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May 5, 2024

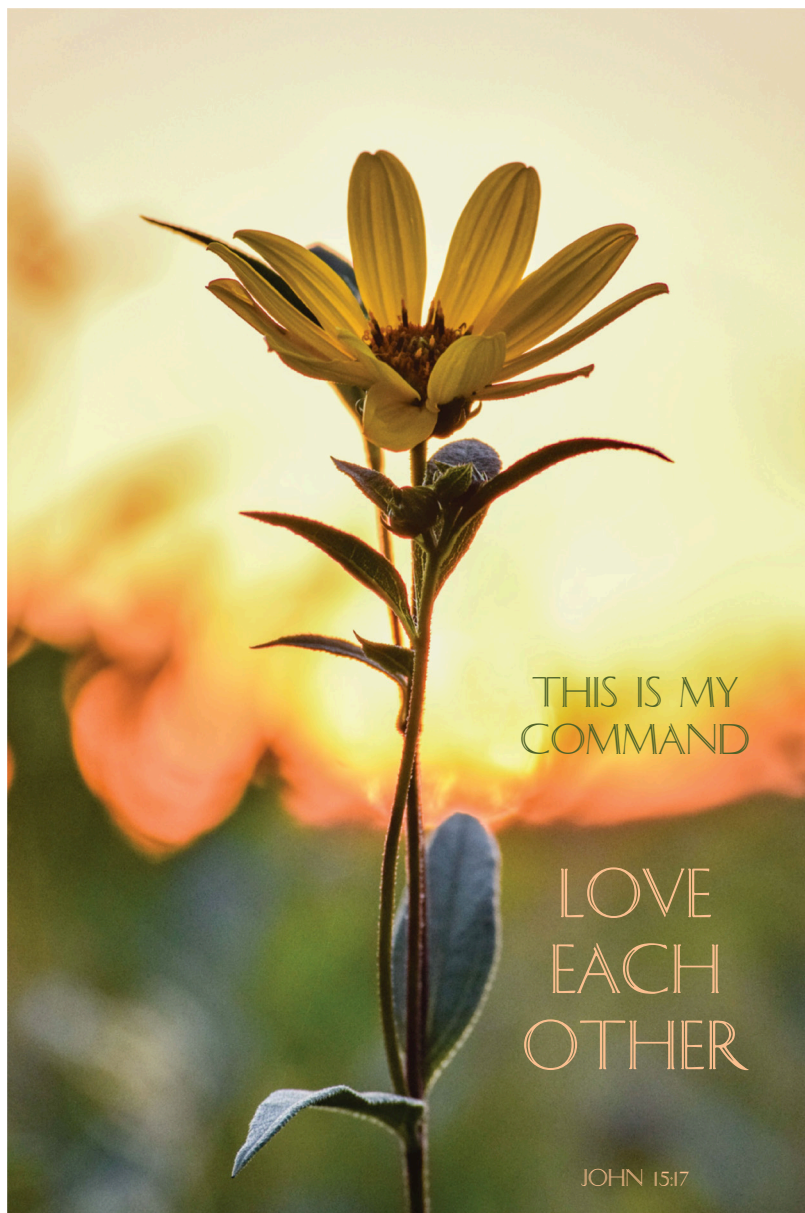


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PRELUDE

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Edwin Childs

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

LSB 803



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

INVOCATION Mt 28:19

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:  Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 98:1-3

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,

People: **for He has done marvelous things!**

Pastor: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him. The LORD has made known His salvation;

People: **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

Pastor: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather in the name of the triune God this day, we are confronted with the reality that we have sinned against Him and are deserving of His judgment and eternal punishment. God has called us to proclaim forgiveness of sins in Christ's name to the world. May we boldly confess our sins, rejoicing in the forgiveness God freely gives to us.

People: **Gracious Father in heaven, gathered in Your name, we stand before You as a people who are unworthy. We have broken Your Law by the sins we have committed; we have failed to do the good You demand. At times we have even failed to profess the name of Jesus. We have been silent where we should have spoken. Forgive us for our indifference and failure to witness to the love of Jesus.**

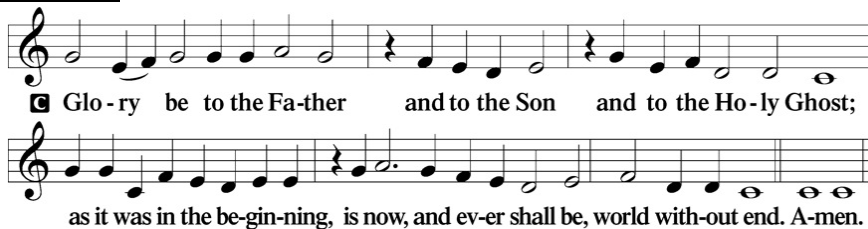
Pastor: God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

THE INTROIT *Psalm 66:1-2, 8, 20; antiphon: v. 16*

Pastor/Choir: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

THE GLORIA PATRI



♩ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

THE KYRIE *Mt 9:27, 15:22*

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

THE SALUTATION 2 Tim 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



■ And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Lord God, we, Your children who are saved by Your grace, give You honor and glory on this day. You have redeemed the world by the blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and it is Your ardent desire for all people to call upon the name of Jesus. Use us as Your instruments to reveal Your glory to those who do not know You. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:  Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-48

(Peter preaches... inviting both Jew and Greek to believe in Jesus and receive forgiveness in His name.)

³⁴Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. ³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with

the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." ⁴⁸So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 John 5:1-8

(We should fear and love God that we may keep His commands.)

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

(If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter.

People:



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES CREED

Early tradition suggested that the Apostles Creed was formulated by The Twelve, each contributing a phrase (as seen below), but history—dating back to the fifth century—suggests that the Apostles Creed was a confession of the faith of the Apostles, asked by pastors for the baptisms of their catechumens: Do you believe in God the Father? Do you believe Jesus, conceived by the Holy Spirit... etc.

¹I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

²And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

³who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

⁴suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

⁵He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

⁶He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

⁷From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

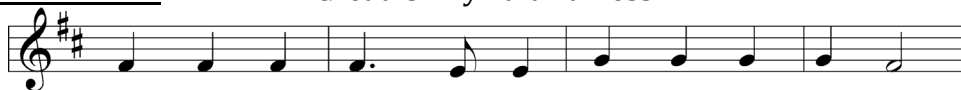
⁸I believe in the Holy Spirit,

⁹the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

¹⁰the forgiveness of sins,

¹¹the resurrection of the body,

¹²and the life everlasting. Amen.



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

OFFERTORY *Ps 51:10-12*

♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

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“Solemn Melody”

Walford Davies

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

BLESSING *John 15:12-13*

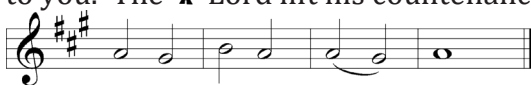
Pastor: My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

People: **Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.**

BENEDICTION *Num. 6:24-26*

Pastor: My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The ✱ Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People:



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

LSB 644



1 The Church's one founda-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more
And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,
O bless-ed heav'n-ly cho-rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.
And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be-fore us, May see You face to face.

POSTLUDE

"Fugue in C Major" ("Jig Fugue")

Dietrich Buxtehude