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The Opening Eucharist

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are God's children,
there is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love,
Forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Kyrie*(sung by a cantor)*

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Collect

Stir up your power, Lord, and come:
that, with you as our protector,
we may be rescued from our sins;
and with you as our deliverer,
we may be set free;
for you live and reign with God the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORDOld Testament reading Isaiah 30.15-22

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. But you refused ¹⁶ and said, ‘No! We will flee upon horses’— therefore you shall flee! and, ‘We will ride upon swift steeds’— therefore your pursuers shall be swift! ¹⁷ A thousand shall flee at the threat of one, at the threat of five you shall flee, until you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill. ¹⁸ Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. ¹⁹ Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you. ²⁰ Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. ²¹ And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it.’ ²² Then you will defile your silver-covered idols and your gold-plated images. You will scatter them like filthy rags; you will say to them, ‘Away with you!’

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Psalm Verses from Psalm 104

(*sung by a cantor*)

Praise the Lord O my soul, O Lord God, your glory is great:
how manifold are your works, in wisdom you have made them all.

All creatures look to you, to give them their food to eat:
when you open your hand, they are filled with good,
when you hide your face, they pine away.

When you take away their breath, they die,
and return to the earth whence they came:
when you send forth your spirit, all things spring to life,
and the face of the earth is renewed.

The glory of the Lord shall never cease,
the Lord shall rejoice in all his works:
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live
I will praise my God while my breath remains.

New Testament reading Romans 8.22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.²⁷ And God who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel John 14.23-26

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.²⁵ I have said these things to you while I am still with you.²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

Give thanks to the Lord for this glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Primus' Charge

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one substance with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son,
is worshipped and glorified
and has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions

Peace

We meet in Christ's name
Let us share his peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.
Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour and the majesty; for everything
in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own we give you.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker,
in every place and at all times.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.
He made his home among us
that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit,
you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
who await with eager longing
the fulfilment of all things
in the coming of your Son,
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.

He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.

Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free
to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.
At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into
the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

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.
Do not bring us
to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Communion Song

(sung by a cantor)

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Communion Organ Reflection

THANKSGIVING AND CONSTITUTION OF SYNOD

Sentence

Give thanks to our gracious God:
whose mercy endures forever.

Prayer after Communion

O God, you have enlightened the hearts of your people
by the fire of the Holy Spirit:
give us wisdom and understanding,
and guide us into all truth;
that your Church may be kept in the unity of the Spirit
and the bond of peace;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the same Spirit,
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Blessing

Constitution of Synod

Organ Postlude

Evening Prayer

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever.
Amen.

PSALMODY

Antiphon: My eyes are turned to you, Lord God;
in you I take refuge; do not strip me of my life. (Psalm 141.8)

Opening (from Psalms 140 and 141)

- 1 I have said to the Lord, ‘You are my God;*
listen, O Lord, to my supplication.’
- 2 O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;*
hear my voice when I cry to you.
- 3 I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the poor*
and render justice to the needy.
- 4 Surely, the righteous will give thanks to your name,*
and the upright shall continue in your sight.

Glory to the Father...

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song,*
for he has done marvellous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm*
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory;*
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,*
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;*
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp,*
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn*
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,*
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world*
and the peoples with equity.

Glory to the Father...

Conclusion (from Revelation 22)

- 1 'Behold, I am coming soon'*
to repay everyone for what he has done.
- 2 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,*
the beginning and the end.
- 3 'I am the root and offspring of David,*
the bright morning star.'
- 4 The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come';*
let anyone who hears, say, 'Come',
- 5 Let anyone who is thirsty come;*
let anyone who desires take the water of life without price.
- 6 The Lord says, 'Surely I am coming soon'.*
Amen; come, Lord Jesus!

Glory to the Father...

Antiphon: My eyes are turned to you, Lord God;
in you I take refuge; do not strip me of my life.

READING 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever.¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Silence

Response (Psalm 28.11)

Save your people and bless your inheritance.

Save your people and bless your inheritance.

Shepherd them and carry them for ever.

Bless your inheritance.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Save your people and bless your inheritance.

MAGNIFICAT

Antiphon: Look up and raise your heads, **because your redemption is drawing near.**

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,*
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
- 2 for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant;*
from this day all generations will call me blessed.
- 3 The Almighty has done great things for me*
and holy is his name.
- 4 He has mercy on those who fear him*
in every generation.

- 5 He has shown the strength of his arm;*
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
- 6 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones*
and has lifted up the lowly.
- 7 He has filled the hungry with good things,*
and the rich he has sent away empty.
- 8 He has come to the help of his servant Israel,*
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
- 9 the promise he made to our forebears,*
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father...

Antiphon: Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

PRAYERS

Intercessions

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

Do not bring us to the time of trial,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Collect

Stir up your power, Lord, and come:
that, with you as our protector,
we may be rescued from our sins;
and with you as our deliverer,
we may be set free;
for you live and reign with God the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Lord God almighty, come and dispel the darkness from our hearts,
that in the radiance of your brightness we may know you, the only
unfading light, glorious in all eternity. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God!

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing:
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFIRMATION OF ACTS OF SYNOD

BLESSING and DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY