



11:00 AM

January 12, 2020

"Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Kristin**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Prelude 3 in C-# Major*

J.S. Bach

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: God who searches us and knows us,

People: **you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; + your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

People: **Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

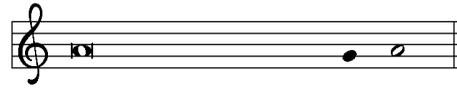
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**GREETING**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you**

## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



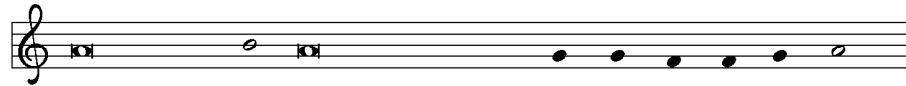
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity 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.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



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



All  
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: O Lord, Your words are sometimes difficult to hear. Turn our hearts in your direction, so that even when following is a challenge, we rely on your Spirit to guide us on the path. In Jesus' name we pray,

People: **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Psalms 103:6-14**

<sup>6</sup>The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.  
<sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.  
<sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
<sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.  
<sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
<sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.  
<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.  
<sup>14</sup>For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. (NRSV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** *Come to Me, Stay with Me* Choplin

**GOSPEL VERSE**

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

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Mark  
 People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL READING**

**MARK 2:1-22**

<sup>1</sup>When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup>So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. <sup>3</sup>Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup>And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup>Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup>Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone? <sup>8</sup>At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>9</sup>Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'?" <sup>10</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" — he said to the paralytic — <sup>11</sup>I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home. <sup>12</sup>And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!" <sup>13</sup>Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. <sup>14</sup>As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. <sup>15</sup>And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples — for there were many who followed him. <sup>16</sup>When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>17</sup>When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." <sup>18</sup>Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus said to them, "The wedding guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. <sup>20</sup>The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day. <sup>21</sup>No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. <sup>22</sup>And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins." (NRSV)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord  
 People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Kevin

**MESSAGE**

How to Welcome

Pastor Kevin

**HYMN**

You Are Mine

# 581

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

**PRAYERS OF OUR COMMUNITY**

Each petition ends with *Lord in your mercy*, and people respond *hear our prayer*

**SHARING THE PEACE**

Pastor: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

*Blest Are We Faithful Souls*

J. Brahms

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Leader: God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life.

People: **Amen.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

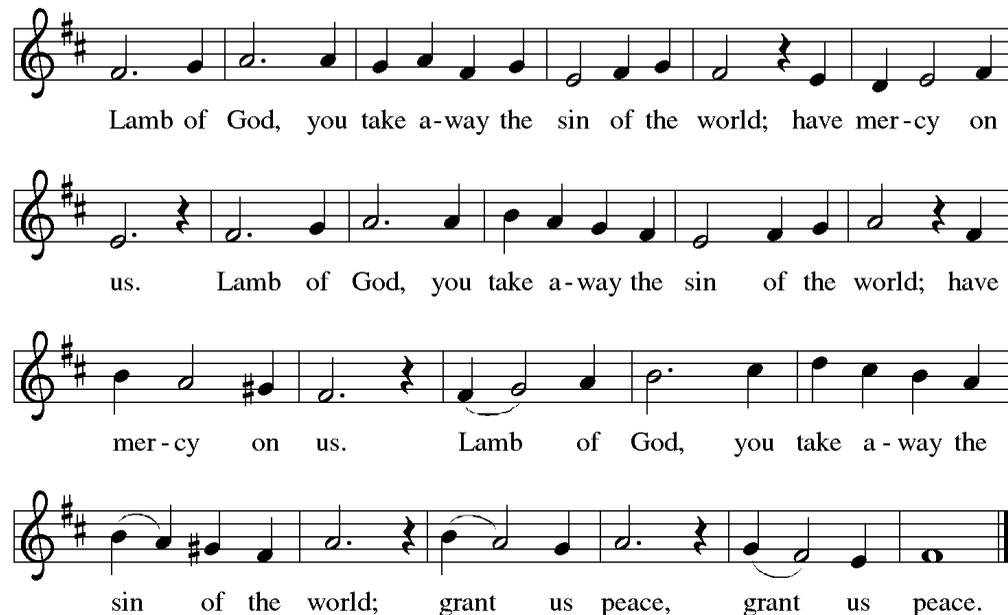
Pastor: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion will be received today by intinction: taking a wafer in your hand, please dip it into the chalice choosing either wine or grape juice, consume it, and then you may return to your seat. Gluten free wafers are available—just let the pastor know if that's what you prefer.

