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OPENING HYMN 420 *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

Christ, the life of all the living, Christ the death of death, our foe,
Who Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy sufferings, death and merit, I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus unto Thee.

Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee, Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus unto Thee.

Thou hast borne the smiting only, That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus unto Thee.

Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn.
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me, And with heavenly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus unto Thee.

Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish. Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus unto Thee.

Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast born it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented, That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus unto Thee.

Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing For Thy Bleeding and Thy Dying,
For that last triumphant cry And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high

*INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and

I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

*KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray...(*The Collect of the Day is spoken.*)

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:24-31

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹ And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree

with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter. (25-34)

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?
[a]²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your

heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY 895 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!

(stand) All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ever-more.

SERMON *“Love So Rich in Provision”* Matthew 6:25-34

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*LORD’S PRAYER

*COLLECT

*SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN 726 *Evening and Morning*

Evening and morning, Sunset and dawning, Wealth, peace and gladness,
Comfort in sadness: These are Thy works; all the glory be Thine!
Times without number, Awake or in slumber, Thine eye observes us,
From danger preserves us, Causing Thy mercy upon us to shine.

Father, O hear me, Pardon and spare me; Calm all my terrors,
Blot out my errors That by Thine eyes they may no more be scanned.
Order my goings, Direct all my doings; As it may please Thee,
Retain or release me; All I commit to Thy fatherly hand.

Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me; Though billows tower,
And winds gain power, After the storm the fair sun shows its face.
Joys e'er increasing And peace never ceasing: These shall I treasure
And share in full measure When in His mansions God grants me a place.

To God in heaven All praise be given! Come, let us offer
And gladly proffer To the Creator the gifts He doth prize.
He well receiveth A heart that believeth; Hymns that adore
Him Are precious before Him And to His throne like sweet incense arise.

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