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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Repton"

Lawrence P. Schreiber

RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

OPENING HYMN (*please rise and sing*)

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path. *Repeat.*

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,

Still You're there right beside me.

And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.

Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet

My heart forever is wandering.

Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;

And I will love You to the end. *Refrain*

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INVOCATION

The sign of the cross (†) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

P: In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION¹

P: Our Help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess unto You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We therefore flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end, that by Your grace, we may receive the crown of eternal life in Your Kingdom of Glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C: **Yes, so I believe.**

P: Let it be done for you as you believe.

As a called and ordained 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: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal p. 791

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.
Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.
O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.
For why? The Lord our God is good:
His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure.
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.**

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COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

L: The first reading for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is from chapter seven of Deuteronomy.

Because the Lord loves you, He has chosen you to be His treasured possession.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY *(based on Psalm 125)*

Entrust Your Days and Burdens

Hymnal p. 754 sts. 1,2,4

Entrust your days and burdens To God's most loving hand;

He cares for you while ruling The sky, the sea, the land.

**For He who guides the tempests Along their thund'rous ways Will find
for you a pathway And guide you all your days.**

Rely on God your Savior And find your life secure.

Make His work your foundation That your work may endure.

**No anxious thought, no worry, No self tormenting care
Can win your Father's favor; His heart is moved by prayer.**

**Leave all to His direction; His wisdom rules for you
In ways to rouse your wonder At all His love can do.
Soon He, His promise keeping, With wonderworking pow'rs
Will banish from your spirit What gave you troubled hours.**

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SECOND READING

Romans 8:28–39

L: The second reading is from chapter eight of Romans.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ our Savior

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44–52

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Matthew, chapter thirteen.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The kingdom of God is like a hidden treasure.

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED²

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Hymnal p. 743

SERMON³

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

Following each petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

P: Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, strengthen us in all our temptations, afflictions and sorrows, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we might continue steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end join You in Your everlasting kingdom of glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and (+) give you His peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymnal p. 525

POSTLUDE

Once to Every Main and Nation

Marianne Kim

¹*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

²*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

³Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

