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Worship Focus

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OPENING HYMN

238 - Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul



1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let
2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor
3 'Tis he for - gives my sins; 'Tis
4 He fills the poor with good; He
5 His won - drous works and ways He



all with - in me join And aid my tongue to
let his mer - cies lie For - got - ten in un -
he re - lieves my pain; 'Tis he that heals my
gives the suf - f'ers rest; The Lord has judg - ments
made by Mo - ses known, But sent the world his



bless his name Whose fa - vors are di - vine,
thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die.
sick - ness - es And makes me young a - gain.
for the proud And jus - tice for th' op - pressed.
truth and grace By his be - lov - ed Son.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt.
Tune: ST. THOMAS (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731-76.

INVOCATION

Minister

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation

A - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in C major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The notes are simple, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, and a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in C major. The melody consists of a few notes: a quarter note 'A', a quarter note 'men', and a final double bar line. The notes are simple, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

**Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear thee; Let thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near thee While thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes. (255:1,5)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



M Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Ruth 1:1-19a

Like Ruth, our lives are dedicated to the Lord and his service out of thanksgiving for all His goodness to us.

^{RUTH 1:1} In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ² The man's name was Elimelech, his wife's name Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

³ Now Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons.
⁴ They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶ When she heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, Naomi and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. ⁷ With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

⁸ Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show kindness to you, as you have shown to your dead and to me. ⁹ May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them and they wept aloud ¹⁰ and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

¹¹ But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? ¹² Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me--even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons-- ¹³ would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has gone out against me!"

¹⁴ At this they wept again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

¹⁶ But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." ¹⁸ When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

¹⁹ So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.

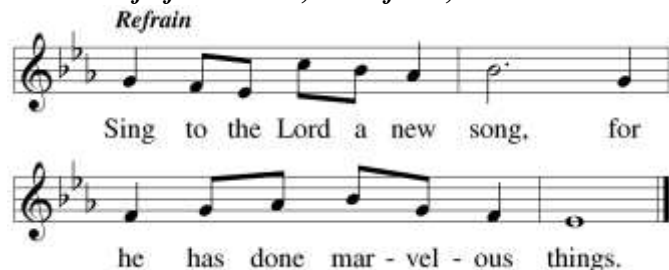
PSALM

Psalm 111

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Pastor will sing the first half of each verse. The congregation is asked to sing the second half of the verses, the refrain, and the Gloria.

Refrain



Sing to the Lord a new song, for
he has done mar - vel - ous things.

Psalm tone



Great are the works | of the LORD;*
they are pondered by all who de | light in them.

Glorious and majestic | are his deeds,*
and his righteousness endures for | ever.

He has caused his wonders to be re | membered;*
the LORD is gracious and com | passionate.

Refrain

The works of his hands are faith | ful and just;*
all his precepts are trust | worthy.

He provided redemption for his | people;*
he ordained his covenant for | ever.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of | wisdom;*
all who follow his precepts have good under | standing.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON 2 Timothy 2:8-13

The Gospel is the reason Paul can be thankful always—even in chains. That is the same hope that fills our lives with thanksgiving as we live for the Lord and await his reward.

^{2TIMOTHY 2:8} Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,
we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure,
we will also reign with him.

If we disown him,
he will also disown us;

¹³ if we are faithless,
he will remain faithful,
for he cannot disown himself.

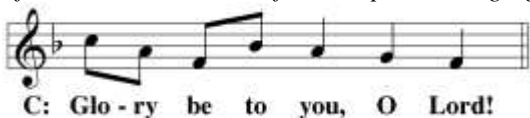
VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.
Alleluia. (Isaiah 25:9b cf. NIV)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

One leper returned to thank Jesus. By faith, our hearts are moved to thankfulness for the healing hand of our gracious Lord.

