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## Prelude

### Opening Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

LSB 802



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—  
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree  
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

### Opening Sentences

**P** For as Dr. Luther writes in the preface to St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans,

**C** "Faith is a divine work in us which changes us and makes us to be born anew of God.

**P** It kills the old 'Adam' and makes us altogether different people, in heart and spirit and mind and all powers;

- C** and it brings with it the Holy Spirit.
- P** O, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith.
- C** It is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that the believer would stake life itself on it a thousand times."

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### **Confession and Absolution**

- P** During this season of Lent, in the meditation of the suffering of our Christ, the nature of our corruption seeps through the pages of the crucifixion and death of our Savior. We fall before our Christ who was raised on the cross as those who are contaminated by original sin, like a spiritual leprosy. Our guilt - as an inherited defect - has shattered into pieces our soul, mind, and heart. Grant us life and steadfast love, O Lord (Job 10:8-12) as we confess together ...
- C** **In you, O God, we live and move and have our being** (Acts 17:28). **Though we are poisoned with the venom of original sin from the soles of our feet to the hairs of our head, do not reject us; rather for the sake of Jesus and His sacrifice, have mercy on us so that we may come to the joys of Your divine cleansing.**
- P** Friends of the risen Lord, your guilt has been removed. Your poison has been withdrawn. Your shattered pieces are knitted together by his love. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

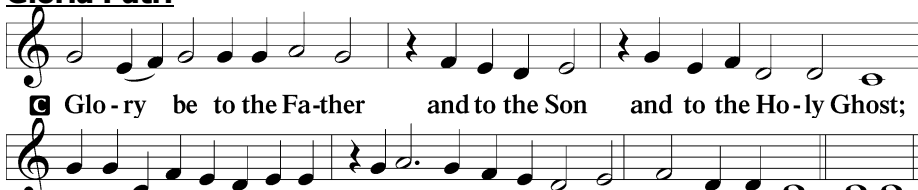
### **† Service of the Word †**

#### **Psalm 121:1-4, 8**


- L** I lift up my eyes | to the hills.\*
- C** **From where does my | help come?**
- L** My help comes | from the LORD,\*
- C** **who made | heaven and earth.**
- L** He will not let your | foot be moved;\*
- C** **he who keeps you will not | slumber.**
- L** Behold, he who keeps | Israel\*  
**C** **will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.**
- L** The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in\*  
**C** **from this time forth and for- | evermore.**

#### **Gloria Patri**

*LSB 186*



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**Kyrie**

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.

**L** Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 12:1–9*

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle**

*Romans 4:1–8, 13–17*

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . .

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

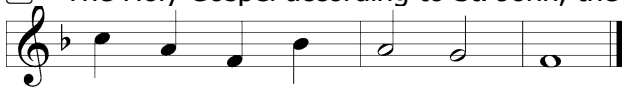
**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel**

*John 3:1–17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you,

we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### **Nicene Creed**

**C 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.**

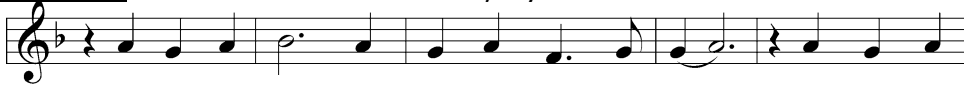
### **Children's Message**

*-Children of all ages are welcome to the altar at this point-*

**Sermon Hymn**

**"Be Still, My Soul"**

LSB 752



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa-tient-  
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un-der-take To guide the  
3 Be still, my soul; though dear-est friends de-part And all is  
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has-t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or-der  
fu-ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con-fi-dence let  
dark-ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet-ter know His  
be for-ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and



and pro-vide; In ev-'ry change He faith-ful will re-  
noth-ing shake; All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at  
love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor-rows and your  
fear are gone, Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n-ly Friend  
last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
fears. Be still, my soul; your Je-sus can re-pay  
stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.  
From His own full-ness all He takes a-way.  
All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

**Sermon**

**"Faith is Family"**

*Romans 4:16*

*Vicar Zachary Staehr, Pastoral Student*

**Offertory**

LSB 192

**♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free  
spirit. Amen.**

## Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

To continue the work of the Lord at St. Paul- You may joyfully give at  
[www.stpaulroyaloak.org/online-giving](http://www.stpaulroyaloak.org/online-giving),  
or mail to 202 E. Fifth St, Royal Oak, MI 48067



## Prayer of the Church

*-11:00am service continues with the Lord's Prayer and Benediction-*

### + The Order of Holy Communion +

#### Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

#### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

#### Sanctus

LSB 195

**♩ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He,  
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest.**



## Lord's Prayer

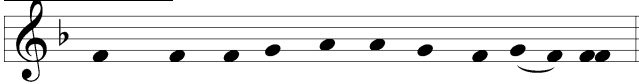
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we  
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

*Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

## Pax Domini

*LSB 197*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 198*

**♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## Distribution Hymn

*"Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"*

*LSB 676*



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand  
2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how  
3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who  
glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A  
home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who



is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the  
priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they  
with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and

saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -  
wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -  
nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the

flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood  
way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,  
Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing

Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both  
And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the  
Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels

day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their  
Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The  
raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift

an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.  
Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.  
up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

**Distribution Hymn**

**"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"**

*LSB 618*

1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's

wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of

lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

*Refrain*

Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

### **Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

**¶ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.  
 O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

### **Benediction**

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

## "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

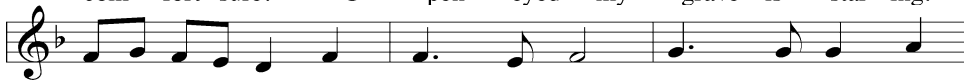
LSB 594



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized  
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized  
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized  
4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized  
5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:  
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



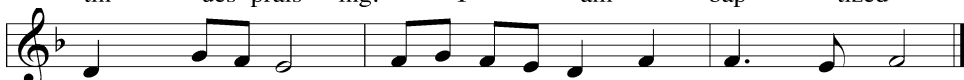
Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
did re - lease me In a dear for -  
come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

### Serving us in Worship

Preacher Rev. Vicar Zachary Staehr  
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Altar Guild Sylvia Milz  
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