

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” 901

INVOCATION

P In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING DIALOGUE

P How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

C **Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing
Your praise!**

P For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than
dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P For the Lord God is a sun and shield.

C **The Lord bestows favor and honor.**

P O Lord of hosts,

C **blessed is the one who trusts in You!**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P The Lord indeed bestows His favor and honor upon us, but we take His favor and honor for granted. We place our trust in ourselves instead of in God. Our actions are for our own glory, not God’s. We are inconsiderate of our neighbors and too often neglect to gather for worship. But we come before our heavenly Father, seeking His favor and honor and forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

C we confess that we have sought our own way, not Your way. We have failed to open our doors and our lives to neighbors in need. We have chosen the tents of the wicked rather than Your house, but we are here seeking Your forgiveness. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins. Restore us as Your beloved people.

P When Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the temple for His presentation, a man named Simeon took Jesus in his arms and proclaimed that he had beheld God's salvation. This Jesus is our salvation. He has died and is risen for you, and He forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. The Lord bestows favor and honor. We are forgiven in Christ.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“There Is a Redeemer”

971



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er In that ho - ly place.

Refrain



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv - ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir - it Till the work on earth is done.

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SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

A The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

A Let us pray.

C Almighty and ever-living God, as Your Son was presented in the temple, You revealed Him as a light to all nations. Grant us courage to share Christ's light so that all may know that the world is changed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 1:21–28

L This is the Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible pg. 288

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11:00) “Take My Life and Let It Be” Armstrong

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 2:14–18

L This is the Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible pg. 1276

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

ALLELUIA & VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody.

Cantor: Alleluia. Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22–40

Pew Bible pg. 1090

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY “In His Temple Now Behold Him” 519

SERMON

Pastor Anton Lagoutine

We stand.

APOSTLES’ CREED

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We sit.

OFFERING

We stand.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
- C** **We give You thanks for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with living faith as He comes to us in this Holy Supper.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We sit.

Communion: Jesus offers his body and blood to eat and drink. Since He says “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” by faith we receive what He offers. If you have questions, please speak to the Pastor or an elder before communing. The cup in the center of the trays contain a white non-alcoholic wine, and gluten-free wafers are available. You may receive the blood of Christ in the small cup, from the common cup, or by dipping your wafer in the common cup (intinction).

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“To Your Temple, Lord, I Come” 981

1 To Your temple, Lord, I come, For it is my worship home.
This earth has no better place, Here I see my Savior's face.

2 I through Him am reconciled, I through Him become Your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.

- 3 While Your glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my tongue
That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righteousness.
- 4 While the prayers of saints ascend, God of love, to mine attend.
Hear me, for Your Spirit pleads; Hear, for Jesus intercedes.
- 5 While I listen to Your Law, Fill my soul with humble awe
Till Your Gospel bring to me Life and immortality.
- 6 While Your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear You speaking from the sky.
- 7 From Your house when I return, May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."

"The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" 624
"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" 594

We stand.

DISMISSAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" 937

POSTLUDE