LUKE 17:11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him--and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?” ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



Gloria to God: I'm healed!
LUKE 17:15

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The
Apostles'
+ Creed +

HYMN OF THE DAY

520 - Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old Was
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, Gave
 3 Oh, be our great de - liv - 'rer still, The



strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o'er dis -
 speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
 Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ease and death, All dark - ness and the grave. To
 fren - zy calmed Re - vealed you, Lord of light. And
 soothe and bless, With your life - giv - ing breath. To



you they came, the blind, the dumb, The par - a -
 now, O Lord, be near to bless, Al - might - y
 hands that work and eyes that see Give wis - dom's



lyzed and lame, The lep - ers in their
 as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by
 heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and



mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.
 beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore,
 weak and strong May praise you ev - er - more.

Text: Edward H. Plumpton, 1821-91, alt.
 Tune: KINGSFOLD (CM D) English folk tune, 19th century, adapt.

SERMON

Luke 17:11-19

Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise

1. He deserves our praise
2. He expects our thanks

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: 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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

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MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Lord is gracious and merciful. He sent redemption to His people. Even if we are faithless, He remains faithful. So let us lift our prayers to His throne of grace.

Brief silence

Faithful Lord, by Your Holy Spirit, teach us constantly to pray, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us,” and to trust that You have cleansed us by His blood, so that we, like the former leper, raise our voices of praise in joyful response to Your loving care. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful Lord, in the midst of trouble and in the face of death, grant to us the faith You gave to Naomi, so that we never doubt that You will provide our daily bread and carry us through the shadow of death. Assure us when we face persecution for our faith that when we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Guard and strengthen our brothers and sisters around the world who are persecuted for the faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful Lord, entrust Your Gospel to faithful men who will be able to teach others. Keep our pastors, missionaries and Synod leaders true to You. Strengthen them for their vocations. Prevent them from becoming entangled in civilian pursuits, so that they remain prepared, like Paul, to suffer everything for the sake of the elect. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful Lord, grant to our country and to all nations leaders who are not influenced by opportunities for money or power — men and women who care for people, work for justice, govern with integrity, defend life and are filled with wisdom. Guard them from harm, and strengthen them for their duties. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful Lord, as You cleansed the lepers by the gracious working of Your Son, bring Your help and healing into the lives of those who suffer in any way today. Grant them patience, faith and trusting hearts. [*Especially we pray for _____.*] Whether You heal their bodies now or at the resurrection, teach them and all of us to join the cleansed leper in singing thanks to You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, faithful Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

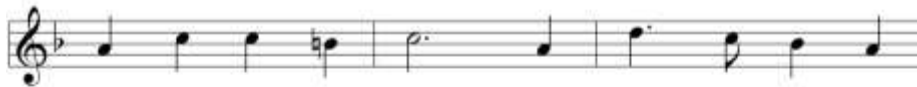
C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

259 - When All Your Mercies, O My God



1 When all your mer - cies, O my God, My
2 Ten thou - sand thou - sand pre - cious gifts My
3 Through ev - 'ry pass - ing phase of life Your
4 Through all e - ter - ni - ty to you A



wak - ing soul sur - veys, Trans - port - ed with the
dai - ly thanks em - ploy, Nor is the least a
good - ness I'll pur - sue And af - ter death, in
joy - ful song I'll raise, But, oh, e - ter - ni -



view, I'm lost In won - der, love, and praise.
cheer - ful heart That tastes these gifts with joy.
dis - tant worlds, The glo - rious theme re - new.
ty's too short To ut - ter all your praise.

Text: Joseph Addison, 1672-1719, ahr., alt.
Tune: WINCHESTER OLD (CM) attr. George Kirbye, c. 1560-1634.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

260 – Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks-giv - ing
2 His law he en - forc - es; The stars in their cours - es

To God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
And sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine.

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

Who still guides us on to the end of our days,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine,

God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us,
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing,

A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
With glad adoration a song let us raise

Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:

As forward we travel from light into light,
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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Tune: THE ASH GROVE (66 11 66 11 D) Welsh folk tune.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

Jesus asked,
"Were not all ten
cleansed?
Where are the
other nine?"

Luke 17:17

