

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

September 6th 2020

Call to Worship and Approach to God. *You are invited to light a candle.*

From the rising of the sun
till its setting in the West,
God’s holy name be praised.
On the lips of children,
by babies at the breast,
God’s holy name be praised.

In the visions of the old
and the dreaming of the young,
God’s holy name be praised.
In the banquet hall of heaven
and in earth’s gifts of bread and wine,
Let everything that has breath praise God.

❖ Hymn 103

1. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
know and names them as they shine.
2. Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and power laid low.
3. Praise the Lord for times and season,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.
4. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgements,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children —
praise the Lord, all people, praise!

❖ **Prayer of approach** ending with the Lord’s Prayer:
(say this in whichever language or version you prefer.)

The Word of God

❖ Children’s address

❖ Holy Scripture: Exodus 12:1-14

12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

❖ **Music in worship:** "Höre, Israel" from *Elias* - Felix Mendelssohn
❖ Persophone Abbott, soprano

❖ **Sermon:** *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God’s Word

Behold the lamb of God;
Behold the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin,
the sin of the world.

❖ Prayers of intercession

❖ **Hymn 553**

1. Just as I am, without one plea
but that Thy blood was shed for me
and that Thou bid'st me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come.
2. Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt
fighting and fears within without
O Lamb of God, I come.
3. Just as I am, you will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because your promise, I believe
O Lamb of God, I come.
4. Just as I am – your love unknown
has broken every barrier down –
now to be yours, and your alone,
O lamb of God, I come.
5. Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
here for a season, then above -
O Lamb of God, I come.

❖ **The Apostles' 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 to the dead.
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 the saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ **Prayer of dedication**

❖ **Narrative of the Institution and the Invitation**

❖ **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

*The Lord be with you and also with you...
Lift up your hearts we lift them up to the Lord...
Let us give thanks It is right to give our thanks and praise...
to the Lord our God*

❖ **Prayer of Consecration**

*... with earth and sea and sky and all the heavenly host we join in singing (Hymn 651):
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,*

❖ **Eating the bread and drinking the wine**

❖ **Prayer**

Hymn 559 (29.03.20):

1. There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One.
2. Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Oh, for sinners slain:
3. When I stand in Glory
I will see His face
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that Holy Place.

(refrain)

*Thank you, O my Father
for giving us your Son,
and leaving us your Spirit
'Til the work on earth is done.*

Blessing: Go in peace to love and to serve God;
 and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 be with us and unite us, now and always. Amen.