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#### Lamb of God

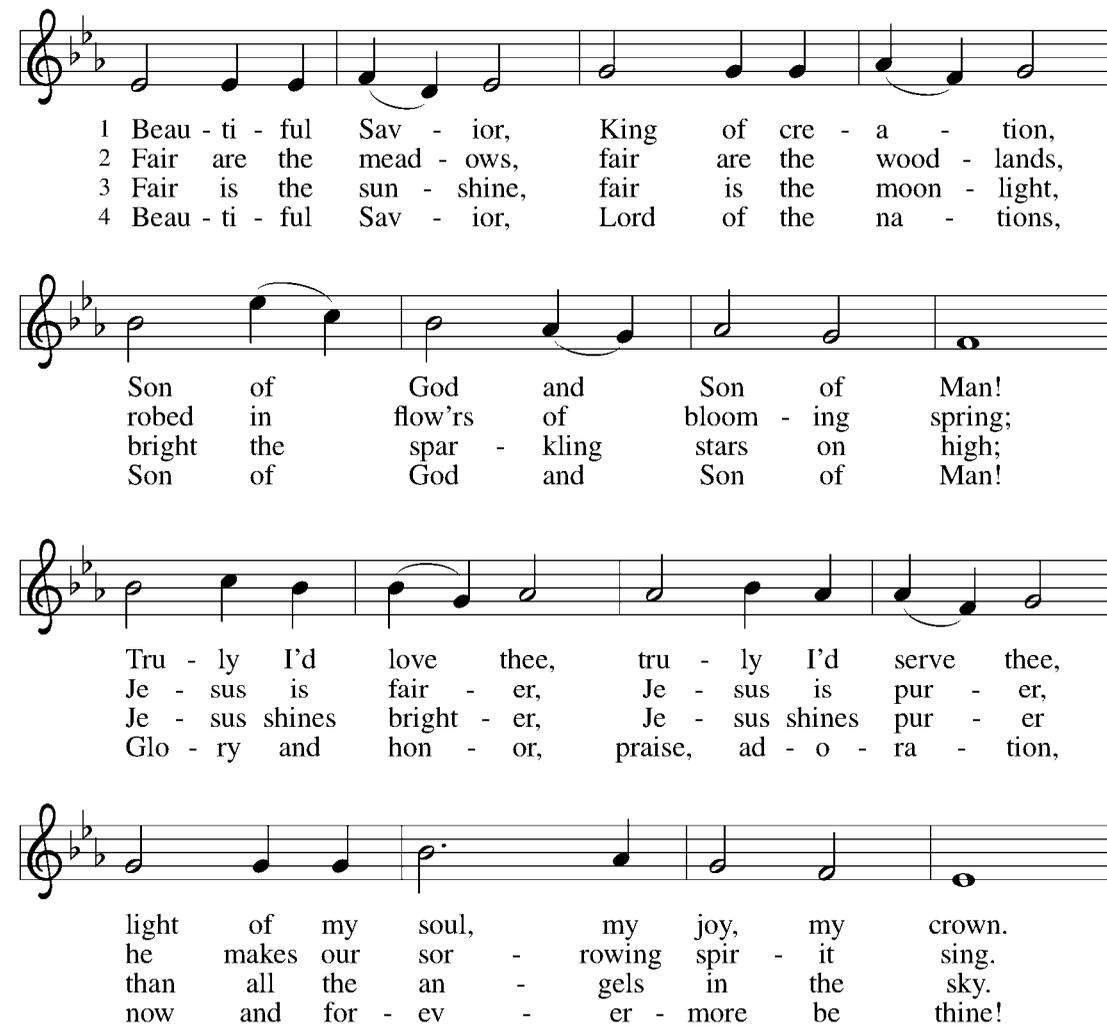


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### COMMUNION HYMN

#### Beautiful Savior

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

People: Amen.

✝ *Sending*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Leader : Let us pray, Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*This is My Father's World*

**# 824**



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise; the  
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

**SENDING**

Pastor: As you go into the world, remember our mission!

Piano Side: Live out Servant Love

*Pulpit Side: Show Hospitality*

Piano Side: Extend Generosity

*Pulpit Side: Worship the Risen Lord*

Pastor: Go in peace, a living example of the love of Jesus Christ

**All: Thanks be to God**

**POSTLUDE**

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

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