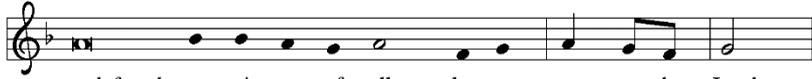


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

“This Is the Feast”



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:

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: AMOS 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”
⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Word of God, Word of Life,

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.
²**Let the name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth for-evermore.**
³From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.
⁴**The LORD is high above all nations;
God’s glory above the heavens.**
⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,
⁶**but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
 and lifts up the poor from the ashes,
⁸**enthroning them with the rulers,
 with the rulers of the people.**
⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house
 to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

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 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the sixteenth chapter, verses 1-13.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Hayes

SERMON

SONG 793 “Be Thou My Vision”

BLESSING OF HANDS SERVICE

Gathering

C: Amen.

Litany

L: As we live in community with God and one another

C: May our hands be instruments of peace and love.

L: For those who are in need of warmth and food

C: May our hands prepare quilts and a banquet.

L: When a stranger is in our midst

C: May our hands extend a welcome.

L: For the teaching and instruction of all people

C: May our hands be in the Word of God.

L: When injustice is in the world and in our communities

C: May our hands write letters and peacefully join others.

L: In times of sorrow, sickness and great suffering

C: May our hands embrace the broken and offer prayers

L: For those who are in need of physical structures

C: May our hands build homes, schools, and wells.

L: God, may we be reminded whatever the need, large or small, you are at work in our hands. May we serve generously, lovingly, and faithfully.

C: Amen.

All come forward

Blessing of Hands

The palms of hands will be marked by the sign of the cross with anointed oil.

Affirmation of Service

L: Sisters and Brother in Christ, God is at work. God is working through us, in us, and by our hands. Will you look to Jesus, who frees us from a service of sin and death, as our example in freely serving others with our hands in love, compassion and humility?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Prayer of Commitment

C: Amen.

L: Go in peace and serve the lord!

C: Okay! We will!

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION—will be handed to you for you to pray while holding them in your hands.

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. Miller

OFFERING RESPONSE 186 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

*Ushers come forward with offering when music starts;
congregation stands & sings*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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OFFERING PRAYER

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. (Matthew 25:15) Amen.

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.

Those giving Home Communion, please come forward and receive your communion kits as you take communion. They will be laid on the communion railings.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

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 267 “ Joy to the World”

SENDING

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“All Creatures, Worship God Most High!”