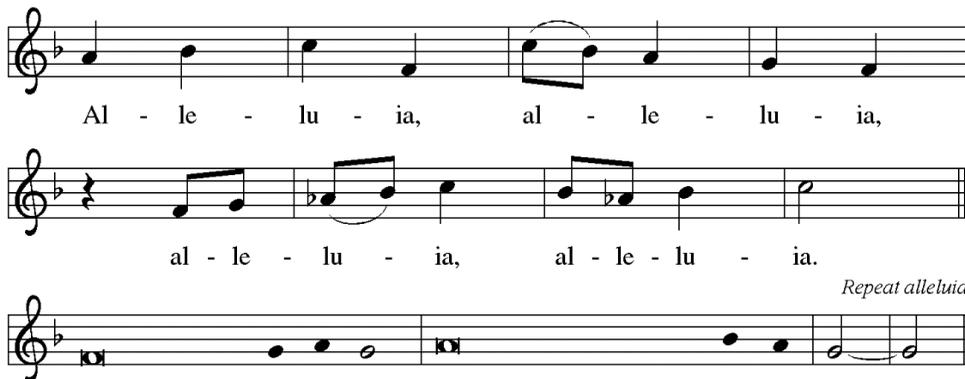
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CHILDREN’S SERMON

(Children are welcome to bring coins for the piggy bank to help support Jasmin Ibisate, a girl from the Philippines through Compassion, International.)

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: LUKE 12:32-40

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the twelfth chapter, verses 32-40.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”
Pr. Ed Hicks, soloist

SERMON

[Family of the baptized comes forward now during verse 2]

SONG 764 “Have No Fear, Little Flock”

1. **Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!**
2. **Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In his love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!**
3. **Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For he stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!**
4. **Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For he stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God**

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SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

P. We gather in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Parent: I present *Kent Joseph Miller, Lincoln Scott Miller and Lillian Renae Miller* for baptism.

P. Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your children* baptized into Christ?

Parent Response: I do.

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People of God, do you promise to support *Kent Joseph, Lincoln Scott and Lillian Renae* and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

Congregation: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

P. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

P. Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P. The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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C: Amen.

BAPTISM

Kent Joseph, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Lincoln Scott,

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Lillian Renae,

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Let us pray. **C: Amen.**

... **C: Amen.**

WELCOME

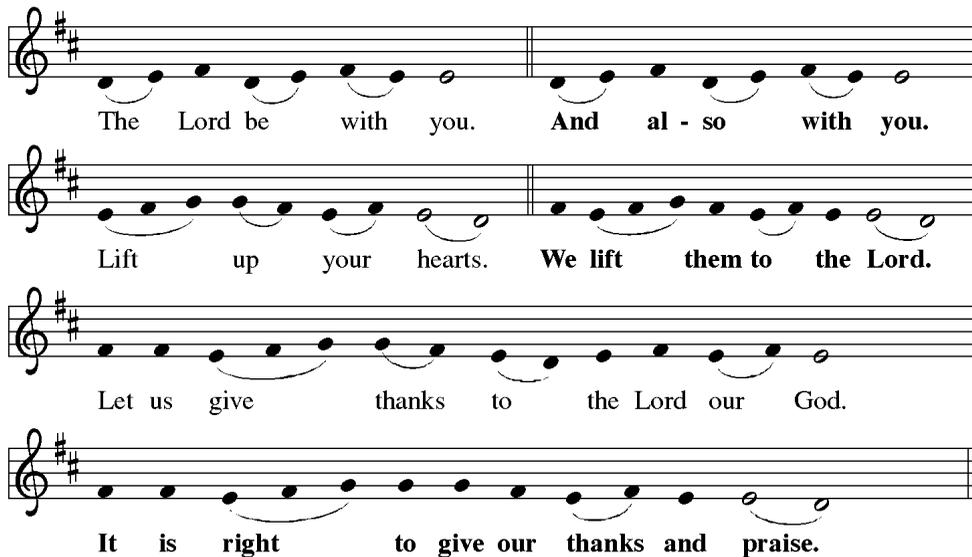
Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

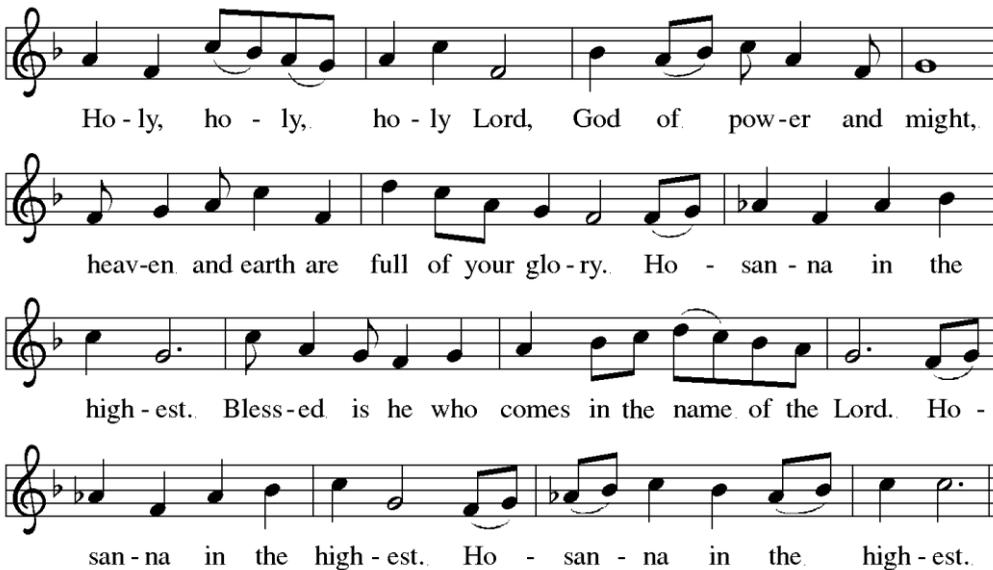
SONG 732 "Borning Cry"

GREAT THANKSGIVING [*Congregation sings responses*]



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.

SONG "Holy, Holy, Holy" [*Congregation sings*]



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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.

“I Love You, Lord”

**I love you, Lord,
And I lift my voice,
To worship You.
Oh, my soul rejoice!**

**Take joy, my King,
In what You hear;
Let it be a sweet,
Sweet sound in Your ear.**

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“There’s Something about That Name”

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; there's just something about that name!
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all Heaven and earth proclaim:
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name!**

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER C: Amen.

BLESSING C: Amen.

People of Good Hope, we are grounded in faith, gathered in love, and sent with a purpose; so that others may gain the Kingdom!

HYMN 856 “How Great Thou Art”

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SENDING

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“The God of Abraham Praise”

arr. Seth Bingham

